

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 25th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Marie Pietschmann (Bob & Frances Shesko)

Euch. Minister Lasak, Jr.
Lector Bill

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

Confirmation Class

Euch. Ministers Catanese & Johnson
Lector Kathy

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

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Kitty Magala (Anne Reshey)
	4 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal (in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church)
	7 pm	Tillie Frantz (Harold & Mary Frances Johnson)
Wednesday	9 am	Kitty Magala (Andrew & Ann Cigas)
Thursday	9 am	Jacki Bugar (Brother Gerald & her Sisters)
Friday	9 am	Parishioners
Saturday	9 am	Parishioners

Saturday, April 1st, 2006, 6:30 PM

Kitty Magala (Kathleen & Roger Richards)

Euch. Minister M. Nesbitt
Lector Elaine

Sunday, April 2nd, 2006, 10:30 AM

Michael & Margaret Sushinski (Agnes Sushinski)

Euch. Ministers Bugar & 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, Bunny Jordan and Mary Benkovich. 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 25th, shortly after the Evening Mass. Likewise, next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 1st, shortly after the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

St. Joseph's Finance Committee Meeting

The meeting of the Finance Committee scheduled for March 29th, 2006 has been changed to Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Kindly mark your calendars. Agenda and Minutes will be mailed to members next week. I hope the change will be convenient for all members.

Ann Cigas, Chairperson

Sacrament of Confirmation

This Sunday, March 26th, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael Burbidge, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, who presides at our 10:30 a.m. Mass, during which he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to forty-five of our young parishioners. We extend hearty congratulations to our confirmands

on this significant sacramental event, which brings the fullest effects of Pentecost into their lives and completes their membership in the Church. May the Holy Spirit enrich the newly confirmed with His wisdom, strength, courage and love!

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.

Change of Mass Time on Palm Sunday and An Invitation

On Palm Sunday, April 9th, our Solemn Procession and Mass will be offered at 10:45 a.m., fifteen minutes later than usual, to allow Father John to complete the same sacred ceremonies at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and then make his way over to conduct the ritual of the day at St. Joseph Church. Thank you for accommodating your schedule to this slight change.

The school age children of our Parish are invited to participate in Palm Sunday's Solemn Procession, which occurs near the beginning of the Liturgy. Each will be provided with appropriate items to carry in the procession. We ask that the youngsters report to Mr. Frank Lasak, Jr. no later than 10:25 in the rear of church for necessary instruction.

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. 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.

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! "ORB contributions may be placed in the specially marked container found in the rear of church".

Religious Composer Returns To Philadelphia Area

John Michael Talbot, considered by many to be the most well known Catholic musician of our time, is returning to the Philadelphia area for a concert of his music and song. He will be in concert at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 10th, in St. Ephrem Church, 5400 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. Please send a self addressed, stamped envelope, with a check or money order made out to "St. Ephrem Church", reflecting the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Treat yourself to a type of "mini-retreat" with John Michael Talbot. For more information regarding this outstanding composer and his music, visit his website: www.johnmichaeltalbot.com.

High School Wrestling Program

Bishop Shanahan Wrestling Team will conduct a summer camp at Lehigh University for boys, grades 9-12. All skill levels are wanted for the 2006-2007 season. The candidate must attend Bishop Shanahan High School or be an enrolled incoming freshman. If interested, contact Mark Michaels at 610/383-5876.

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.

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.

Benefit Car Wash

A Car Wash will be held at the Parkesburg Wal-Mart on Saturday, April 8th, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the building of the Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. Please contact Scott or Kristen Donaldson at 610/466-0550 with any questions. Thank you!

CACES Cheerleading Try-Outs

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will be conducting Cheerleading Try-outs for Varsity and Junior Varsity on April 3rd, 5th and 7th, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., in North Brandywine School. If you have questions, kindly contact Kathy Lafferty at 610/857-2006.

Help Wanted at The Abbey

The Daylesford Abbey's Spirituality Center, 220 Valley Road, Paoli, has two part-time positions open: Housekeeper, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (references and transportation needed; looking for a dependable person who can work independently) and Kitchen-support (dish washer), weekdays and weekends, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (references and transportation needed; assisting cook with preparation of meals, responsible for the set-up and clean -up of kitchen, be willing to take direction and work as a team, pleasant and friendly to retreatants). Contact Linda at 610/647-2530, extension 135 or at lindachristopher@daylesford.org.

Stewardship

4th Sunday in Lent

“But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God”. John 3:21

A commitment to stewardship should influence our most basic choices. A commitment to stewardship as a way of life should have an impact on everything we choose to do – no exceptions.

Respect For Life

4th Sunday in Lent

To love another person is to see the face of God.
(Victor Hugo, *Les Miserables*)

Women's Club News

Thank you to all of the parishioners who came to our Spaghetti dinner on Saturday. We had a wonderful time with family and friends who enjoyed a delicious meal and baked goods, too! Thank you to all who baked treats, donated baskets, purchased \$500 chances and helped with the setting ups, cooking, serving dinner, and cleaning up. Once again, we had a great success and we appreciate all of you for your continued support and dedication!

Spaghetti Dinner Winners

Congratulations to all!!

\$500.00 - Joanne Krupansky

Theme Baskets

Children's Basket - donated by the Barnes Family

Winner - Hope Family

Avon Basket - donated by Clair Hardy

Winner - Michnuk Family

Kitchen Basket - donated by Frances Shesko

Winner - Pat Babcock

Children's Basket - donated by Kathy Castle

Winner - Beth Ann Hackmeister

Night at the Movies - donated by Kelly Bartel

Winner - Ann Cigas