

# 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 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 July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2000 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

### **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.**

*Helen Bullock req. by Denny & Pauline Howell*

Eucharistic Minister    Seymen  
Lector                        Sara

### **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 A.M.**

*Mary Shesko req. by Harold & Mary Frances Johnson and Family*

Eucharistic Minister    Hillman/Lasak  
Lector                        Laura

## **Your Prayers are Requested**

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Father George Schneider, Father Joseph Hasieber, Jessica Ryan, Julia Esposito, John Yankech, Carolyn Pechin, Ann Hook, Corrine Yost, Jan Cisarik, Verna Seymen, Cy Reali, William Gabriel, Paula Walsh, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko and Jacob Monko.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions this weekend will be heard on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Confessions next weekend will be heard on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As

always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

## **Eucharistic Exposition**

This Tuesday's Day of Eucharistic Exposition will be conducted in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The Exposition continues throughout the day and concludes at 5:00 p.m. with Evening 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.

## **Exploring the Possibilities**

The construction of a new Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown and the founding of the new St. Elizabeth Parish along the Route 100 corridor certainly give evidence to the fact of tremendous Catholic growth in Chester County. In our own local cluster of five parishes, we are especially experiencing this growth with regard to our consolidated parochial school, the Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School. Consistently over past years, our grade school's enrollment has been increasing, so much that we are expecting to open the upcoming year with thirty more pupils than our closing enrollment in June. Would that our present facilities could comfortably keep up with these increasing numbers. Despite our best human efforts to accommodate both the youngsters and various academic additions to the curriculum, we are running out of space. And not to be overlooked are the many difficulties arising from employing four buildings at different locations, as well as the numerous limitations these buildings impose. That our parochial school has been highly successful over the nearly thirty years of consolidation is in large part attributed to the outstanding capabilities and wonderful dedication of the administrators, faculty and support staff. All this having been noted, we arrive once again at the point of exploring the possibility of building a new parochial school for the area. It is a long and exacting process which the Archdiocese wisely imposes upon a parish or cluster of parishes considering the construction of a new school. We have been given permission by the Vicar of Administration to take the initial steps into that Archdiocesan process. And one of the first things forthcoming will be our participation in the feasibility study helping us to ascertain what level of support for a new school we might be able to expect from our congregations. The parents of our Catholic school children have waited a long while for talk about a new school to give birth to action, but **total** Catholic community stand firmly behind the effort? Remember, please, these are only the first steps we are taking, so much more is demanded of us before a coveted hope can become a reality. Be assured that we intend to keep all involved appropriately informed of further developments. Meanwhile, it would be well for us to remember this major undertaking frequently in our prayers.

## **Future Events at Malvern**

The Malvern Retreat House will sponsor its Outdoor Annual Mass of Remembrance for the family and friends of deceased retreatants at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Father Dennis O'Donnell, the Rector, will officiate at the Mass. You are advised to bring a lawn or beach chair with you. Since refreshments will be offered in Memorial Hall after the Mass, please call and state the number in your party. On the following Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m., the Malvern Retreat House will conduct its sixth annual conference on dealing with the grief of losing a loved one, entitled "The Spirituality of Surrender." The keynote speaker will be Father Anthony Genovese, O.S.A., who brings a unique blend of wit and wisdom to a very serious topic. The Conference will be held in the Upper McShain Conference Center and will conclude by 4:30 p.m. A \$20.00 donation is suggested. All men, women and adolescents (13 years old and older) are welcome. To register for the above events, please call 610/644-0400 or E-mail: Malvern [LRL@aol.com](mailto:LRL@aol.com).

## **The Rosary Society**

### *Intentions for August*

1. That Political Leaders might learn how to bring peace and harmony to groups in their countries at odds with one another.
2. That Leaders of Nations and their subordinates may respect human rights and avoid repression and torture.

### WHY THE ROSARY??

A Few Good Reasons  
For World Peace

A means for preserving the home  
For courage in the hardship of life

As a ready and easy means of preserving the faith  
For healing the evils of our day

A means of our Christian perfection  
For success in one's vocation in life

As a powerful means of obtaining graces from God  
For final perseverance

Jesus Group – Glorious Mysteries  
Mary Group – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Joseph Group – Joyful Mysteries

## **Thank you**

Thank you to all our parishioners who voted to return us to our Parish Pastoral Council. We appreciate your confidence in us and we pledge to do all we can to help make St. Joseph Parish the best! If you have anything you would like to bring before the Council, please contact either one of us. Ann Cigas (610/384-2955), Andrea Levenite (610/384-4665)

## **Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary**

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## **Comboni Missionary Sisters**

"The Comboni Sisters are in need of baby supplies for the community they service. If you care to contribute to their cause, there will be a box placed in the vestibule of the Church for your convenience during August. Diapers, baby wipes, creams, etc. are needed on a regular basis. Please place your gift into the box and it will be taken to the convent weekly. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity."

## **A Family Perspective**

The spiritual and material gifts we have received come from a God who is abundant in generosity. Reflecting on today's readings in light of the demands and responsibilities of family life encourages us to remain generous in sharing with family members and with all of God's people, especially those in great need.

## **God's Generosity**



The Lord fed a large crowd of people. After testing Philip and Andrew on logistics, he showed everyone that the priority lay elsewhere. With the usual generosity of members of the Holy Trinity, Jesus gave the crowd as much as was wanted; then he ordered that leftovers be picked up so nothing would be wasted. Twelve baskets were left over – one for each apostle's use. This prophetic gesture foreshadowed the eucharist. The Lord nourishes each of us in the bosom of the apostolic church. Thanks be to God!