

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 3rd, 2007, 6:30 PM

Mary Sandoski (Kathy & Michael Catanese)

Lector Patrick
Euch. Minister Claypoole

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

Edith Wasko (A Friend)

Lector Sara
Euch. Ministers Hillman & Krupansky

Masses for the week of March 4th, 2007 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Tuesday, March 6th, 2007, 7:00 PM

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 10th, 2007, 6:30 PM

Thomas Kubala (Wife & Daughters)

Lector Phyllis
Euch. Minister Johnson

Sunday, March 11th, 2007, 10:30 AM

Luigi Baldini (Wife & Children)

Lector Kathleen
Euch. Ministers Catanese & Lasak, Jr.

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, 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, Sister Roberta, C.M.S., and Pauline Howell. Among the recently Deceased: we remember Nick Kousisis. 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, March 4th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 10th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Did you remember the "little green envelope" today? We need your support!

Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

St. Joseph Church will conduct their Annual Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion on Friday, March 9th; Saturday, March 10th; Sunday, March 11th. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the close of Mass each morning, continue throughout the day and conclude with a 5:00 p.m. Service on Friday, a Rite of Blessing prior to the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and a 4:00 p.m. Service with Procession and Benediction on Sunday. Immediately following the Sunday Service, a hearty Lenten Supper will be served in the Parish School Hall to which all participants are cordially invited. Come; offer homage to Jesus, the Living Bread, in your visits before the Blessed Sacrament or in your attendance at the ceremonies of the Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion.

Special Collection on March 10th & 11th

The Second Collection on the weekend of March 10th & 11th is earmarked to benefit the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The Church in Africa is the fastest growing part of the Universal Church. It is also the neediest part of our family of faith. The Church in Africa is spiritually rich, but desperately poor. Over 70% of our African brothers and sisters live on less than \$2 per day. This poverty cripples the ability of the local Church to raise sufficient funds for pastoral needs from the faithful. Our support of the Church in Africa will help meet its

current needs. As well as assist it to realize its enormous potential. A generous response to this worthy cause would be deeply appreciated.

Sacramental Meeting For Parents

Parents of the children who are preparing for First Confession and First Communion are reminded of their important meeting with Father John and Beth Ann Hackmeister at 6:30 p.m. this Sunday, March 4th, in the Parish School. Information regarding these First Sacraments will be shared with the candidates' parents, hopefully bringing additional meaning and beauty to these very significant Parish events.

Volunteers For Our Dedication Committee

We are forming a special Committee from the Five Parishes of our Cluster to handle arrangements for the Dedication of our new Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. Cardinal Justin Rigali will be officiating at the Dedication on Saturday morning, April 14th. If you would like to volunteer for service on this Dedication Committee, please contact Father John at 610/384-1172 as soon as possible, Thank you!

Holy Rosary Early Learning Center

Holy Rosary Early Learning Center, 80 South 17th Avenue, is holding a consignment sale on Friday, March 23rd, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and on Saturday, March 24th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you are interested in selling your gently used children's clothing, toys and other child/baby related items, please contact Carol Moyer at 610/380-0277.

Longaberger Basket Bingo

On March 30th the new Pope John Paul II regional Catholic Elementary School will host a Longaberger Basket Bingo. This fundraiser will benefit the Home & School Association which covers expenses for several activities throughout the school year such as: Catholic Schools Week, Fun Day, 8th Grade and Kindergarten graduations, just to name a few. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and games start at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, which includes cards, door prizes and 20 games of regular bingo. There will be special games, raffles, 50/50 and extra bingo cards for sale. Come hungry! There will be plenty of food and drinks for sale. All baskets will be generously filled. Contact Candy Whitehead at 610/384-0685 or Patrice Arvay at 610/942-4114 with any questions or to purchase tickets.

MOM – Heart of the Home: Day of Renewal

Moms of all ages, are you looking for a way to strengthen your relationship with God? On Saturday, March 17th the Chester County Chapter of MOM – Heart of the Home will offer a Day of Renewal at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Moms of all ages are invited to enjoy inspirational speakers, individual reflections and the company of other moms. This day will give you time to reflect on your vocation of motherhood while replenishing your spirit. Registration is \$20.00 and includes a boxed lunch. There are three ways to register: Pick-up a registration form at the back of Church, download a form at www.mom-heartofthehome.org, contact Colleen Gallagher at 610/269-0304 or colpgal@comcast.net. The theme of this year's Day of Renewal is "Be Still and Know That I Am God". Do plan to join us.

Vicariate Holy Hour for Vocations

St. Joseph Church, 338 Manor Avenue, Downingtown will host the Chester County Vicariate Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood on Friday, March 30th, at 7:00 p.m. The hour will consist of prayer, homily and some reflections from students of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on their own vocation. Everyone is invited to attend the Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. This is also an opportunity for a young man who is discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood to meet the Vocation Director; Father Christopher Rogers will be available to answer any questions a possible Seminary candidate might have.

Stations of The Cross Devotion

During the Lenten Season, the usual Miraculous Medal Novena is suspended on Saturday immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in favor of the Stations of the Cross Devotion in the Church where the Mass was offered. This traditional, moving Devotion has us walk the Via Dolorosa ("Sorrowful Way") with Jesus during the final hours of His life, making it especially appropriate for Lent.

A Special Lenten Program of Conferences

Please circle the dates of Monday, March 26th; Tuesday, March 27th and Wednesday March 28th, on your "to do" calendar. On these evenings, at 7 o'clock, Guest Speaker Father Dan Sullivan will be on hand in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church to present a trio of conferences entitled "The Faces of Christ". These will be presentations of spiritual substance in keeping with the Lenten Season and the approach of Holy Week. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Shanahan Restaurant Fair and Auction

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, is sponsoring "A Knight to Remember", a Restaurant Fair and Auction, on March 24th, starting at 6:00 p.m. The festivities will include feasting on fine dishes offered by generous businesses and silent competitions for the country's finest merchandise. There will also be social merriment and good conversation. Admission is \$30.00 per person. Proceeds will support technological advances throughout the school. For reservations and information, kindly call 610/343-6238.

Liturgy of the Hours: A Call to Prayer

offered by Sister Joan Noreen, O.L.M.E.

7:30 pm Tuesdays March 13, 20 & 27
640 East Main Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508

Learn the spirituality and history of Liturgy of the Hours, the Prayer of the Church. Become familiar with the Book of Psalms, the heart of the Liturgy of the Hours. Understand the ritual of the Liturgy of the Hours book.

SEATING IS LIMITED. ATTENDANCE BY REGISTRATION ONLY

For more information Call 610/582-3333