

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, January 29th, 2005, 6:30 PM

Max Sushinski (Bob & Barbara Mersereau)

Sunday, January 30th, 2005, 10:30 AM

Andrew Shesko (Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren)

Masses for the week of January 30th, 2005, will be offered in St. Joseph Church as noted:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Mary Sabo (Ann Reshey)
Wednesday	9 am	Parishioners
Thursday	9 am	Parishioners
Friday	9:30 am	Max Sushinski (Andrew & Eleanor Michinok)
Saturday	9 am	Parishioners

Saturday, February 5th, 2005, 6:30 PM

Max Sushinski (Bob & Frances Shesko)

Euch. Minister Seymen
Lector Sara

Sunday, February 6th, 2005, 10:30 AM

Joseph Wasko (Anniversary)(Wife, Eleanor Wasko)

Euch. Ministers Lasak Jr. & Bugar
Lector Peter

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Dorothy Bodnar, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Stella Grubb, Bertha Amole, Dylan Manning, John Cisarik, Marie McBride, Adam Gregor, Helen Collins, Oli Alfaro, Jim McConnell, Joseph Yankech, III, Ana Maria Yankech, Joseph Salada, Nancy Stern, Michael Kozacheson, Bill Franklin, Brian Babcock, Laura Szweda, Betty Hracho, and the Deceased: Elizabeth Kinnier and Father David Brackenridge. Also, we pray for the well being of Sgt. Steven McComsey and all our military currently serving in Iraq.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 29th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 6th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Blessing of Throats

An incident of healing, attributed to him, associates Saint Blasé, the 4th century bishop and martyr from Sebaste, Armenia, with the annual blessing of throats on his Feast Day (February 3rd) or on the weekend prior to this Feast Day. This weekend, the traditional blessing of throats will be imposed immediately following the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. It is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us, especially in our various ailments.

Collection For The Care of Aging and ill Priests

The ability of our Archdiocese to care for our elderly and ailing priests continue to depend on the wonderful generosity of the faithful, who have been the direct beneficiaries of our senior priests' lives of service. Although forced to withdraw from active ministry due to age or health, these retired priest continue to serve us through exemplary lives of prayer and sacrifice.

The Collection for the Care of Aging and ill Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken up next weekend, February 5th & 6th. This annual appeal is an opportunity to offer our expression of gratitude for the many ways in which our priests have brought the light of God's grace into our lives and communities.

First Confession And First Communion

We are pleased to announce the dates of First Sacraments for those eligible children of our Parish Family. The Sacrament of Reconciliation or First Confession will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17th. The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist or First Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 1st. Parents of our first communicants are requested to attend an important Sacramental Meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 10th, in the School Hall, in preparation for these very special occasions. (Note the change in date from that given in last weekend's bulletin.) These boys and girls hold a place in our prayers as they make ready for an even more intimate union with the Shepherd of our souls.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 9th, marks the opening of the Season of Lent. On that day, ashes will be blessed and distributed in St. Joseph Church at the 9:30 a. m. Mass and at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Similarly, ashes will be blessed and distributed in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, at a 12:00 p.m. Prayer Service (outside of Mass) and at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We hope that this advance notice of our Ash Wednesday schedule will be of some help in your making plans for that day.

Spring Talent Show

It's the "CACES Cabaret" call for talent. Here is your chance to strut your stuff. We are looking for singers, dancers, musicians, a cappella groups, duos, trios, combos, bands, cheerleaders/dance teams, karaoke, lip-synch performers, comics, poets, MCs, magicians, jugglers, mimes or you tell us. No audition. Open to all ages. Reserve your slot by March 17th; call 610/316-0884. Volunteers also are needed for (refreshments, ushers, stage crew, publicity, etc.). Show date will be Friday, April 15, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., in the Scott Middle School Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit the building fund for our new Regional Catholic Elementary School.

Parents Meeting For CACES Sports Program

There will be a meeting for parents only in North Brandywine School, at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 23rd. It is directed to anyone having a

child(ren) interested in playing boys baseball (grades 5-8), girls softball (grades 5-8) and track (grades 4-8). Questions? Kindly call Kathy Lafferty c/o CACES Athletic Board at 610/857-2006.

