

# 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, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:30 PM**

*Vera & George Lahm (Gerry & Lew Branson)*

Lector Patrick  
Euch. Minister Catanese

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 10:30 AM**

*Andrew Shesko (Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)*

Lector Frank  
Euch. Ministers Johnson & Claypoole

Masses for the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

**Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 4:00 PM**

*Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal  
(In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church)*

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:30 PM**

*James Franciscus  
(Havard & Kathleen Franciscus Family)*

Lector Elaine  
Euch. Minister Swinty

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:30 AM**

*Joseph Wasko (Anniversary)  
(Wife & Children)*

Lector Kathleen  
Euch. Ministers Bugar & Hillman

## Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Janet Yost, Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Joanne Krupansky, Bertha Amole, Helen Collins, Joseph Yankech, III, Joseph Salada, Michael Kozacheson, Joseph Dougherty, Josephine Regener, Chelsea Osborne, Steffie Levenite, Robert Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Elmer Dunn, Stephen Jordan, Mary Benkovich, Mimi Sushinski, Robert Shesko, Peter Michalski, Margaret Florian, Michelle Maher, John Rider, Sue Dunlap, John Cisarik, Millie Harvey, Father Francis Mulranen, Pastor of St. Cecilia Church, Sheila Van Zanten, Jessie Ryan, Rose Michnuk, James Allen, Nick Kousisis, Sister Roberts, C.M.S. and Sue Dunlap. Also, we pray for the well being of our U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. May God hold them safely in the palm of His hand.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

## Check-Out Your Mail

Father John and the Parish Finance committee have an important letter coming to your mailbox concerning the monthly school subsidy collection. Your donation to this cause takes on added significance since the opening of our new regional Catholic elementary school. Please don't overlook this important communication, but give it a careful reading when it arrives. Thank you!

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

The Catholic Relief Services Collection asks American Catholics to see Jesus in disguise in the faces of the poor, the hungry and disadvantaged, and to support ongoing efforts to meet the increasing need of the Church's international social services outreach. In addressing today's global realities, resources raised by the annual collection make possible much needed humanitarian aid to people, especially children, suffering in the face of conflict in places like Sudan, Israel, Palestine and other war-torn nations. The funds raised provide emergency relief, refugee resettlement, disaster assistance and legal services for poor immigrants in different regions of the world. This year's collection will be taken up as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. We would be very grateful for your generous response.

## Religious Studies

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will be hosting two separate sessions of the Seminary's Catechetical Institute later this month and continuing through March. The first session meets on January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, dealing on the topic: "The Person of Jesus". The second session meets on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, dealing on the topic: "Foundations of the Church". For full information and registration, kindly contact St. Charles Seminary at 610/785-6287.

## Night At The Movies

The Congrega of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, will sponsor A Night At The Movies, featuring "March of the Penguins" on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Church Hall. Anyone who is interested in attending is asked to call Lorraine Eagles at 610/873-3797. Refreshments will be served.

## A Day of Penance and Prayer

This Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, marks the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion in our country. Our bishops have directed that, in their respective dioceses, a day of penance and prayer be observed. All the faithful are encouraged to take part. Suggested activities include attendance at Mass; some deed of penance, such as fasting; a sacrificial or charitable act; individual or family prayer as reparation for sins against life. The late Pope John Paul II has stated; "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world (imploring) the Power from on High to break down the walls of lies and deceit which conceal from the sight of so many the evil practices and laws which are hostile to life."

## Additional Pro-Life Activities

The *Chester County March for Life* will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, gathering in front of St. Agnes Church, New & Gay Streets, West Chester. Featured speakers include Colin Hanna, Monsignor Joseph Marino and Pastor Dan Wagner. Music will be provided by Jason & Emily Buck. In case of inclement weather, the program will be conducted inside St. Agnes Church.

A *Prayer Walk & Life Chain* will take place in front of the Planned Parenthood facilities, W. Market & S. Wayne Sts., West Chester, at 11:55 a.m., on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Signs will be provided for the walk to the Chester County Courthouse, High & Market Sts, after which silent prayer will be observed along the sidewalk until 12:45 p.m.

For more information, please call the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition at 610/692-4463.

## Volunteers Needed For An Area English Program

The Volunteer English Program In Chester County will sponsor a three-session, nine-hour, training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be held at Keshet Israel Congregation, 1000 Pottstown Pike, West Chester, on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>,

and Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (A snow date of Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> is also reserved.) For more information about this exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222.

## Vigil For Life

Helpers of God's Precious Infants is a local Catholic initiative promoting the sanctity of life. On a monthly basis, they conduct a Vigil for Life which all are invited to attend. The vigil opens with the offering of Mass at 8:00 a.m. in Saint Agnes Church, West Chester, followed by a Rosary Pilgrimage to the Planned Parenthood facilities a few blocks away. The next Vigil for Life is scheduled for Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Father Matthew Guckin as the celebrant of the Mass. For more information, kindly contact Jack & Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

## Prayer For Life

*Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation  
with splendor and beauty,  
and fashion human lives  
in your image and likeness.  
Awaken in every heart reverence  
for the work of your hands,  
and renew among your people  
a readiness to nurture and sustain  
your precious gift of life.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your son, who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and every.  
Amen.*

## Alpha is Coming

"I was a solid Christian but searching for direction. Alpha made me more focused and gave me more zeal. The week on 'What about the Church?' really was a light bulb moment. It gave me an idea of what I was missing by trying to go it alone. It renewed my prayer life and made me excited about my faith again. This was a fabulous program." So states an enthusiastic participant of the Alpha Program being conducted at St. Cecilia Church. You are invited to join the group on Tuesdays, from 6:30 till 9:15 p.m., in an experience featuring a free dinner (optional) a video and interactive discussion. For more information, call Ellen at 610/384-7160 or email [ecerritelli@comcasst.net](mailto:ecerritelli@comcasst.net). Bring a questioning relative or friend. The Alpha Group would love to have you!

## Enjoy a Dinner Favorite

The Coatesville Area Senior Center, 22 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, will host a Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on Wednesday of this week, January 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children, and free to youngsters under three. Treat your self to a delicious, all-time dinner favorite. Questions? Contact the Center at 610/383-6900.