

# St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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Father John V. Oulds, Pastor

## 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 our Parish secretary Stella Grubb. Stella is available at the rectory after the 10:30 Mass on Sundays, or you can call the rectory 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 house bound 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 Stella, our parish secretary or Craig Cigas. We have choirs for both young and not so young and we are always on the lookout for new cantors, organists and helpers.

## Masses for the Week

Masses for the week of May 28, 2000 will be offered at St. Joseph Church

Monday	9:30 am	St. Stanislaus Cemetery (Weather Permitting)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Peter Michinok (Richard & Barbara Reczek)
Wednesday	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Casper Hracho (Maryanne Illes) Mary Shesko (Richard and Barbara Reczek)
Thursday		No Mass at St. Joseph's
Friday	9:30 am	Michael Hudock (Anne Reshey)
Saturday	9:00 am	Albert Guiseppa (Andrea Levenite)

## Saturday, June 3, 2000 6:30 PM

Helen Simmers (Margaret & Paul Toth)

Altar Servers	Rhoades/L & K.O'Malley
Euch.Minister	Seymen
Lector	Karyn

## Sunday, June 4, 2000 10:30 AM

Rose Guldán (Anne Flood)

Altar Servers	A&S Reczek/Ponto
Euch.Ministers	Catanese/Buga
Lector	Bill

## ADULT CHOIR

Because of the holiday weekend, choir rehearsal will be held on Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm this week.

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

In the kindness of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, John Yankech, Mary Riley, Lyndsey Conner, Carolyn Pechin, Ann Hook, Jeremy Martin, Gerald Szweda, Corinne Yost, Jan Cisarik, Jimmy Culligan, Agnes Sushinski, Verna Seymen, Michael Zacierka, Donna Colgain, Carole Girafalco, Joanne Krupansky, Cy Reali, William Gabriel, William Lowrey, as well as the Dead: John Boros, Jane Brown.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 am prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

## DAY OF EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

This Tuesday's Day of Eucharistic Exposition will be conducted in St. Joseph Church, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. The Exposition continues throughout the day and concludes at 5:00 pm with a brief Service of Prayer and Benediction. Do stop by the Church for a visit sometime during the day. Every Tuesday in the Jubilee Year 2000 offers this grace-filled opportunity.

## ROSARY SOCIETY

## Intentions for June

For all Graduates – as they enter a time in their lives that they may have guidance and strength all their days.

For all of us, especially our youth that God may give us knowledge of our true vocation.

Jesus Group – Sorrowful Mysteries

Mary Group – Joyful Mysteries

Joseph Group – Glorious Mysteries

## CEMETERY MASS ON MEMORIAL DAY

Weather allowing, on Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>, in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Waterworks Road, West Caln Township, a Mass will be offered at 9:30 am for the repose of the souls of all those buried in this hallowed ground. Participants are asked to gather at the Shrine of the Pieta, in the upper left hand section of the cemetery, and to bring with them a folding chair. Should weather be unfavorable, Mass will be offered in St. Joseph Church at 9:30 am, honoring the same special intention. Plan to join us for an observance in keeping with the spirit of our National Holiday.

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday of this week, June 1<sup>st</sup>, marks the Solemnity of the Lord Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. As the Acts of the Apostles relates, forty days after His Resurrection, Christ returned in glory to the right hand of His Father. To commemorate this holy day, a Vigil Mass will be offered at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church, on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. On Ascension Thursday itself, Masses will be offered at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Ten days yet remain to the Easter Season.

## MANNA FOOD COLLECTION

Last week, thanks to your kindness, dozens of bags of non-perishable food items made their way to the Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard for distribution during the summer months. We are most grateful to all those who so generously participated in last week's Manna Food Collection. God love you!

## A MUSICAL TREAT

A Farewell Concert for the Chester County Voices Abroad will be held on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:00 pm, in SS. Simon and Jude Church, West Chester Pike and Route 352, West Chester. The public is invited to attend; a free-will offering will be accepted. CCVA is an international performance group which annually travels through Europe as "musical goodwill ambassadors." This year the young people will be traveling to Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany. Highlights of their 12 day tour will include Warsaw, Krakow, Tarnow, Prague and Nuremberg, where the choir will perform at various churches and concert halls.

## NEVER TOO LATE FOR YOUR GIFT

Although the Catholic Charities Appeal 2000 now officially concludes its current campaign, any time is the right time for us to receive your gift. How very much we need 100% participation from our households, so as to further advance the good works of our Archdiocesan Catholic Charities! If you have not yet given your gift, then please do so today for the sake of God's own, old and young, who will benefit from your generosity. Thank you very much.

## Catholic Charities Statistics

*Our goal is \$6,060.00*

Collected 5/07/00	\$450.00
Collected 5/14/00	\$975.00
Collected 5/21/00	\$928.00
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	\$2,353.00

38% of our goal

***We still need \$3,707.00 to reach our goal!***

Parishioners contacted	349
Parishioners who responded so far	80
	23% participation

We urge your response by mailing your gift to the Rectory at 404 Charles Street, Coatesville, PA 19320 or by dropping it in the collection basket next week. We pray that we will hear from those who have not yet given to date. To those who have, our sincere "thank you".

