

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 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

Masses for the week of March 12th, 2006 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as noted:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Kitty Magala (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)
	7 pm	Tillie Frantz (Michael & Andrea Sullivan)
Wednesday	9 am	Charles Bannon (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)
Thursday	9 am	Parishioners
Friday	9 am	Parishioners
Saturday	9 am	Parishioners

Saturday, March 18th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Tillie Frantz (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Euch. Minister Krupansky
Lector Sara

Sunday, March 19th, 2006, 10:30 AM

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

Euch. Ministers M. Nesbitt & J. Nesbitt
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, 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, Bunny Jordan and Mary Benkovich. Among the recently Deceased, we remember Monsignor James Molloy. 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 11th, shortly after the Evening Mass. Likewise, next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 18th, shortly after the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Lenten Communal Penance Service

Our five Parishes of Cluster 42 will jointly hold a Lenten Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11th, in St. Cecilia Church, East Chestnut Street & North Sixth Avenue. Several priests will be available for the individual hearing of confessions. Please circle the date on your calendar and plan to participate in this Sacrament of Jesus' Forgiveness prior to the celebration of Easter.

Special Collection This Weekend

Please be reminded that the Second Collection this weekend is earmarked for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, as described by Cardinal Justin F. Rigali in his letter last weekend. Spiritually rich but desperately poor, our African brothers and sisters have an extraordinary need for our support and assistance at this moment in their history. Your spontaneous contribution to this appeal would be greatly appreciated.

Eucharist Forty Hours Devotion

The three days of our Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion conclude today (Sunday) with a Solemn Service of Prayer, Procession and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. Following this Service, a very modest Lenten Supper will be served in the School Hall, to which all participants are warmly invited. Throughout the day, our Church will be open, encouraging your visits before the Blessed Sacrament in Exposition. Come into the presence of the Eucharistic Church upon our altar, who in His love ever yearns to reach out to each one of us.

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.

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.

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!

Lenten Day of Recollection

You are cordially invited to come and spend a day with the Lord at St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, on Wednesday, April 5th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Bring a friend. The cost for the day is \$25.00 per person, including lunch. To register, you may call the Center at 610/942-4166.

Attention, Teenagers!

You are invited to a Christian Rock Experience on Saturday, March 25th, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., at Neumann College. It will be a night of music and prizes. Tickets are \$8.00 advanced sale, and \$10.00 at the door. All proceeds will benefit City Team Ministry. For more information, please visit www.oyya.org and click on Delaware Vicariate. This event is being sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Springfield, and the office for Youth and Young Adults.

First Holy Communion Class

We happily acknowledge the presence of our two dozen first communicants-to-be and their families at this Sunday morning's Mass, as they take part in a brief Ceremony of Enrollment. Our prayers and thoughts go out to these youngsters with the hope that their love and appreciation for the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will grow ever deeper with their every reception of the Bread of Life. Indeed, we look forward to the beautiful sacramental event of First Communion in the Parish on Sunday, May 7th.

Catholic Charities Appeal Announcement

Our Faith calls us to love of God and love of our brothers and sisters. As we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ during this season of Lent, prayerfully reflect on your response to the needs of the less fortunate members of our community.

As the 2006 Catholic Charities Appeal approaches, please be aware of the thousands of individuals in our region who depend on the many ministries supported by the Catholic Charities Appeal.

To find out more about how you can assist with the 2006 Catholic Charities Appeal contact the Appeal office at 215/587-3651 or visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

Stewardship *2nd Sunday in Lent*

“What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?” Romans 8:31-32

Stewardship allows us to examine our consciences and to conduct an inventory of all the gifts we have received from a good and gracious God. We, as Catholics, need to be honest about our commitment to stewardship as a way of life, Is this something we really believe in, or are we just along for the ride?

Respect For Life *2nd Sunday in Lent*

Truly great must be the value of human life if the Son of God has taken it up and made it the instrument of the salvation of all humanity! (John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, No. 33)

