

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.

Sunday, February 4th, 2007, 10:30 AM

Edith Wasko (The Yankech Family)

Lector Kathy
Euch. Ministers M. Nesbitt & J. Nesbitt

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 Roberta, C.M.S, Michael Hracho. Among the recently Deceased: we remember Ann Callahan. 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 Saturday, January 27th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 4th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Did you remember your "little green envelope?"

Blessing of Throats

Saturday of this week, February 3rd, marks the Feast of Saint Blaise, who was believed to have been martyred for his Christian faith during the persecution of the Emperor Licinius in the early 4th century. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and has long been associated with the healing of throats. A very old tradition credits the Saint with dislodging a fishbone from the throat of a child who was on the verge of choking to death. In keeping with this intervention, the Church offers the opportunity of having one's throat blessed through the intercession of Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, on or near his feast. Next weekend, February 3rd & 4th, therefore, the ritual blessing of throats will be imposed immediately after the Saturday masses and the Sunday Mass upon all who wish to receive it. Saint Blaise, pray for us!

Special Collection

The Second Collection next weekend, February 3rd & 4th, will be the annual appeal in support of the aged, infirm and convalescent priests of the Archdiocese residing at Villa Saint

Saturday, January 27th, 2007, 6:30 PM

James Franciscus
(Havard & Kathleen Franciscus Family)

Lector Elaine
Euch. Minister Swinty

Sunday, January 28th, 2007, 10:30 AM

Joseph Wasko (Anniversary)
(Wife & Children)

Lector Kathleen
Euch. Ministers Bugar & Hillman

Masses for the week of January 28th, 2007 will be offered in St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	John & Cecilia Oulds (Father Oulds)
Tuesday	9 am	Deceased members of the Buczkowski Family (Father John)
	4 pm	Eucharist Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal (In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church)
Wednesday	9 am	Joseph & Anna Hasieber (Father Joe)
Thursday	9 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	9 am	The Sick and Infirm of our Parish Family
Saturday	9 am	The Physical and Spiritual Well-being of the Children of our Parish Family

Saturday, February 3rd, 2007, 6:30 PM

Parishioners

Lector Patrick
Euch. Minister Krupansky

Joseph, Darby and Regina Coeli Residence, Warminster. Through lives of pastoral service, our priests have mediated God's presence and His grace to us and our world. In parishes, schools and institutions, our priests have served, so that we might experience the enduring kindness of our loving God. Illness or age has compelled some of our priests to withdraw from active ministry; yet these same priests continue to serve the faithful of the Archdiocese through lives of intensified prayer, sacrifice and holiness. May God bless you for your generous response to fund the care of our older priests.

An Invitation For Married Couples

Attention all married couples! You are cordially invited to a free Romantic Dinner on February 24th, at 7:00 p.m., in the St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center, Wayne, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Come and enjoy a quiet, romantic dinner for two and find out what a Marriage Encounter Weekend is all about. To make your dinner reservation, call John & Barbara Lerro at 610/647-1493. This invitation is extended to the first twenty married couples who respond.

Athletic Program Tryouts

Youngsters from the Parish, enrolled in our parochial school or CCD Program, are invited to tryout for the following CYO sports teams:

Baseball Tryouts on March 5th & March 7th at North Brandywine School for 5th & 6th graders from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., for 7th & 8th graders from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

Softball Tryouts on March 5th, 6th & 7th at South Brandywine School for 5th & 6th graders from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., for 7th & 8th graders from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Track Tryouts on March 1st and March 5th at South Brandywine School for 4th through 8th graders (all are welcome). For times, contact the Athletic Director.

Any questions? Please call John Lafferty, Athletic Director at 610/212-7318.

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 31st, February 7th, 14th, and 21st, dealing on the topic: "The Person of Jesus". The second session meets on March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, 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 17th Avenue, will sponsor A Night At The Movies, featuring "March of the Penguins" on Tuesday, January 30th, 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.

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 5th; Wednesday, February 7th; and Monday, February 12th, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (A snow date of Thursday, February 15th 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 3rd, with Father Matthew Guckin as the celebrant of the Mass. For more information, kindly contact Jack & Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

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. Bring a questioning relative or friend. The Alpha Group would love to have you!

Call For Nominations:

Shrine Establishes Saint Rita National Peace Award

The National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia, located at 1166 South Broad Street in Philadelphia, announces the inauguration this year of "The Saint Rita National Peace Award". The award is being established as a means to recognize and celebrate men and women in society who proclaim the message of generous forgiveness and reconciliation, in imitation of Saint Rita's own example of pardoning the assassins of her husband and reconciling opposing families. The award will be presented at the annual Peace Banquet to be held during the Solemn Novena in preparation for Saint Rita's Feast in May. The public is invited to recommend nominees for the award, giving a brief but complete explanation for the nomination, with contact information where possible. Nominations for this year's award are due by March 15, 2007. For more information contact Fr. Michael DiGregoria, O.S.A. at 215/546-8333 or by email at ritashrine@aol.com or visit www.saintritashrine.org.