

# 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, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005, 6:30 AM

Mary Moore (Laura Shesko & Family)

Euch. Ministers Nesbitt  
Lector Sara

## Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, 10:30 AM

In Thanksgiving and for the Best of Health Always, as well as the Total Healing of Olie (Alfaro Family)

Euch. Ministers Hillman & Swinty  
Lector Phillip

Masses for the week of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, will be offered in St. Joseph Church as noted:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Agnes Novotny (Andrea Levenite)
	4 pm	Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal (in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church)
Wednesday	9 am	Mary Anne Yeager (Jessica, Leslie & Michael Hudock)
Thursday	9 am	Kenneth McCormick (Ron & Elizabeth Rodgers)
Friday	9:30 am	Marie Pietschman (Agnes Sushinski)
Saturday	9 am	Parishioners

## Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:30 PM

Cecilia Shesko (Frances & Bob Shesko)

Euch. Minister Johnson  
Lector Bill

## Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:30 AM

Luigi Baldini (Wife, Grace & Family)

Euch. Ministers Lasak, Jr. & Claypoole  
Lector Kathleen

## 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, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Bertha Amole, Dylan Manning, Helen Collins, Joseph Yankech, III, Joseph Salada, Michael Kozacheson, Joseph Dougherty, Josephine Regener, Henrietta Torma, Chelsea Osborne, Lisa Lucci, Steffie Levenite, Robert Hrachko, Mike Sullivan, Elmer Dunn and Bob Hamilton. Among the recently Deceased: Father Robert Ryan. Also, we pray for the well being of all our U.S. military currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially Mark Pike, son of our parishioners Mr. & Mrs. David Pike.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

## New Year's Greetings

The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Comboni Missionary Sisters, Father John Hagen, O.S.A., Father Joseph Hasieber and Father John Oulds, all join together in extending to you and your loved ones their best wishes for a New Year rich in the blessings of happiness and health, prosperity and peace. May 2006 treat you well in the things of this world and provide you with many opportunities to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

## Our Sincerest Appreciation

Parents especially are called upon to create the Christmas holiday for their children. Quite a lot goes in to the preparation and the execution of a truly memorable and meaningful Christmas for a family. The same is true with regard to our Parish Family at this

Holy Season. We are deeply indebted to all those, young and old, who so generously create a memorable and meaningful Christmas for us. It is not by the swish of an angel's wing or the wave of a shepherd's crook that every thing turns out so beautifully, so magnificently for Christmas in our Parish. Many good people have willingly given of their time, effort and talent to prepare the Church and carry out the ceremonies. Our sincerest appreciation is extended to cleaners and decorators, instrumentalists and singers and soloists, ushers and altar servers, ministers of Holy Communion and lectors, as well as all others who had a hand in making Christmas 2005 happen. Thank you, thank you, and thank you over again. God bless you and reward you for your kindness!

### **R.C.I.A. Program**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a step-by-step program for inquirers to gain knowledge of the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church and then, if they choose, to embrace the Faith through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. In short, the R.C.I.A. Program is the Church's way of making new Catholics or further explaining the Faith to those baptized Catholics in need of a fuller explanation. Depending on the response, a group is usually formed and meets regularly. For added details, kindly call Father John at 610/384-1172.

### **Vigil For Human Life**

Join Father David J. Duffy, O.S.A. as a participant in a Vigil for Life on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006, in Saint Agnes Church, West Chester, demonstrating the dignity and sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. The Vigil begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by a Rosary Pilgrimage to the nearby Planned Parenthood facility. For full information, contact Jack and Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

### **An Invitation To Young Adults**

SS. Peter and Paul Church, 1325 Boot Road, West Chester, will be hosting Chester County Vocation Holy Hours at 7:30 p.m., on the Second Saturday of every month in their Parish Center Chapel, with discussion to follow for men and women interested in the priesthood or the consecrated religious life. The next Holy Hour will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Any questions? Call Father Stephen DeLacy at 610/692-2216.

The Young Adults of Chester County (YACC) are hosting monthly Holy Hours on the Third Monday with socializing to follow. Come and join other young adults who are striving to live out their faith. These Holy Hours are held in the Parish Center Chapel of SS. Peter & Paul Church at 7:30 p.m. the next Holy Hour for YACC will be conducted on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Any questions? Call Tara Callahan at 610/692-2216.

### **Aid For Friends**

Aid for Friends is in need of two types of volunteers: cooks and visitors. Cooks prepare meals at home and bring them to the freezer behind the St. Joseph School Building. Freezer tins are available. Visitors take the meals to shut-ins once a week. For more information, please call Ellen at 610/384-7160. Your personal involvement in this program of human concern would be deeply appreciated.

### **Volunteer English Program**

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a three session, nine-hour, training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be conducted at Keshet Israel Congregation, 1000 Pottstown Pike, West Chester, on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>; Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> (with Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, as a snow day), from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information about this rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222.

### **Reading Tutors Needed Locally**

Help change a child's life forever. Please consider volunteering as a reading tutor for The Children's Literacy Program at Trinity Episcopal Church, 323 East Lincoln Highway, on Mondays and/or Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for full details, call 610/380-1642.

### **Bishop Shanahan High School**

Tuition Assistance forms for the TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are available in the Tuition Office at Bishop Shanahan High School, 220 Woodbine Road, Downingtown. Forms must be returned to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The due date for the filing is April 14, 2006.

### **A Prayer For The New Year**

***GOD OF PEACE, WHOSE PROVIDENCE GUIDES THE CHANGING SEASONS OF EVERY YEAR AND OF ALL OUR LIVES: IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME, YOU FASHIONED IN THE VIRGIN MOTHER MARY A DWELLING PLACE FOR YOUR WORD MADE FLESH AMONG US. BLESSED WITH THE JOY OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THE FIRST DAY OF THIS NEW YEAR, THAT, THROUGH ALL THE DAYS ALLOTTED TO US, WE MAY, LIKE MARY, REJOICE IN GRACE AND EMBRACE YOUR WILL. WE ASK THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.***

## **A Family Perspective**

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God*

May we begin this new year with gratitude to God for all the wonderful things He has done for our families. We pray that God will bless us and keep us, let his face shine upon us and be gracious to us and to all of the families of the world.

### **Stewardship**

“The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!” Numbers 6:24-26

Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom and source of all things. We need to be aware of the many gifts that we have received and eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another.