## PUT ON THOSE WALKING SHOES

Bridge of Hope, a ministry to homeless women and children in Chester and Lancaster Counties, will hold its Annual Walk for Hope on Saturday coming, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00 am, in Hibernia Park. This year, there will be three choices of walk routes: 6.2 miles (10 kilometers), 3.1 miles (5 kilometers) and a Kid's Adventure Hike and Activities. Free lunch and musical entertainment will follow the walk. For more information, kindly call Bridge of Hope at 610/380-1380.

## SUMMER MERRIMENT

The St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church on Jacob Street, Mont Clare, PA will hold its Annual Welcome Summer Festival on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 12 Noon. Featured will be ethnic foods, nutrolls, beverages, games and much fun. Live music from Joe Gracia's Polka Express Band will be on hand from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. All are welcome; admission is free.

## FOR OUR TRAVELING PARISHIONERS

Do you plan to travel over the summer months? Not always certain of the locations of Catholic Churches and their weekend Mass schedules? A free ministry for vacationers is available. For nationwide Mass times and locations, phone 1-800/Mass Times (1-800/627-7846) or Internet [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) and be accurately informed.

## COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME

Our Parish Celebration of Pentecost Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, will be all the more meaningful and significant since it is the occasion for 23 young people to complete their sacramental initiation by the reception of Confirmation. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Martin N. Lohmuller, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, will administer this special Sacrament of the Holy Spirit at the 10:30 am Mass that day. For the confirmands, it will mark their own personal Pentecost experience, gracing them with gifts for Christian witness and right living. All parishioners are urged to keep our confirmed-to-be in their prayers in these remaining day of the Easter Season, prior to Pentecost Sunday.

## YOUR PICTURES, PLEASE

A few weeks ago our Sunday Bulletin provided us with a delightful gallery of the pictures of our First Holy Communion Class, thirteen in all. This was the talented undertaking of Craig Cigas. We wish to attempt a similar bulletin display for our Confirmation Class, as well as for those young parishioners who are graduates from elementary schools, high schools, colleges and other programs of higher learning. **Confirmands** should direct their snapshots to Frank Lasak, Jr. and **graduates** of all sorts their snapshots to Father John by way of the collection basket or the vestibule drop box. Graduates, please include your name, school/college, specific degree awarded and destination after graduation. In this way, appropriate honor will be given our newly confirmed on the weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and the recently graduated a week or two later.

## TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

**A JOURNEY OF FAITH TO THE HOLY LAND** with Rev. Walter Benn, St. Joseph, Downingtown and Maryanne

Harrington, Church Ministry Program on January 22-31, 2001. Package Price is \$2,155.00 per person. For more information or for a brochure, call Mary Harrington at 610/617-7275 (day) or 610/383-8850 (evening).

### **WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS**

**REMINDER:** Regular Meeting of the Women's Club – this Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. We would appreciate your attendance if you will be at home this holiday weekend, as we will be discussing a very important issue regarding our By-Laws. Please join us if you can.

### **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

Will be held on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000 – Westwood Fire Company Picnic Grounds. It will be a catered affair by Stadium Grill of West Chester. Cost: Adults \$10.00 – all children **FREE**. Please plan to join us for a delightful day with our St. Joseph Parish Family. Fun, good food, and games for the children are being planned. To make a reservation, call Andy Levenite at 610/384-4665.

### **TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN**

The post adoption department of Catholic Social Services is sponsoring an informative evening seminar with: Andrea Fina, Ph.D., child psychologist and mother of two. "TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN" will encourage discussion between parent and child, no matter how sensitive the topic. Special attention will be paid to communication differences based on the age of the child (from toddler-teenager-adult). Rediscover the art of communication. June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7p.m., Auditorium, 222 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia. ALL ARE INVITED – call 215/854-7050 for reservations or information.

### **A TIMELY PUBLICATION**

To assist us in our spiritual celebration of the Jubilee Year 2000, the parish is making special editions of *The Word Among Us* magazine.

The Word Among Us features helpful daily meditations, based on the Mass Readings that are designed to help us come to know the love of Jesus more deeply. These meditations take only a few minutes to read each day and will bring new hope and encouragement as we continue to celebrate the Jubilee year.

This special Jubilee Edition highlights one of the main themes of the Jubilee Year, and a constant theme of John Paul II's papacy, opening wide our hearts to Christ. The articles in this issue will help us draw closer to Jesus through prayer and the liturgy.

Pick up a copy as you leave church today.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

#### **(Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

The command to love others as God has loved us can be fulfilled only because we have been given the new life of the risen Christ. An appropriate family response to today's readings might include gathering together to express gratitude to God and to each other for the love we have been able to give and receive.

## **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**



Cancer, diabetes, AIDS or heart disease will never destroy the human race, but the assumption we can solve problems by violence can easily ruin us. Jesus said, "Remain in my love. Keep my commands ... I tell you this that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete." Violence and fear come from hate, but peace and joy come from love; they are fruits of God's Spirit. We do not fear even disease if we love one another. After all, what would we have to lose?