

St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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How to register at St. Joe's

If you would like to register as a parishioner of St. Joseph's or have questions about the registration process, please contact Father John at 610/384-0360 to schedule a convenient time to register. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our Parish family.

Baptism & Marriage

Arrangements for Baptism and Marriage may be made by contacting the rectory. The preparation for these special sacramental events takes time, so wherever possible please call at least one month prior to the christening date and at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacraments for the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion are administered at home to our ill and housebound parishioners upon notification. Please inform Father Oulds when anyone is hospitalized. The sick always have a place in our community prayer.

Music Ministry

Anyone interested in participating in the music ministry at St. Joseph's should contact Susan Sandoski (610/383-5768) or Andy Levenite (610/384-4665). We have choirs for both young and not so young and we are always on the lookout for new cantors, organists and helpers.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, March 13th, 2004, 6:30 PM

Michael Malamon (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hannum)

Euch. Minister Hillman
Lector Elaine

Sunday, March 14th, 2004, 10:30 AM

Rose Olise (Alfred Olise)

Euch. Ministers Nesbitt & Johnson
Lector Kathleen

Masses for the week of March 14th, 2004 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as noted:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Augusta Saska
	7 pm	Joseph Toth (Susan Sandoski)
Wednesday	9 am	Joan Recchuitti (Bob & Georgiann Watterson)
Thursday	9 am	Bill Frankow (Helen Frankow)
Friday	9 am	Angelo Manucso (Winnie Brown)
Saturday	9 am	Joseph Wasko (Wife & Children)

Saturday, March 20th, 2004, 6:30 PM

Joseph Toth (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Euch. Minister Christine Claypool
Lector Bill Swinty

Sunday, March 21st, 2004, 10:30 AM

Mary Shesko
(Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)

Euch. Minister Kathy Catanese & Gerald Bugar
Lector John Murphy

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Charlie Persch, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Betty Kinnier, Dylan Manning, John Cisarik, Ann Reshey, Joan Mitros, Brenda Golden, Marie McBride, Adam Gregor, Helen Collins, Dorothy Barnes, and the deceased: Bishop Nicholas Dattilo of Harrisburg, and Marilyn Gorgodian.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 13th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., just prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 21st, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., just prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request

Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

This year, our Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion will be observed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday: March 19th (the Feast of Saint Joseph), March 20th and March 21st. On each day, the Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed upon the altar immediately following the Morning Mass until a concluding Service later in the day. On Friday, the period of Exposition will end with Night Prayer and Benediction at 5:00 p.m.; on Saturday, just prior to the 6:30 p.m. Mass; on Sunday, with a Closing

Service which includes a Procession and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. Participants at Sunday's Service are cordially welcome to participate in a modest Lenten Supper, to be served in the School Hall just after the Solemn Conclusion in the Church. Join with us during these three days as we give our attention over to Jesus, the Bread of Life, who satisfies the hunger in our hearts and the thirst in our souls. Your visits before the Blessed Sacrament are most encouraged.

Masses During Lent

Daily Mass, Monday through Saturday mornings, at 9 o'clock is offered alternately between the two West End Churches on a weekly basis. Reference to the Mass site is given in the church Sunday bulletin. Throughout Lent, an Evening Mass with song is offered on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Joseph Church. Similarly, an Evening Mass with song is offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church. Please note that on March 30th the Tuesday Evening will not be celebrated, so as to avoid conflict with the Holy Hour for Vocations listed below.

Vicariate Holy Hour For Vocations

During Lent, each Vicariate in the Archdiocese will be hosting a Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. For Chester County, the Holy Hour will be conducted in SS. Philip and James Church, Exton, at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 30th. His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali will be presiding. Do plan to gather for this prayer of the Church in behalf of priestly vocations, so desperately needed. Looking for transportation? Call Father John at 610/384-1172.

Stations of The Cross Devotion

Long associated with Lent is the Stations of the Cross Devotion rooted in Our Lord's Holy Passion and Death. On Thursdays at 1:15 p.m., the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church with the 5th and 6th Grade Classes of the parochial school attending. On Fridays at 1:15 p.m., the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted in Saint Joseph Church with the 7th and 8th Grade Classes of the parochial school attending. On Saturday, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted in the Church designated for daily Mass that week.

