

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, February 25th, 6:30 PM

Joseph Arvay, Sr. (Arvay Family)

Alter Servers Tyler Jamison, Nicholas Malavolta
Euch. Minister J. Nesbitt
Lector Elaine

Sunday, February 26th, 2006, 10:30 AM

Sandy Monko (Dubinski Family)

Alter Servers Stephanie Trumpelman, Bill Hackmeister & Jennie Lasak
Euch. Ministers Lasak, Jr. & Krupansky
Lector Kathy

Masses for the week of February 26th, 2006 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as noted:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Tillie Frantz (Ann Reshey)
	4 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour or Reparation and Renewal (in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Kitty Magala (Frank & MaryAnne Illes-Rever)
	7 pm	Tillie Frantz (Ann & Andrew Cigas)
Thursday	9 am	Ann Golinski (Father Joe)
Friday	9:30 am	Kitty Magala (St. Joseph's Women's Club)
Saturday	9 am	Kitty Magala (Catherine McInerney)

Saturday, March 4th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Michael Shesko (Bob & Frances Shesko)

Euch. Minister Catanese
Lector Patrick

March 5th, 2006, 10:30 AM

Mary Sandoski (Sandoski & Catanese Families)

Euch. Minister Swinty & Hillman
Lector Phillip

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Kate Ohar, Janet Yost, Dorothy Bodnar, 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, Alexander Price, Stephen Jordan and Bunny 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 Saturday, February 25th, shortly after the Evening Mass. Likewise, next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 4th, shortly after the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Bishop's Pastoral Visit

On Sunday, March 5th, we will welcome the Most Reverend Robert P. Maginnis, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, to our Parish Family. As a representative of Cardinal Justin F. Rigali, Bishop Maginnis comes to celebrate Mass with us and to meet personally with us. Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, a modest reception will be held in the school hall, allowing all to greet warmly His Excellency, officially appointed overseer for the Chester County Vicariate. We are counting on a wonderful turnout of parishioners to extend to Bishop Maginnis that appreciative welcome which has always been a hallmark of our Parish Church.

Second Collection This Weekend

After three generations of religious persecution, Central and Eastern Europeans are longing to deepen their faith. The Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe responds directly to the requests of local bishops to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry and pastoral centers, as well as to restore churches and to spread the Gospel message through the mass media. The Second Collection this weekend will benefit this worthy cause, giving hope to a people too long under Soviet control. Thank you for your concern.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

March 1st marks Ash Wednesday, the opening day of the Lenten Season. Ashes, the ancient sign of repentance, will be blessed and distributed in St. Joseph Church at a 9:30 a.m. Mass and a 7:00 p.m. Mass, and in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at 9:00 a.m. Mass, a 12:05 Noon time Prayer Service and a 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Lenten Evening Mass

On the Tuesdays of Lent (March 7th through April 4th), an Evening Mass at 7:00 will be offered in St. Joseph Church with one exception: on March 21st, the Mass will be offered at 6:30 due to a Confirmation rehearsal. On the Wednesdays of Lent (March 1st through April 12th) an Evening Mass at 5:30 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Stations of The Cross Devotion

The Stations of the Cross Devotion, most meaningful in Lent, will be conducted on Saturday mornings, March 4th through April 8th, immediately following the 9:00 Mass, alternating weekly between St. Joseph Church and St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. The exception will be Saturday, March 11th, when the Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Joseph Church due to the Eucharistic Forty Hours of that weekend.

Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

The Annual Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion in St. Joseph Church will be conducted for three days: Friday, March 10th; Saturday, March 11th; Sunday, March 12th, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the three days. The Exposition opens daily, immediately following the morning Mass, and continues until the evening; The conclusion on Friday comes with a Prayer Service at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday with a simple closure prior to the 6:30 p.m. Mass, on Sunday with a Solemn Service of Prayer, Procession and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. Following the Sunday Service, a very modest Lenten Supper will be served in the School Hall to which all participants are warmly invited. Our Church will be open during the Forty Hours encouraging your visits before the Blessed Sacrament. Come into the presence of the Eucharistic Christ upon our altar, who in His love, ever yearns to reach out to each one of us.

Operation Rice Bowl

Since 1976, Operation Rice Bowl has been offered to us as a special sacrificial practice during Lent. It challenges us to pray with our families, to fast in solidarity with those who are hungry. To learn about our neighbors in the developing world and to give contributions to those in need. Did you know that 25% of all funds collected remain here in our Archdiocese and are used to purchase food to stock the local emergency food cupboards and soup kitchens? Operation Rice Bowl materials are available from a table located in front of the large crying room window. Thank you for your anticipated participation!

Free Tax Preparation Service

On Wednesday evenings by appointment, March 1st thru April 5th, Catholic Social Services, 125 North Darlington Street, West Chester, is offering a free federal and state tax preparation service. If your annual income is \$37,000.00 or less and you file IRS forms 1040A or 1040EZ, call 610/344-7028 for your appointment.

An Irish Gala For a Good Cause

The Dylan James Manning Foundation for Tay-Sachs Disease is hosting their 2nd Annual Irish Gala to be celebrated at the Coatesville Moose 1910 Ballroom on Saturday, March 18, 2006 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. For ticket information contact Maureen at 610/524-0537 or email nanamo22@comcast.net. One in every 50 Irish are carriers of Tay-Sachs Disease. Visit Dylan's website at www.djsfoundation.org to learn more about his courageous battle.

