

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, March 4th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Michael Shesko (Bob & Frances Shesko)

Euch. Minister Catanese
Lector Patrick

Sunday, March 5th, 2006, 10:30 AM

Mary Sandoski (Sandoski & Catanese Families)

Euch. Ministers Swinty & Hillman
Lector Phillip

Masses for the week of March 5th, 2006 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted.

Tuesday	4 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal
	7 pm	Kitty Magala (Melvin & Rose Marie Neff)
*Friday	9 am	Anthony DiObilda (Ann Kornet and Family)
*Saturday	9 am	Raymond J. Pendyck (Frances & George Warihay)

Saturday, March 11th, 2006, 6:30 AM

John, Anna & Augusta Saska
(Bob & Ann Hamilton Family)

Euch. Minister Johnson
Lector Elaine

***Sunday, March 12th, 2006, 10:30 AM**

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace & Family)

Euch. Ministers Claypoole & Bugar
Lector Frank

* Days of the Annual Forty Hours Devotion

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. Among the recently Deceased, we remember Monsignor J. Clement Bennington. 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, March 4th, shortly after the Evening Mass. Likewise, next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 11th, shortly after the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Bishop's Pastoral Visit

This 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.

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.

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.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

Rachel's vineyard Retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the compassion of God, grieve your loss, as well as

forgive yourself and others. The next retreat will be conducted on March 10th, 11th, and 12th at Immaculata, PA. For full information, kindly call 610/399-0890. All contacts are strictly confidential.

Books For The Bayou

Thank you for your generosity and overwhelming response to the Bishop Shanahan Critics Club Book Drive. Due to the large number of books already received, additional books will not be accepted after March 11th. The school library will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for drop off. Again, thank you in behalf of the New Orleans Public Library System.

Spring Auction and Restaurant Fair

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will be hosting their 19th Annual Spring Auction and Restaurant Fair on Saturday, March 25th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the school facilities. Chester County artist Richard Bollinger will be on hand to sign his prints. Tickets are \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple and include admission to the auction, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. For tickets and added information, call the school's Advancement Office at 610/343-6206. Be assured that walk-ins are welcome!

Stewardship 1st Sunday in Lent

"Make known to me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths."
Psalms 25:4

As stewards, how often throughout the day, do we seek to find Jesus in our everyday actions? Stewardship means committing one's very self to the Lord. Reflect on your everyday circumstances to find Jesus in all that we are and do.

Respect For Life 1st Sunday in Lent

In our service of charity, *we must be inspired and distinguished by a specific attitude*: we must care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible. (John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, No. 87)

Women's Club News

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.