

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, April 2nd, 2005, 6:30 PM

Max Sushinski

(Christopher & Catherine Castle & Daughter)

Euch. Minister Krupanski
Lector Patrick

Sunday, April 3rd, 2005, 10:30 AM

Robert Hackmeister (Bob & MaryAnn Lasak)

Euch. Ministers Bugar & Catanese
Lector Kathleen

Masses for the week of April 10th, 2005 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Saturday, April 9th, 2005, 6:30 PM

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace and Children)

Euch. Minister Hillman
Lector Bill

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

Max Sushinski

(Pattiann & Brian Prosachik, Bob & Chrissy Mersereau,
Michelle & Dave Peters)

Euch. Ministers Johnson & Claypoole
Lector Cy

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Kate Ohar, 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, 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, Albert Fuller, Josephine Regener, and the Deceased: Father John Daly and Terri Schiavo. 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, April 2nd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 10th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Why Do Catholics Bless Themselves Before and After Entering Church?

Old Testament Jews washed with water before entering the Temple precincts. Building on a ritual familiar to the Jews, John the Baptist used water to represent repentance of sin and purification.

So when we cross ourselves with holy water entering and leaving the church, we recall that history. But we also refer to our Baptism when the priest used water to symbolize the washing away of our sins and to protect us from evil.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Based on the apparitions to St. Faustina Kowalska, the Church has given its approval to a contemporary devotion honoring Our Lord Jesus Christ under the title of Divine Mercy. In accord with this devotion, Pope John Paul II has declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday; that is this

Sunday, April 3rd. St. Stanislaus Kostka Church is hosting a very special Divine Mercy Observance at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, to which all are invited. Holy Mass will be offered, featuring the sung version of the Divine Mercy chaplet by the Divine Mercy Youth Choir and congregation. Be open to a beautiful new devotional experience, which can enrich one's spiritual life.

Presenting Sister Faustina

"Sister Faustina: Messenger of Mercy" is a one-women drama about the Divine Mercy Saint, who was canonized in 2000 by our present Holy Father. It will be performed live on Sunday, April 24th, at 3:00 p.m., in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Catholic performing artist Nancy Scimone, who has been heard on EWTN, will portray St. Faustina Kowalska in this inspiring piece suitable for all ages. The performance includes musical portions and a script completely drawn from the Saint's diary. A cold buffet will be served in the adjacent School Hall immediately following Miss Scimone's performance. Do circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

A Word of Appreciation

To all who contributed their time, energy and talent in physically preparing St. Joseph Church and in providing various liturgical ministries, please accept the sincere thank you of an appreciative people. What an outstanding and beautiful, reflective and prayerful Holy Week and Easter we once again experienced this year! God love those whose participation brought gladness to each and everyone!

Breakfast Buffet and More

The Coatesville Area Senior Center will be hosting an "All You Can Eat" Breakfast Buffet on Friday of this week, April 8th, from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. On Friday, April 15th, a Spaghetti Dinner will be served. For more information and tickets, please call the Center at 610/383-6900.

A Special Drama Presentation

Beth Chaim Reform Congregation in partnership with several other non-profit community organizations is bringing a moving Holocaust play, "Only A Girl", to the Greater West Chester Area. It tells the remarkable true story of Irene Gut Opdyke, a 17 year old, Roman Catholic, student nurse who helped save hundreds of lives during the Second

World War in Poland. The play is being performed at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9th, in Fugett Middle School, Paoli Pike and Ellis Lane, West Chester. Admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. This inspiring presentation is age appropriate for fifth grade and up. For further information, please call 610/399-4515.

Volunteers on Mission

Looking for something to do this summer? Come join us, the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for ten days in El Salvador! We work with abandoned and malnourished children. We build houses and roads in poor areas. If interested, please contact Lynette Kyle at 215/297-9839 or Email: 1kyle62@comcast.net.

Basket Bingo

Help the PTO of the Scott Middle School support Reading Is Fundamental by playing Basket Bingo (featuring Longaberger Baskets) at the Scott Middle School, 800 Olive Street, Coatesville, on Friday, April 22nd) at 7:00 p.m. The Early Bird Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$20.00 per ticket. Advance ticket purchase is recommended, since the event is limited to only 200 tickets. Call Scott Middle School at 610/383-6946, ext. 1008, to reserve your ticket. The RIF Program is implemented on a national level, promoting literacy in children through book distributions. The Basket Bingo will benefit this praiseworthy venture.

Annual Mother's Day Procession

The Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul will host the 9th Annual Mother's Day Procession on Sunday, May 8th, in Center City Philadelphia. The event, open to all the faithful of the Archdiocese, takes place from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. Each year the May Queen and her court are selected by a write-in campaign. You are invited to send a 50 word essay entitled "Why My Mom Should Be May Queen" to: Cathedral May Procession, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Question? Call 215/561-1313. The deadline for essay entries is April 18, 2005.

St. Martin of Tours School Alumni

On Sunday, April 10th, St. Martin of Tours School will host an Alumni Communion Breakfast, beginning with the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and breakfast following in the Parish Hall. Mr. Phil Martelli, Head Basketball Coach for St. Joseph

University, will be the keynote speaker for this special occasion. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children of the alumni. Please order your tickets from St. Martin of Tours Rectory, 5450 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19124 or stop by the Rectory to purchase your tickets.

A Significant Change of Address

The Catholic Social Services Office, Downingtown, has moved. Their new address is Catholic Social Services, West Chester, 125 North Darlington Street, West Chester, PA 19380. Their phone number is 610/344-7028. Also, a case worker, Amelia Boyer, is on site in Coatesville, using the facilities of St. Cecilia Parish, 610 East Chestnut Street. The mailing address is Catholic Social Services, 99 North Sixth Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320. Phone calls will be received at 610/344-7028. Please note the change.

CACES Cabaret on April 15th

CACES Cabaret is a great family-oriented event featuring entertainment, kids' corner, chance prizes, raffles, refreshments, art show and Carnival Midway-type fun. Also, singers, dancers and performers from our five-parish Cluster will strut their stuff on stage. In addition, there will be a "Tricky Tray" Auction for children and adults with items valued from \$25.00 to \$200.00, as well as clowns, face painting, balloons, bake sale, souvenirs and much more. All proceeds will benefit the Capital Campaign for our proposed new Regional Catholic Elementary School. CACES Cabaret will be held in the Scott Middle School Auditorium on Friday, April 15th, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. The school is located at Olive Street and South 8th Avenue. Don't miss out on a fabulous night!

Vacation Bible School

Mark Your Calendars, Vacation Bible School is Back!

We are excited about St. Joseph's Vacation Bible School to be held June 27th – July 1st. This year's program is Kingdom of the Son, a week of Safari adventure! Children will embark on a prayer safari into the Kingdom of the Son. Through their adventures, children will discover that "God Listens", "God Protects", "God Forgives", and "God Rules"! We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible story and tasty snacks – all things that

make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children. Kingdom of the Son can be an inspirational and educational expedition for the entire family. So mark your calendars today and plan on joining us for a great time at Kingdom of the Son! Registration will take place on 4/17/05 and 4/24/05 after the 10:30 Mass or by contacting Beth Ann Hackmeister at 610/380-3505.

Women's Club News

Group Communion Breakfast

On April 17th, the Women's Club will be sponsoring a Group Communion Breakfast, Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of our Club. All Women and Young Ladies Six and Up of the Parish are cordially invited to attend. We will be receiving communion as a group. Please sit in the front of the church in the designated pews. The men of the Parish will be preparing and serving breakfast, which will take place after Mass in the School Hall. We are hoping to have a guest speaker at this affair, along with some special memories of our service to St. Joseph's Church.

Also at this event, we are planning to present Sister Helen with the \$10,000 check we promised as a result of our Lottery Sales. Please plan to join us and help celebrate this special event. You can make reservations by contacting Chris Buchovechy at 610/269-6647. Kindly place your reservation, along with your check/money in the Women's Club Drop Box, or in the Sunday Collection Basket. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, April 10th.

Tickets: \$6.00 Adults, \$3.00 Children