

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 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

Masses for the week of March 28th, 2004 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as follows:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Mary Hudock (Bob & Steffe Levenite)
Wednesday	9 am	Rose Reed (Her sister Vicky Mercier)
Thursday	9 am	Ann Michinok (Bob & Frances Shesko)
Friday	9:30 am	Rose Olise (Bob & Stella Grubb)
Saturday	9 am*	Joseph Wasko (Women's Club of St. Joseph's Church)

* To be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church due to Spring housecleaning of St. Joseph Church.

Saturday, April 3rd, 2004, 6:30 PM

Augusta Saska (Bob & Frances Shesko)

Euch. Minister Swinty
Lectors Bill & Cy

Sunday, April 4th, 2004, 10:30 AM

Roger H. Babcock (Wife & Children)

Euch. Ministers Catanese & Seymen
Lectors Frank & Phillip

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, Lisa De Pedro and the deceased: Father James A. Murphy, Helen Pastula and Kathy Freeman.

Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 4th

Next weekend, Holy Week opens with Passion (Palm) Sunday hailing the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem days before His death. Palms will be blessed and distributed at the weekend Masses. The Solemn Liturgy will be conducted in our Church on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Please notice the slight difference in Mass time.

That Sunday's Mass includes a procession with palms, in which we invite the children of the Parish to walk thus adding to the festivity. The youngsters participating should gather in the rear of the Church no later than 10:20 a.m., where they will be given a place in line and some basic instructions for the procession by the adults in charge. We especially welcome the involvement of our First Communion Class.

Tuesday's Special Holy Hour

Please be reminded that this Tuesday, March 30th, a Holy Hour for an increase in vocations to the priesthood will be conducted in SS. Philip & James Church, Exton, at 7:30 p.m., with His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali presiding. Representatives from the various Parishes of Chester County are invited to attend. We would like to have a good showing of parishioners at this very special event, united in prayer to address our desperate need for more priests.

Looking for transportation? Call Father John at 610/384-1172 today.

So as not to conflict with this Vicariate Holy Hour, our usual Tuesday evening Lenten Mass will not be celebrated this week, but will resume on the following Tuesday, April 6th.

Opportunities for Confession Prior to Easter

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 27th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., just prior to the Evening Mass. On Thursday of this week, April 1st, three priests will be available for the hearing of confessions during a 7:00 p.m. communal Penance Service in St. Joseph Church. On Saturday of this week, April 3rd, confessions will be heard from 4:00 until 4:45 p.m., in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

On Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 4th, two priests will be available for the hearing of confessions immediately after the 10:45 a.m. Solemn Liturgy in St. Joseph Church.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (April 5th, 6th & 7th), confessions will be heard for one half hour before the scheduled morning and evening Masses.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation should very much be a part of every Catholic's Lenten practices. Please take advantage of the expanded opportunities for confession which are given above, in preparation for your celebration of the Easter Feast. Allow the Sacrament of Jesus' Forgiveness to complete your own spiritual renewal: dying to sin and selfishness, rising to virtue and holiness. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request.

A Reminder to Our Parish Volunteers

Our volunteers in service to the parish are reminded that our Appreciation Dinner for them takes place this Sunday, March 28th, in the historic Revere Tavern at Paradise. The social hour begins at 3:00 p.m., followed by the full course dinner at 4:00 p.m. with musical entertainment. We certainly look forward to this annual opportunity to saying thank you to our dedicated volunteers.

Operation Rice Bowl

For nearly thirty years, 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. Your donations may be placed in an oversized, white basket, found in the rear of the Church. God love you!

A Note of Appreciation

The Joseph M. Reis Memorial Scholarship Committee would like to send a special "thank you" to all of the volunteers and people who generously contributed to the success of the Joseph M. Reis Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser on March 20th. We just can't thank you enough

for your generosity. If anyone would still like to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, you can send a check to M. Lentz, Treasurer, 55 Lauren Lane, West Brandywine, PA 19320.

Win a Football Weekend at Notre Dame

Raffle tickets will be sold after Masses on April 17th & 18th for a chance to win a Football Weekend for two at Notre Dame. The weekend is October 8th – 10th, and features the Notre Dame Fighting Irish versus the Stanford Cardinals. The weekend includes airfare, meals, lodging, tailgate party and pep rally. Tickets are \$5.00 each, 3 for \$10.00 and 7 for \$20.00. Proceeds benefit the new Regional Catholic Elementary School. The drawing will take place on May 16th at the conclusion of the CACES Paces Walk-a-thon at Bishop Shanahan High School. You need not be present to win. Raffle tickets may also be purchased by calling Lisa McInerney at 610/383-9021.

With Gratitude From the Sisters

The Comboni Missionary Sisters wish to thank the participants at the Forty Hours Closing Service and the Lenten Supper last Sunday for their inspiring devotion to the Holy Eucharist and their generous donation toward the Missions of the Sisters. Free-will offerings amounted to \$190.00 which will be used to send parcels of rosaries and school supplies to Sister Weynshet in Ethiopia and to Sister Francinete in Mozambique. Thank you very much to all. God bless you!

Catholic Social Services

The Archdiocesan Catholic Social Services has marriage, family and individual counseling available at the Downingtown Family Service Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Contact Joyce Kleiber, L.C.S.W. to schedule an appointment at 610/269-4060.

Office for Youth and Young Adults

Attention all High School Community Service Corps members! This is your last chance to register for the upcoming CONVO, a Service overnight, on April 3rd & 4th, to be held at Archbishop Prendergast High School in Drexel Hill. Included will be workshops, on site service projects, food, games, dance, prayer, liturgy and a few surprises. Check the web site at www.oyma.org for registration details. If you have any questions, call Suzanne at 610/649-9410. Don't miss this opportunity for an awesome experience.

Mother's Day Brunch

The Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park will host a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 9th, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., featuring a delicious buffet breakfast preceded by a festive Mass. There will be time to roam the grounds and then sit back for some delightful musical entertainment. For more information, kindly contact Helen Jauregui at 215/782-8520, extension 139.

Spiritual Weekends for Women, likewise, are available at the Retreat House. For full details, contact Sister Christine Konopelski at 215/782-8520, extension 182.

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 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.

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

Spring Church Cleaning Time

On Saturday, April 3rd, beginning at 8:00 AM, we will be cleaning our church for Easter. Along with the usual housecleaning, we are planning to wash the stained glass windows, so we will need extra help to accomplish this large task, since it has been a long time since these windows have been cleaned, if ever, since the church has been built.

If you are free that day, please call Bob Shesko at 610/384-6221 to offer your help. Fran Shesko, Jim Kriston and Lori Rhoades will be preparing a lovely lunch for us. Hope you can join us.