

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 31st, 2007, 6:30 PM

Christopher Breuninger (Kathy & Michael Catanese)

Lectors Patrick & Phyllis
Euch. Minister Lasak, Jr.

Sunday, April 1st, 2007, 10:45 AM

Rose Michnuk (Ray & Sue Pawlowski)

Lectors Frank & Kathy
Euch. Ministers Swinty & Catanese

Masses for the week of April 1st, 2007, will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2007, 7:00 PM

Michael Hracho (Terry & Pauline Adams)

Friday, April 6th, 2007, 7:30 PM

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

Saturday, April 7th, 2007, 7:30 PM

Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy (Parishioners)

Lector Kathleen & Elaine
Euch. Minister All Ministers

Sunday, April 8th, 2007, 10:30 AM

For the Deceased in the Hamilton, Saska and Orsag Families (Ann & Bob Hamilton)

Lector Patrick
Euch. Ministers Krupansky & Bugar

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, James Allen, Sister Roberta, C.M.S, Pauline Howell, Father Arthur Szela, Ron Bannister and Brenda McDonald. 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.

Opportunities For Confession

Confessions will be heard this Sunday, April 1st, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Similarly, confessions will be heard on Tuesday, April 3rd, from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., prior to the Lenten Evening Mass.

Several priests will be available for the hearing of confessions on Wednesday, April 4th, at a 7:00 p.m. Lenten Communal Prayer Service in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. The Service itself will be based on the Stations of the Cross, with each station consisting of an element for an appropriate examination of conscience.

In addition, from 8:20 to 8:50 a.m., prior the Morning Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (April 2nd, 3rd & 4th), confessions will be heard in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Seize one of these penitential moments in preparation for the Easter Feast.

Easter Collection

The collection taken at Easter is one of the most significant of the year. With expenses increasing from all sides, it is critical that our Parish and its related good works be the object of your thoughtful generosity. God love you for your anticipated kindness to St. Joseph Church.

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion

Palm, ancient symbol of glory and victory, is being blessed and distributed at this weekend's Masses, March 31st & April 1st. It is customarily placed with religious wall art or a crucifix in the home, and on the graves of loved ones at the cemetery. Holy Week is now underway.

Holy Thursday

Mass is not celebrated on Holy Thursday morning, April 5th. The combined congregation from both West End Catholic Parishes will gather in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church that evening at 7:00 for the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper. Both Churches will be open for visits before the Blessed Sacrament in the Repository immediately following Mass until 12:00 midnight.

Good Friday

Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday, April 6th. Instead, each West End Catholic Church will have the Solemn Liturgical Service of the Lord's Passion and Death: at 3:00 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. The Veneration of the Cross and Distribution of Holy Communion will take place at these respective Services. Both Churches will open at 9:00 a.m. and remain open throughout the morning and afternoon for visits before the Blessed Sacrament in the Repository.

An Ecumenical Way of the Cross Service will be conducted on the streets of Coatesville, beginning at 12:00 noon. Participants are requested to assemble at 11:45 a.m. in the parking area adjacent to St. Cecilia Church. This Good Friday event will be moved indoors in the event of unsuitable weather.

Holy Saturday

Mass is not celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, April 7th. Also, please note the change of time for the Evening Mass, since the Liturgy must begin after sunset. The combined congregation from both West End Catholic Parishes will gather in St. Joseph Church that night at 7:30 for the Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy, which includes the Service of Light, the Service of Water and the Distribution of Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, April 8th, Festive Masses will be offered at 8:00 and 9:45 a.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, and at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church. On that day, all Masses will feature the renewal of Baptismal promises. Children attending the 10:30 a.m. Mass are invited to bring their Easter baskets with them to church for a special Post-Communion blessing. A little sweet treat will be added to each youngster's basket at the time of the blessing.

Blessing of The First Foods of Easter

In accord with the venerable Eastern European tradition, the blessing of baskets containing the first foods of Easter will take place on Holy Saturday, April 7th, at 2:30 p.m., in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Children's Easter baskets, too, will be blessed at this time. Let us keep this beautiful custom alive in our homes!

