

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.

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

Mary Sabo (Josephine Regener)

Eucl. Minister Lasak, Jr.
Lector Patrick

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

Mary Sandoski (Husband Joseph & Family)

Eucl. Ministers Swinty & Hillman
Lector Kathleen

Masses for the week of March 6th, 2005 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Tuesday, March 8, 2005, 7:00 PM

Special Intentions

Saturday, March 12, 2005, 6:30 PM

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace & Family)

Eucl. Minister Nesbitt
Lector Bill

Sunday, March 13th, 2005, 10:30 AM

Helen Denny (A Friend)

Eucl. Ministers Johnson & Krupanski
Lector Kathy

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, 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, Joseph Dougherty, Teri Schiavo and Albert Fuller, and the Deceased: Jennie Reczek. 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, March 5th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 13th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass.

Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

Our Annual Observance of the Eucharistic Forty Hours will be concluded this Sunday, March 6th, with a 4:00 p.m. Prayer Service, Procession and Benediction. After this Service, a simple Lenten Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the School Hall, to which all are welcome. Prior to the Service and Supper, the Blessed Sacrament is solemnly exposed upon the altar throughout the day, inviting our visits for personal prayer and reflection. In this Year of the Eucharist, proclaimed by our Holy Father, Christ Jesus beckons one and all to step into His Presence at His Holy Table. There we express our love and appreciation for His gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parochial School Registration and Open House

Rescheduled due to weather conditions, the Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School Registration and Open House will take place on Monday of this week, March 7th, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, in the Primary Building (St. Cecilia Parish Campus).

Spring Event at Bishop Shanahan High School

The 18th Annual Spring Auction and Restaurant Fair will be held in Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, on Saturday, March 19th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Chester County artist Richard Bollinger will

be on hand to sign his prints. The theme of the event is "Around The World". Tickets are \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple, and include admission to the auction, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Donations of items for the auction are still welcome, and donors will be advertised in the auction book. For tickets or further information, call Shanahan's Advancement Office at 610/343-6238. Walk-ins are welcome.

Local Lenten Performance

The international artist, Tatiana, who is inspiring a nation to believe again, will be in concert with her program "I Thirst: The Crucifixion Story". You are invited to share the power and the passion of her performance in St. Joseph Church, Downingtown, on Wednesday of this week, March 9th, at 7:00 p.m. For added details, call 610/269-8294 or visit CameronProductions.org.

News From the Senior Center

The Coatesville Area Senior Center, 22 North 5th Avenue, will be hosting an "All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet" on Friday, March 11th, from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. For tickets and more information, please call the Center at 610/383-6900.

Weekday Masses in Lent

Morning Mass, at 9 o'clock, is offered daily, Monday through Saturday, alternating weekly between the two West End Churches. In addition, during the Lenten Season, Evening Mass is offered at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in St. Joseph Church and at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Stations of The Cross Devotion

Focusing on the final hours of Jesus' life, the traditional Stations of the Cross Devotion is conducted several times weekly: on Saturday mornings, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in the designated Parish Church of that week; on Thursday afternoons, at 1:15 p.m., in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (with parochial school children participating); on Friday afternoons, at 1:15 p.m., in St. Joseph Church (with parochial school children participating).

Operation Rice Bowl

Established in 1976, Operation Rice Bowl is a Lenten program of prayer and action to help in alleviating the needs of the desperately hungry and starving people throughout the world. Donations received are entrusted to Catholic Relief Services specifically for the purchase of food items. Operation Rice Bowl materials are available in the rear of Church. Your participation brings hope and nourishment to countless needy persons begging your compassion.

R.C.I.A. Program

Are you a Christian from a non-Catholic denomination or someone lacking any Church affiliation who is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith and its practices? Or perhaps you are a Catholic seeking an update on the beliefs of Catholicism. The Parish R.C.I.A. Program warmly invites your participation in a weekly series of presentations meant to enlighten, encourage and energize. For those who choose so, the climax of the Program may be your formal reception into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation. For full information, please contact Father John Oulds at 610/384-1172.

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.

Ethnic Food Sale

The Social Committee of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church is holding an Ethnic Food Sale in time for Lent and Easter. Featured products are homemade pierogies (\$6.00 per dozen), Smoked kielbasa and delicious babka. To place your order, please call the Rectory at 610/384-1172.

Regional Communal Penance Service

To serve the needs of the five congregations of Cluster 42, a Regional Communal Penance Service will be conducted in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, South 17th Avenue, at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 16th. Following the brief Lenten Service, the individual hearing of confessions by numerous available priests will take place. We welcome your participation in preparation for the solemn events of Holy Week and Easter.

Basket Bingo

A Basket Bingo will be held in the Wagontown Fire Hall on Sunday, April 3rd, at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12:00 noon), to benefit the U.S. Student Ambassador Program. Admission is \$20.00 per person. Other attractions are door prizes, raffles and food for purchase. Call Cheryl at 610/380-0899 for tickets or additional information.

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, acappella 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.

Seasonal Clothing Sale

The Chester County Mother of Multiples Club is sponsoring a Spring/Summer Clothing Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, on Saturday, March 12th, 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. Directions are available on their website at www.ccmomc.org.

Women's Club News

***All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday,
March 19th, 2005***

4:00 to 8:00 PM

***\$8.00 Adults
\$4.00 Children
Children under 5 Free***

Tickets will be on sale after Masses this weekend.



\$500 Chances

We are asking that you make your \$500 chance returns ASAP. If you cannot sell or buy these chances, kindly return them to Ann Cigas.

Bake Table

Also at this affair we will be featuring a Bake Table with Slovak Baked Goods.

Someone will be in the school hall after 10:00 am to receive your donations. If you have not called Chris Buchovecky, her number is 610/269-6647. Anyone in the Parish is welcome to participate.



Meeting Reminder

The next regular meeting of the Women's Club is scheduled for Sunday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall.