

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 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

Masses for the week of January 15th, 2006 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as noted:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Mary Ann Yeager (Anne Reshey)
Wednesday	9 am	Helen Pendyck (Bob & Ann Hamilton)
Thursday	9 am	Robert Skalka (Pauline & Denny Howell)
Friday	9 am	Mary Chern (Louis Tomasovich)
Saturday	9 am	Parishioners

Saturday, January 21st, 2006, 6:30 PM

Marie Pietschman (Laura Shesko)

Euch. Minister Hillman
Lector Elaine

Sunday, January 22nd, 2006, 10:30 AM

Andrew & Mary Shesko (Reczek, Neff, Johnson & Sullivan Families)

Euch. Ministers Johnson & Krupansky
Lector Kathy

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, Chelsea Osborne, Lisa Lucci, Steffie Levenite, Robert Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Elmer Dunn, Bob Hamilton and Alexander Price. Among the recently Deceased, we pray for Father Gerard Barnes. 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, January 14th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 22nd, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Thank You From Father John

At the Christmas Season, so many parishioners were very kind to me in their expressions of remembrance. Please be assured of my deepest appreciation for the beautiful greeting cards with the uplifting sentiments they conveyed, for the homemade food items and other tasty treats, and for various thoughtful and generous kindnesses directed my way. Thank you very much! May God bless you for your goodness.

Thank You For Sharing

On December 25th, the Lottery Calendar pay out was \$500.00, Jackie & Dave Zelina were the lucky winners! Thank you Jackie & Dave for sharing your good fortune with St. Joseph Church, The Comboni Missionary Sisters and also The Women's Club. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We wish you the best in the coming year and always.

March: The Month of Bishops

The month of March provides the opportunity for our meeting two of the Auxiliary Bishops of Philadelphia. At the top of March, on Sunday, March 5th, Bishop Robert Maginnis, who is the Episcopal Overseer for Chester County, will be celebrating the 10:30 a.m. Mass with us and then will be available to meet personally with parishioners over light refreshments in the School Hall. His Excellency chooses this as the occasion of holding a modified Pastoral Visit with us. Toward the close of the month, on Sunday, March 26th, Bishop Michael Burbidge will be celebrating the 10:30 a.m. Mass to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to nearly fifty youthful parishioners of St. Joseph Church. It will be for the candidates the occasion of Pentecost come early, as they receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in their lives. It is hoped

that we shall witness a wonderful participation of parishioners at these two very special events.

New Altar Servers

The invitation is extended to the boys and girls of the Parish, from 4th grade age and older, to assist the priest at Mass and other ceremonies as an altar server. In another few weeks, Mr. Vincent Krupansky will be conducting training sessions for our young volunteers in the Parish Church on Sundays, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The altar server-to-be should be dependable, responsible, reverent and careful in his/her service at the altar. A sign up list is located on the bulletin board in the vestibule. For more information, call Father John at 610/384-0306.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CACES Cabaret

Last spring's CACES Cabaret featured talent from all five parishes of our Cluster and raised much needed funds to benefit the new regional school building. This year's show is scheduled for Friday, March 10th, at the Coatesville High School 11-12 Auditorium. We are looking for performers and volunteers to sign up. Singers, dancers, musicians, comics and novelty acts are all welcome. A preference will be given to group acts. Want to help behind the scenes? We need volunteers for fundraising, publicity, refreshments, tickets, decorations and clean up. Please contact Paul Laich at 610/316-0884 or go to <http://cacescabaret.home.comcast.net> And hit "Join". Thank you!

A Reminder to CACES Parents

As previously announced, Chief of Police Dominick Bellizzie will hear the concerns of the parents of our students in Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School at a 7:00 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, January 18th. Sister Helen Loretta, I.H.M. and the Board of Pastors urge your attendance at this dialogue of major importance. The meeting will be held in Our Lady of the Rosary Hall on South 17th Avenue.

A Family Perspective *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Our children listen and learn from us as the disciples did from Jesus. Do our words and actions consistently reflect our commitment to follow the Way of Jesus?

Stewardship

"To do your will is my delight; my God, your law is in my heart!" Psalms 40:9

Because of His love for us, God entrusts us with the priceless gift of life – along with our talents, abilities and all our possessions and earthly resources. Therefore, we don't own what we perceive to be our holdings. God is their rightful owner, and we, who are their recipients, are managers obliged – not by law but by gratitude and our Christian faith – to use them in accordance with God's plan.

Choir Practice

Choir practice for the children's choir is canceled for this Monday, 1/16 but will resume on Monday, 1/23 in preparation for singing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on 1/29.

Practice for the adult choir has been changed from 7:30 p.m. Monday 1/16 to 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call me at 610-212-2927.

Susan Sandoski
Choir Director