

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.

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.

The daily 9:00 a.m. Masses of this coming week will be held at St. Joseph Church.

Saturday, April 4th, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew F. Cigas (School Community)

Sunday, April 5th, 2009 10:45 AM

Edward & Mary Reardon (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)

4/06 9:00 am Steve Kocik (Andrew & Eleanor Michinok)
4/07 9:00 am William Oleszek (Lisa & Scott Hillman)
4/07 7:00 pm Pauline Howell (Michael & Kathy Catanese)
4/08 9:00 am Jennie & Marshall Esworthy (John Mihalak)
4/09 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (in St. Stanislaus
Kostka Church)
4/10 7:00 pm Service of the Lord's Passion and Death

Saturday, April 11th, 2009 7:30 PM

Solemn Easter Vigil
Parishioners

Sunday, April 12th, 2009 10:30 AM

Hamilton & Saska Family Deceased (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Joseph Yankech III, Joseph Salada, Joseph Dougherty, Robert Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Mimi Sushinski, Peter Michalski, Millie Harvey, Sheila Van Zanten, James Allen, Father Arthur Szela, Brenda McDonald, Dorothy Puza, William O'Hop, Ollie Alfaro, Stella Grubb, Brian Babcock, Sandra Reczek, Michael

Harlow, Marie McBride, Father Francis Mulranen, Jim Davis, Kathy Popovich, Stephanie Roman, John Dudas, Priscilla Marshman, Laura Shesko, Helen Yankech, Devin Doyle, Margaret Simpson, Jacob Hally and Agnes Sushinski.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Louis Tomasovich.

Also, we pray for those U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. May God keep them safe in the palm of His almighty hands.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 4th, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Confessions, however, are not being scheduled for next weekend, April 11th-12th in light of the numerous opportunities listed below.

Additional Hours of Confession in Preparation for Easter

In preparation for Holy Week and Easter, confessions will be heard at the following hours:

Monday, April 6th

8:15 to 8:50 am in St. Joseph Church (prior to Mass)
7:00 to 8:00 pm in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

Tuesday, April 7th

8:15 to 8:50 am in St. Joseph Church (prior to Mass)
6:15 to 6:50 pm in St. Joseph Church (prior to Mass)

Wednesday, April 8th

8:15 to 8:50 am in St. Joseph Church (prior to Mass)
4:45 to 5:20 pm in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (prior to
Mass)

7:00 to 8:00 pm in St. Joseph Church

The Sacrament of Reconciliation should be one of the highlights of your experience of Lent. "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel", we were mandated on Ash Wednesday. Bring that mandate to fulfillment by going to confession prior to Easter.

Special Collection This Weekend

The Second Collection this weekend, April 4th-5th, will benefit the Solidarity Fund for the Catholic Churches in Africa. Over recent years, membership in the Catholic Church has been increasing rapidly over the continent of Africa. Sadly, however, so much of Africa must deal with staggering poverty. This weekend's appeal brings financial support to the work of the Church in various African Dioceses in need. Your kindness to this worthy cause would be appreciated.

Women's Club News

March 2009 Lottery Winners

3/27/09	#772		Unsold
3/28/09	#006		Unsold
3/29/09	#446		Unsold
3/30/09	#905	\$100	Carol Franciscus (Carol Franciscus)
3/31/09	#478	\$100	Brian Manning (Ann B. Cigas) *

Congratulations to our winners! *2 time winner

Parish Memorial Fund

With deepest gratitude, we acknowledge the following for their donations to St. Joseph Church in memory of Stephen Kocik: Larry Wallace and Bob Chirinko. Thank you to our kind and thoughtful donors. May Stephen rest in peace!

Blessing of Easter Foods and Children's Baskets

Keeping alive a venerable Eastern European custom, the First Foods of Easter will be blessed for home use on Holy Saturday, April 11th at 2:30 pm in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. On the same occasion, Children's Easter Baskets will be blessed.

Children's Easter Baskets will likewise be blessed during the 10:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 12th. We will be adding a little sweet treat to their goodies in celebration of Jesus' Resurrection.

Schedule of Services for the Paschal Triduum and Easter

On Holy Thursday, April 9th, the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper with its Eucharistic Procession to the Repository will be celebrated at 7:00 pm in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church for parishioners of both West End Churches. Adoration before the Repository will conclude at 12:00 midnight.

