

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, January 7th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Cecilia Shesko (Frances & Bob Shesko)

Euch. Minister Johnson
Lector Bill

Sunday, January 8th, 2006, 10:30 AM

Luigi Baldini (Wife, Grace & Family)

Euch. Ministers Lasak, Jr. & Claypoole
Lector Kathleen

Masses for the week of January 8th, 2006, will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Tuesday, January 10th, 2006, 4:00 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

Saturday, January 14th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Vera Lahm (George & Cathy Mehalik)

Euch. Minister Swinty
Lector Patrick

Sunday, January 15th, 2006, 10:30 AM

John Shesko (Wife Laura & Family)

Euch. Ministers Seymen & Catanese
Lector Frank

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 Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Elmer Dunn, Bob Hamilton and Alexander Price. 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 Sunday, January 8th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 14th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Comboni Missionary Sisters

The Comboni Missionary Sisters will meet with the Lay Associate Group for their first gathering of the year on Monday, January 9th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Sisters' Convent, 58 South 6th Avenue. For more information, please call 610/380-9229. New members are most welcome.

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.

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 14th, 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 16th, 2006. Any questions? Call Tara Callahan at 610/692-2216.

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 16th; Thursday, January 19th; Monday, January 23rd (with Thursday, January 26th, 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.

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.

Parishioners on Medicare

Medicare Part D Prescription coverage is available to all parishioners on Medicare through Catholic Golden Age, a national non-profit association dedicated to enriching the lives of elder Catholics. Call 1-800-706-1268 for enrollment information.

Blessing of the Home at Epiphany

After the members of the household have gathered in the principal room one acts as the leader of prayer and says:

Lord God of heaven and earth,

You revealed Your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All respond: *Amen.*

In an appropriate manner, the sign of peace may be exchanged among those participating. A Christmas carol, too, could be employed in conclusion.

Parochial School Registration

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School Registration for the academic year 2006-2007 will be conducted in the Primary Building (St. Cecilia Parish Campus) on Monday and Tuesday, February 27th – 28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. To enter Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by September 1st, 2006. Documents required at registration are the following: original birth certificate, original baptismal certificate, immunization records and a pastor's letter verifying membership in the Parish. Also, a \$75.00 non-refundable registration fee is due at this time. All parents with pre-school children are invited to our open House on February 27th, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 noon. Visit our little ones in the classrooms and have your questions about the school answered. Coatesville Catholic will accept registrations from parishioners who have students, currently in Grades 1 to 6,

from a Public School District, depending on the availability of space. This registration, too, will be done on the registration days in February. In the event of a strike by one of the Public School Districts, our registration will be closed until the strike is settled.

National March For Life

St. Cecilia Church, Coatesville, is sponsoring a comfortable coach to Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 23rd, for the National March for Life, marking the anniversary of the infamous pro-abortion decision of the Supreme Court. Our parishioners are cordially invited to join the trip under the leadership of Father Francis Mulranen. The bus will depart from St. Cecilia Church after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and return by approximately 7:00 p.m. that same day. A bag lunch and dinner will be needed or, if desired, dinner may be purchased on the return trip. A free will offering (\$10.00 suggested) will be happily accepted to defray the cost of the bus rental and Metro tickets. Come, be inspired and uplifted as you join with tens of thousands of others praying and marching for the sanctity of human life. For full information and reservations, call Rita at 610/384-0422 (Rectory Office) or Nancy Lanigan at 610/384-0592.

Join the ERDT Team of Dedicated, Caring Coordinators

ERDT/SHARE!, a non-profit educational foundation dedicated to creating opportunities for greater tolerance and understanding between Americans and peoples of the world, is seeking individuals interested in coordinating a high school exchange program in their local community. For more information, call the Southeastern Pennsylvania Office today at 1-866-900-3738. Thank you!

A Big, Big Thank You to The Ladies

With a final contribution made this past week, the Women's Club of St. Joseph Church has fulfilled its faith promise of \$30,000.00 to the Coatesville Catholic School Campaign. By this most generous gesture, the ladies have purchased a classroom in our new Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, currently under construction. The classroom will be memorialized as the Women's Club so directs. We are deeply grateful to them for such significant generosity to a cause, which will benefit the children and parishes of Cluster 42 over and over again. As their means allow, may many other donors and potential donors imitate the priority of giving demonstrated by the ladies.

Daylesford Abbey

Daylesford Abbey, 2209 South Valley Road, Paoli will be hosting a Valentine Evening of Recollection with Father John Zagarella focusing on the theme: "Renewing Our Love in the Lord". It will be held on February 11th with prayer at 4:30 p.m., followed by hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, and then an elegant dinner. Following dinner, there will be a conference, quiet time together and the celebration of Mass. Cost for the evening is \$125.00 per couple or treat yourself to an overnight stay at \$185.00 per couple. Register with Linda at 610/647-2530, ext. 133.

The Abbey's Spirituality Center is looking for a receptionist part-time: Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00

a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The applicant must be able to work both days, as well as have a pleasant disposition and possess good computer and organizational skills. Job will pay \$8.00 to \$10.00 per hour. Interested? Contact Linda at 610/647-230, extension 135.

Chester County Pro-Life Coalition in West Chester

The Chester County *March for Life* will take place on Sunday, January 22nd, at 2:30 p.m., gathering in front of St. Agnes Church, New & Gay Streets, and marching to the Chester County Courthouse for a short program. Refreshments will follow in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Market Street. In case of inclement weather, the program will be conducted inside St. Agnes Church. This year's theme will be "Raising Up Our Youth to Overcome Abortion with Chastity". For more information, call the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition at 610/692-4463.

A *Life Chain* will take place on Thursday, January 26th, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Chester County Courthouse, High & Market Streets. Participants are asked to stand in silent prayer along the sidewalk on High Street in front of the Courthouse, holding signs attesting to the sacredness and dignity of life.

A Family Perspective *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Today we ponder the many manifestations of God's goodness and love possible within family life. The gifts of compassion, mercy and forgiveness so often given and received within families are occasions for great rejoicing – our God is present among us!

Stewardship

"Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." Psalms 60:1

The first step toward a more authentic stewardship requires something of a conversion experience, a turning point, a moment of what we can only call grace.