

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 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 Joan Murphy

Masses for the week of March 21st, 2004 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Tuesday, March 23rd, 2004, 7:00 PM

August & Helen Horenci (Babes Horenci)

Saturday, March 27th, 2004, 6:30 PM

Augusta Saska (Ladies Aux. Polish American Club)

Euch. Minister Frank Lasak, Jr.
Lector Sara Hoopes

Sunday, March 28th, 2004, 10:30 AM

George Lahm (Branson Family)

Euch. Ministers Pam Krupansky & Francis Seymen
Lector Peter Sanchez

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, 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, Gail Luminella and the deceased: Luigi Baldini

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 21st, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., just prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 27th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., just prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request

Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

The observance of our Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion concludes this Sunday, March 21st, with a period of Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the morning and afternoon until a 4:00 p.m. Closing Service. This Service will consist of Night Prayer, a Procession and Benediction. Immediately after the concluding Service, participants are cordially welcome to share in a modest, hearty Lenten Supper in the School Hall, further strengthening the bonds which unite us. Join with us, please, in the events marking the close of the Forty Hours. Give yourself over to Jesus, the Bread of Life, who satisfies the hunger in our hearts and the thirst in our souls.

Change in Mass Time

Please note that on Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 4th, our Sunday morning Mass will be offered at 10:45 a.m., fifteen minutes later than the usual time. Since the Liturgy runs a little longer that day, this slight change will permit Father John to conclude the solemn Mass in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and then participate in the Solemn Mass in St. Joseph Church. Thank you for understanding!

Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner

Our volunteers in service to the parish are reminded to make response to our invitation to the Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner no later than Monday, March 22nd. The dinner itself will take place in the historic Revere Tavern at Paradise next Sunday afternoon, March 28th. We certainly look forward to this annual opportunity of saying thank you to our dedicated volunteers.

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.

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.

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!

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

"The Catholic Burial Society", headquartered in Media, and "Catholic Memorials, LLC", headquartered in Philadelphia, do not have the permission of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to assume the name "Catholic", and are, therefore, in violation of the Code of Canon Law. Please note that neither the Archdiocese of

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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

Clothing Sale

The Chester County Mothers of Multiples Club will hold a Spring/Summer Clothing Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 3rd, at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, North of Exton off Route 100. The Sale includes children's clothing, toys, baby equipment and more. For more information, call Barbara Ann Lawrie at 610/458-9150.

Newly Baptized Members

Last weekend blessed us with two infants who became members of our Household of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. On March 13th, *Michael Patrick McNally*, son of Sean and Jennifer McNally was baptized at our font. On the following day, March 14th, Baptism was administered to *Kaleena Marie Tynes*, daughter of Christopher and Concepcion Hernandez Tynes. Congratulations to the newly baptized, their proud parents and delighted godparents!

Malvern Retreat House

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. To register, please call 610/644-0400.

In Cherished Remembrance

The fresh flower arrangements placed in the sanctuary during the days of our Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion were donated as memorials for beloved deceased family members.

Those at the main altar were given in loving memory of August & Helen Horenci, and Clara & Walter Levenite by the Horenci, Kousisis, and Levenite Families.

Those at the St. Joseph Altar were given in living memory of Mercedes M. Carreon by the Alfaro Family.

Those at the Virgin Mary Altar were given in loving memory of Mary Shesko by Daughters: Barbara, Mary Frances, Andrea, Rose Marie and Families.

May our beloved deceased rest in peace!

Communal Penance Service

Several priests will be available for the individual hearing of confessions during the course of our Lenten Communal Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st, in St. Joseph Church. We trust that many parishioners from both West End Churches will make this the opportunity to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation in spiritual preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

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.