

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.

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, Alexander Price and Stephen Jordan. 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 22nd, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 28th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

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

Masses for the week of January 22nd, 2006, will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Tuesday, January 24th, 2006, 4:00 PM

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

Saturday, January 28th, 2006, 6:30 PM

John McBride (Ann Marie & Conal McBride)

Euch. Minister Lasak, Jr.
Lector Sara

Sunday, January 29th, 2006, 10:30 AM

Joseph Wasko (Wife Eleanor & Family)

Euch. Ministers Nesbitt & Hillman
Lector Phillip

Blessing of Throats

St. Blasé was the Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia, during the 4th century. Very little is actually known about his life; it is thought that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Before suffering a martyr's death, St. Blasé was reputed to have cured miraculously a little boy choking on a fishbone in his throat. Thus, there sprang up the venerable practice of blessing throats on or near his feast day, February 3rd. The individual blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blasé will take place at the conclusion of next weekend's Masses, January 28th & 29th. All are invited to be the recipients of this blessing.

Special Second Collection This Weekend

The generosity of American Catholics for the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection is critical to the work of the Church in caring for the vulnerable among us and around the world; victims of war and poverty, persecution and disaster. Through the resources of this appeal, the Catholic Church is able to answer the Gospel call to act in solidarity with and offer help to many of the victimized. You are asked to touch "Jesus in Disguise" with your thoughtful gift to this weekend's special Second Collection. Thank you!

Enrollment Ceremony for Our Confirmands

The 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, January 22nd, will witness the enrollment ceremony for nearly fifty young parishioners preparing to be "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" on their Confirmation Day, March 26th. We are pleased to acknowledge these candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our midst. And assure them that they hold a special place in the thoughts and prayers of their Parish Family. Soon our confirmands will share with us full

membership in the Church and know the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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 610/647-2530, 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". All are invited to attend an informational meeting on Monday, January 23rd, at 7:00 p.m., in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, South 17th Avenue.

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we hear the invitation of Jesus, "Come after me". Cherishing the moments we have with our children, we prepare them to respond both now and in the future to the Lord's invitation to follow Him.

Stewardship

"Those using the world are not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away." 1 Corinthians 7:31

As people of faith, we believe that time is simply a way to measure God's great gift of life. This means giving back to God, in gratitude, a portion of our time to help build God's kingdom on earth.

Choir Practice

Practice will be held this Monday, 1/23 for both the adult & children's choir at our usual times, 6:45 pm for the children and 7:30 pm for the adults. The children will prepare to sing for the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, 1/29.

Sincerely,
Susan Sandoski
Choir Director

Women's Club News

Regular Women's Club Meeting

There will be a Women's Club meeting this Sunday, January 22nd, at 7:00 pm in the school hall.