Knight At The Races

The Knights of Columbus, associated with Our Lady of Consolation Church in Parkesburg, will hold their Seventh Annual Knight at the Races on Saturday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Schneider Parish Center on Cemetery Road. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Purchase a horse for \$10.00 and you will win \$30.00, if your horse wins its race. You will be excused from the \$5.00 admission charge upon your purchase of a horse. Horses and information are available by calling Albert Bryson at 610/857-4459, Tom Henderson at 610/593-2186 or Paul Harkins at 610/466-7494.

Looking For Something To Do This Summer?

The Handmaids of the Scared Heart of Jesus invite you to volunteer for an eight-day period in El Salvador. Help nurture malnourished babies, work with children in before and after school programs, build houses and roads, teach computer skills or the English language, or accompany a local nurse on her rounds. These Mission experiences will be conducted on various dates throughout the upcoming summer. For more information, contact Lynette Kyle at 215/297-9839 or email LKLYE62@comcast.net.

Books For The Bayou

The members of Bishop Shanahan High School's Critics Club are asking for our support for their Book Drive. Club members will be collecting used or new books to be sent to a library in New Orleans that has lost everything. Books will be accepted up to Wednesday, April 5th. Donations can be brought to Shanahan's library during regular school hours. On Saturdays, March 11th and April 1st, you can drop off donations between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Questions? Kindly call the school library at 610/343-6208.

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

Sign-ups/tryouts for the Spring Sport Program will be conducted on Wednesday, March 1st, according to the following schedule:

Boys Baseball at North Brandywine School
6:00 to 7:30 pm Grades 5th and 6th: Junior Varsity
7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Grades 7th and 8th Varsity

Girls Softball at South Brandywine School
6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Grades 5th and 6th: Junior Varsity
8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Grades 7th and 8th: Varsity

Boys & Girls Track at South Brandywine School
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Grades 4th through 8th

Note: There will only be sign-ups for Track on March 1st, no tryouts. Mrs. Diffendall will provide a practice schedule at a later date. If you have any questions, please call John Lafferty at 610/212-7318.

MOM: Heart Of The Home Ministry

Moms, there's still time to make a New Year's resolution. Why not make 2006 the year you resolve to strengthen your relationship with God? On Saturday, March 18th, the Chester County Chapter of MOM: Heart of the Home will offer a Day of Renewal at Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown. From 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., moms of all ages are invited to enjoy inspirational speakers, individual reflection and the company of other moms. This day will give you time to reflect on your vocation of motherhood while replenishing your spirit. Our principal presider this year will be Cardinal Justin Rigali. Registration is \$20.00 (\$25.00 after March 4th) and includes a boxed lunch. Pick-up a registration form by downloading it from

www.mom.heartofthehome.org or contact Lisa Bice, our MOM Parish Representative, at 610/399-4499.

Vicariate Holy Hour For Vocations

In October 2004, Pope John Paul II blessed a special monstrance for Eucharistic Adoration, encouraging private and public prayer for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Since then, it has traveled throughout the United States and will arrive in our Archdiocese next month. It will be used to hold the Blessed Sacrament for a Vicariate Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, March 26th, at 7:30 p.m., in the new St. Elizabeth Church, Fellowship Road and Route 100 (Pottstown Pike), Uwchlan. Our need for future priests, as well as religious Sisters and Brothers, is great. How important it is that we gather before Jesus in the Eucharist to pray that "the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers into His harvest." Please plan on joining us for the Holy Hour that evening.

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.

Thank You!

Most certainly we are grateful to those thoughtful parishioners who placed in the collection basket last weekend their contribution envelope for February 19th as well as for February 12th, the weekend of the severe snow. Unlike the snowflakes, our financial responsibilities on a week-to-week basis do not melt away. An uninterrupted intake of monetary offerings is needed to meet regular expenses. Thank you to those kind donors who kept this in mind last weekend.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Church Ministry Institute 25th Anniversary Pilgrimage Washington, DC

When: Saturday, June 24, 2006

Time: 7:30 am – 9:30 pm

Cost: \$80, includes bus, box lunch, tours of the Basilica of the National Shrine and John Paul II Center Mss and Dinner

Information: 215/587-0551 or sradams@adphia.org

Stewardship

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will espouse you to me forever; I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy; I will espouse you in fidelity, and you shall know the Lord. Hosea 2:21-22

Stewardship is an expression of discipleship with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be.

A Family Perspective

Today's readings liken God's love for us to the intimacy of the marriage relationship. As spouses and families we pray that we will not only practice the external rituals of the faith but will allow God's Word of justice, love, mercy and fidelity to be "written on our hearts".

Women's Club News

Women's Club Meeting

Women's Club Meeting – This Sunday, February 26th, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on joining us! All are welcome.

Spaghetti Dinner

Please remember to mark your calendars with the Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Women's Club on Saturday, March 18th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's School Hall. Hope to see you there.

Dinner will consist of Spaghetti w/meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread and ice cream for dessert. The price is \$8.00/adults, \$4.00/children 5 to 12, under 5, children are free.

In conjunction with the Spaghetti Dinner, there will be a Bake Table, our Theme Baskets Table and also we will be chancing off \$500. Chances for the \$500 Drawing were mailed to all Parishioners. Thank you in advance for your support.