Special Collections

The *Operation Rice Bowl Campaign* concludes with Lent's end. The collection at Mass on Holy Thursday will benefit this worthy cause, which seeks to alleviate hunger both locally and worldwide. Your donation could be made, also, at Easter in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and indicating the donor's name. Thank you!

Over the years, the collection taken at the Services on Good Friday has been directed to the support of the *Holy Places in Palestine*, thus providing the Franciscan Friars with the financial means to maintain these sacred sites associated with our Church in its infancy. Also, these funds assist the Friars in running a program of social and charitable outreach to the needy peoples in the vicinity of the Holy places. A special envelope is contained in the boxed sets for this purpose. Again, thank you!

Community Summer Camp Program

Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will be hosting a Community Summer Camp Program throughout the summer. It will be open to all students in the community in kindergarten through grade 8. The camp will be held, rain or shine, at our air-conditioned indoor/outdoor facility. Camp will include a variety of activities including, but not limited to: soccer, volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, cooking, science, computer skills and much more. Brochures and registration forms are available on the web page, www.popejohnpaul2sch.org. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Terry Altschuler at 610/384-5961, extension 5410.

Archdiocesan Boychoir Concert

The Archdiocesan Boychoir of Philadelphia presents

"A Palm Sunday Concert"

Featuring Sacred Holy Week Music

Sunday, April 1st, 3:00 PM

St. John the Baptist Church
146 Rector Street
Philadelphia, PA 19127

Adults - \$10.00, Seniors & Students - \$8.00

Recommended for children over six years of age.

Call 215/796-2715 or 610/326-7041 for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

We are proud and happy to acknowledge that two of our younger parishioners are members of this distinguished boychoir John Paul and Thomas Gies.

Notice From St. Cecilia Cemetery

Those with loved ones at rest in St. Cecilia Parish Cemetery are requested to remove any Christmas grave decorations by Sunday, April 1st, if they wish to keep them for future use. After April 1st, the seasonal decorations will be removed by the groundskeeper. Thank you for your compliance.

Volunteer 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, April 23; Thursday, April 26; and Monday, April 30, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. For more information about this exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222.

Daylesford Abbey Annual Art Show

The 35th Annual Daylesford Abbey Art Exhibit will be held on Sunday, April 15 through Sunday, April 29, 2007. Among the 75 juried artists exhibiting in varied media will be Josephine Tsai of Media, PA an internationally recognized Chinese artist. The exhibit will be open 1 PM to 4 PM weekdays and 1 PM to 5 PM Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is free. For more information visit our website at www.daylesford.org or contact Daylesford Abbey at 610/647-2530 ext 181.

Aid For Friends

Aid For Friends is in need of two volunteers to deliver meals to shut-ins in Honey Brook Proper and also to the Tel Hai Retirement Community in the vicinity of Honey

Brook. If you are able to assist, please call Ellen at 610/384-7160 or email ecerritelli@comcast.net. Thank you.

Choir Practice Schedule

There will be no choir practice for the children's choir for the next two Mondays – April 2nd and April 9th. The next practice for the children will be held Monday, April 16th to prepare for singing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on April 22nd.

The adult choir will have practice at 7:00 p.m. on April 2nd. There will be no practice on Monday, April 9th.

Susan Sandoski
Choir Director

MS Walk For Research

The family of Chris Claypoole will be doing the MS Walk For Research on April 22, 2007. Anyone interested in making a donation to this worthy cause, please call Chris at 610/857-4196 or Mary Frances Johnson at 610/384-6427.

Walk-A-Thon 2007

The fifth annual Paces Walk-a-Thon will be held on Sunday, April 29th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Bishop Shanahan High School. Last year was another great success; over \$50,000 was raised for your school. Please show your support again this year by sponsoring a child, volunteering your time at the walk, donating prizes or baked goods. This year is extra special, or course, due to our dream of a new school becoming a reality. There are also opportunities for advertising your business. Contact Candy Whitehead at 610/384-0685 for more information on how you can get involved in this fun event.