Safe Environment Program

To further fulfill the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of children and Young People, a program entitled "Protecting God's Children for Parents" will be presented at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 8th, in Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall, 80 South 17th Avenue. Although taking place at the beginning of the CACES Home and School Association meeting already scheduled for that evening, the program is intended for all interested parents of our Parish, regardless of the school their children are attending. As a parent, you are welcome, in fact, urged, to be present, so we can work together to provide the safest environment for our children.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal

This academic year, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's Annual Appeal was held during the month of November for the first time. Although the designated month for the Appeal has ended, there is still time to make your gift. Contributions to the Seminary Appeal for the 2004-05 fiscal year will be accepted through June 30, 2005. The Seminary community is grateful to you for your faithful support of the Appeal. Your tax-deductible gift helps to enhance the many resources needed for priestly training and enables the Seminary to form holy, educated and dedicated priests. Gifts to the Annual Seminary Appeal may be made payable in the form of check or credit card. Please call the Seminary's Office for Development at 610/785-6231 to process your credit card donation. Kindly send your donation to: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Office for Development, 100 East Wynnewood, PA 19096.

Vicariate Holy Hour For Vocations

During the Season of Lent, we will have the opportunity to come together and pray as a Vicariate for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Holy Hour will begin at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, March 7th, in St. Agnes Church, 231 Gay Street, West Chester. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge will preside at this Holy Hour consisting of prayer, homily and some reflections from our seminarians at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. It certainly is an opportunity for us, as a Vicariate, to be reminded of the importance of creating a culture that promotes vocations to the priesthood through the power of prayer and through invitations. Please set this date aside and grant Christ this hour with Him.

The Melody Lingers On

Although the Christmas Season has come and passed, the memory of beautiful holidays at our parish fondly lingers on. Especially deserving of our gratitude in creating festive liturgical celebrations during the Season are our Adult and Children's Choirs, together with their respective organists. We sincerely thank them for their time, effort and talent in helping us to raise our hearts and spirits in song to the God who became one of us.

A Work of Mercy

Mary, Mother of Captives, Support Group takes its mission from the works of Jesus: "When you did it to the least of my brothers or sisters, you did it to me." Seeing Christ in the incarcerated, they sponsor a Pen Pal Program whereby you may "visit" someone in prison by mail. There is a foolproof system offering complete anonymity for those who participate. Over 600 people are needed for this work of mercy. For additional information, call Jack or Sophie at 215/698-2585.

Leaving for Ireland

Our Lady of Consolation parish, Parkesburg, is sponsoring a Trip to Ireland from October 16th-27th, 2005, and you are invited to join them. The \$1,899.00 package includes airfare from JFK Airport on Aer Lingus, hotel accommodations for ten nights, daily Irish breakfast, 9 dinners (1 with Irish entertainment, sightseeing and admissions per itinerary, hotel taxes and service charges, pre-trip briefing party and more. Motor coach transfers to JFK Airport will be offered. For information, call Trip Escort Patty Conner at (610) 857-9466.

Lady's Night Out

Save the date of Friday, March 4th, for a special Wine Tasting Event to be sponsored by the Coatesville Area Elementary School Development Committee and Father Stephen Curry, O.S.A. Ladies, come and join us at 7:00pm in the Rosary Hall at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, South 17th Avenue. Tickets are \$25.00 and will go on sale in February.

Registration at Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School

Registration for the school year 2005-06 will be held in the Primary building in St. Cecilia Parish, Coatesville, on Monday, February 28, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, and on Tuesday, March 1 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Requirements:

*To enter Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2005. To enter First Grade, a child must be 6 years old by September 1, 2005. An original birth certificate, original Baptismal certificate and immunization records are **NECESSARY** at the time of registration. Catholic families **MUST** present a letter from their Pastor verifying membership in the Parish before a child will be registered. There is a \$75.00 non-refundable registration fee.*

Open House:

All parents with pre-school children are invited to our open house on February 28 between 9 and 12 noon. We will be happy to have you visit our little ones in the classrooms and answer any questions you may have about our school.

I Thank you, Sister Helen Loretta, JHM Principal

*CACES will accept registrations from parishioners who have students in the public school district currently in Grades 1 to 6 depending on the availability of space. This registration will be done on the registration days in February. In the event of a strike by one of the public school districts, CACES registration will be closed until the strike is settled.

Women's Club News

The rescheduled meeting of the Women's Club of St. Joseph Church will be held on Sunday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall. In case of inclement weather, please tune into WCOJ for any cancellation.