Operation Rice Bowl

Since 1976, Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten program of prayer and sharing, has been and continues to be an arm of the United States Bishops' Relief Services in combating hunger and starvation worldwide. We break bread with the poor and the vulnerable at home and abroad by our fasting with simple meals or other sacrifices. Materials for Operation Rice Bowl have been packaged in plain white envelopes available in the rear of church. Your donations may be placed in the specially marked containers, also in the rear of church.

Regional Bible Study/Faith Sharing

You are invited to join Father Hans Brouwers and a growing number of his parishioners for a weekly Bible Study/Faith Sharing Program in Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall. Two sessions are conducted every Thursday: 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., located at 80 South 17th Avenue. Helpful reflections on the readings of the upcoming Sunday are offered, deepening your understanding of Sacred Scripture. Please bring your own copy of the Bible.

Your Prayers For Vocations

Looking for a special Lenten practice? We are pleased to suggest your participation in a Program of Prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, sponsored by the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood. Welcome the traveling icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home for a week and pray daily the provided vocation prayer before it. This exercise can be undertaken by both families and individuals. From your lips there rises our prayer to God's ears for the realization of increased vocations. To volunteer, please call Coordinator Jerry Bugar at 610/383-0561.

Saint Patrick Television Special

The story of the real Saint Patrick is part adventure tale and part spiritual awakening, with the future saint rising from slave to liberator, learning to forgive and ultimately love his enemies. Patrick's courage set him free. His faith called him back. His vision transformed a nation. Watch "Patrick" on the Hallmark Channel at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 14th. It is high quality, religious programming produced by Faith and Values Media.

Joey Reis Scholarship Fund

Come, join us at the Joey Reis Soccer & Family Fun Event on March 20, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in the United Sports Training Center. Joey Reis was a beloved member of the CACES Class of 2002, who passed away in September 2002 after a brave 2 year battle with cancer., This event, with activities for the whole family to enjoy, will help to raise scholarship money in Joey's name. For registration information, call Peggy Ferra at 610/380-8219 or Terry Altschuler at 610/384-1652. If unable to attend, you can make a donation to the Joseph M. Reis Memorial Scholarship Fund and mail it to M. Lentz, Treasurer, 55 Lauren Lane, West Brandywine, PA 19320.

CACES Annual Beef & Beer

A Beef & Beer Social, featuring entertainment by Big Daddy Rabbitt, will be held on Saturday, March 27th, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, in the Union Hall, Coatesville, to benefit the CYO Program of our consolidated parochial school. Admission tickets are \$25.00 per person. For more information, call Kathleen at 610/380-9947.

A Concert in The Cathedral

Come, celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! The students of the Catholic Schools of our Archdiocese present "A Concert in the Cathedral", featuring the music of John Rutter, on Wednesday, March 17th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, 18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. For tickets or information, kindly call 215/587-2415.

Weekend Bible Seminar

Have you ever started reading the Bible only to put it down after a few weeks? Do you listen to the Scripture readings at Mass and wish you knew more about the story? The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Seminar is your answer! Developed by renowned Bible teacher and Catholic television personality Jeff Cavins, this seminar will help you understand the "big picture" of God's plan and see how the people, places and events of the Bible fit into it. Join other folks like yourself at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, West Chester, on March 19th-20th. Register online at www.TheBibleTimeline.com or call 610/918-8182. Advance registration is \$35 (discount available for students) and includes seminar workbook, chart and memory aids. On site registration is an additional \$5.00.

Spring Card Party

The Coatesville Area Senior Center will be having a Spring Card Party on Saturday, April 3rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Center, 22 North 5th Avenue. The Center is operated by persons who dedicate their time and energy to enrich the lives of senior citizens of the Coatesville area. Anyone may participate in the Card Party. Tickets are \$7.00 and that includes lunch. For tickets or additional information, kindly call the Center at 610/383-6900.