On Good Friday, April 10th, the Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion & Death will be celebrated at 3:00 pm in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and again at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church. This service includes the Reading of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross and the Distribution of Holy Communion.

On Holy Saturday, April 11th, the Solemn Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 7:30 pm (when the sun has set) in St. Joseph Church. It is a Liturgy rich in scripture and signs, songs and symbols to mark Jesus' rising from the dead.

On Easter Sunday, April 12th, Festive Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 and 9:45 am in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, and at 10:30 am in St. Joseph Church. A special highlight is the congregation's renewal of Baptism promises and being sprinkled with blessed water at all the Masses.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again, alleluia!

Outdoor Way of the Cross Procession

On Good Friday, April 10th, at 12:00 noon, all are invited to gather in the St. Cecilia Church parking lot for an Outdoor Way of the Cross Procession on the streets of the city of Coatesville. It is a demonstration of faith by the various Christian congregations of the community on that day of days when we lift high the Cross. If the weather does not cooperate, the Service will be moved indoors. Questions? Call the Rectory Office at 610/384-0422.

New Birthright Center

Birthright is a worldwide organization whose mission is to offer assistance to women who are experiencing an unwanted or unplanned pregnancy, offering alternatives to abortion. Support and referral services are provided for the mother and young baby as needed. Volunteers are needed to work at the new Birthright Center in Coatesville, which will be opening in May. If you would like to become involved, please contact Celeste DiJohnson at 484/919-8872 or Beth Gianulio at 484/467-6992.

Clothing Drive

The Archdiocesan Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17th Avenue, on May 9th and 10th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day, to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods (bed/bath linens, pots, pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys, books, and small appliances in good working order). You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the church parking lot. Tax receipts are available upon request.

The Society also offers pick-up service for furniture, large appliances and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215/288-8160. Thank you for helping us help others.

Card Party

The Coatesville Area Senior Center will host a Card Party on Saturday, April 18th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm to benefit the activities of the Center located at 22 North 5th Avenue. Tickets are \$8 per person, which includes lunch, desserts and door prizes. Get your tickets today! Call 610/383-6900.

Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross

Cardinal Justin Rigali will lead the Stations of the Cross Devotion on Good Friday, April 10th, on the grounds of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood. All are invited to participate. Parking will be at St. Joseph University, entering on 54th Street below City Avenue. Shuttle buses will be available for transportation to/from the Seminary grounds. Candles will be provided at the Seminary (the suggested offering is \$2.00 per candle/protector). If you are planning to attend, please call Kathy Kelley at 215/965-8280 with the number expected to participate.

Seminary Summer Enrichment Program

Thinking about a summer conference or spiritual retreat? St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is offering a new summer program that combines learning the faith with spiritual reflection. Summer Academic Retreats begin in July. To learn and download a registration form, visit www.StudyCatholicTheology.com. Undergraduate certificates and a Master of Arts in Theology program are also available. Apply now for the summer session.

Operation Rice Bowl

The Lenten Operation Rice Bowl Program is an outreach of the Catholic Relief Services in an attempt to feed the hungry of the world. By placing aside a few dollars each week through eating a bit less, by the end of Lent you have a sacrificial gift for this most worthy cause. An offering envelope will be provided.

John Michael Talbot Concert

Internationally renowned Christian musician John Michael Talbot will be in concert on Friday, April 24th at 7:00 pm, in St. Madeline Church, Morton Avenue & Penn Street, Ridley Park. John Michael's concert ministry has blessed hundreds of thousands over the past thirty years, transforming many lives. General admission to the concert is \$20. Please contact 800/965-9324 or visit www.iTickets.com for tickets or more information.

Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Annual 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Masses with Cardinal Justin F. Rigali will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3rd, in the Cathedral-Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, 18th Street & Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia at:

11:00 am for couples married 50 or more years from Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties

2:30 pm for couples married 50 or more years from Bucks, Chester and Delaware Counties

2:30 pm also for couples married 25 or more years from all counties

Family members and friends are most welcome, and will be seated with the anniversary couple. For more information, call the Family Life Office at 215/587-3516 or email familife@adphila.org.