New Altar Servers Welcome

Mr. Vince Krupansky will soon be training boys and girls as new altar servers for our parish. Sessions will be conducted in Church immediately after the Sunday morning Mass. Candidates should be 4th grade pupils or older, who possess a keen sense of responsibility, dependability and reverence. They should be aware of the very special role they undertake as an altar server. Interested youngsters are asked to place their names on the sign-up sheet found on the table in the vestibule. Thank you!

First Communion Class

In a brief Enrollment Ceremony, at this Sunday's 10:30 a.m. Mass, we recognize the 18 youngsters who are advancing toward the first reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance) and Holy Eucharist. As a Parish Family, we encourage them in their intensified preparation for such significant sacramental events. Our good thoughts and frequent prayers support the fine efforts of our First Communion Class.

Comboni Sisters' Lay Ministers

For this month, the Lay Ministers associated with the spirituality and good works of the Comboni Missionary Sisters will meet on Monday, March 15th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Convent, 58 South 6th Avenue. A Special feature of this meeting will be the inclusion of a Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate the birthday of Saint Daniel Comboni, A Gift from God to our missionary Church. All are most welcome!

A Chance to Help the Rich

Perhaps no group enriches us more than the poor. They are the suffering Christ, creating opportunities for us to love and grow in grace. In a renewed effort to minister to their needs in the Coatesville area, an initial meeting to form a Cluster Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society will be held on Tuesday, March 30th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church Auditorium of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 80

South 17th Avenue. It is hoped to have representatives from each Parish in Cluster 42 come to this meeting to discuss emergency and on-going tending to the needs and pleas of the poor at our door. The meeting should end by 9:00 p.m.

Karing 4 Kids Host Program

World Links, a non-profit association, will be bringing to the area children from Eastern European orphanages for a host/holiday program. These children are available for adoption. If you are interested in hosting/adopting or sponsoring one of these children, you may call 1-866-236-7870 or visit their website: www.worldlinksadoption.org

Local Retreat House Events

The Malvern Retreat House will host an Evening of Reflection for Divorce and Separation on Tuesday, March 23rd, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. the evening includes dinner, conference and Mass. The suggested offering is \$30.00.

There will be a Sunrise Retreat on the Feast of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19th, from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. The morning begins with a sunrise Mass followed by breakfast and a talk about the life of St. Joseph. A suggested offering is \$10.00. To register for either event, please call 610/644-0400.

Palm Sunday Concert

The Archdiocesan Boys Choir of Philadelphia will present a Palm Sunday Concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 4th, in Saint Mary's Chapel, on the campus of Villanova University. Come share in the joy of Easter Season as the boys lift their angelic voices to sing sacred hymns. Call 610/326-7041 for tickets and more information. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students, and will be available at the door.

Benefit Concert for the Elderly

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host a spectacular All Star Irish Show, highlighting world-class musical talent, on Saturday, April 17th, 7:30 p.m., at Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield. Free parking and free refreshments are offered. Tickets are \$25.00, with proceeds benefiting the elderly poor in the Sisters' care. For tickets, kindly call 215/729-5153, extension 415.

A Word of Caution

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Our Young Scholars at Shanahan

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, informs us that several of our young parishioners have achieved academic excellence on their First Semester Report. From the Class of 2007, Adam Lindemuth earned first honors; both Rebecca Kousisis and Lynn Rhoades earned second honors. Three tips of the hat and a hearty shout of congratulations to our special scholars! Keep up the good work!

Women's Club News

We are again asking for your contribution in helping the Dylan Manning Foundation. As a fundraiser for their cause the Foundation is putting together a cookbook. The Women's Club would like to help this worthy cause by asking the St. Joseph's Parish Family to submit your favorite recipe(s) for inclusion in the cookbook. You can do so by dropping your recipe(s) in the Women's Club box in the vestibule (Attn: Tricia Swinty and don't forget to include your name on the recipe) or by logging onto Dylan's website at www.djsfoundation.org, go to "Cookbook-Submit a Recipe". We have lots of Great cooks in the Parish so send in your recipes by April 1, 2004. Thanks for your support in helping find a cure for Tay-Sachs and helping Dylan, one of our own Parish Family.

Finance Committee Meeting, Monday, March 15th, 7:00 PM in the Rectory.