

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 August 27th, 2000 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Saturday, September 2nd, 2000, 6:30 pm

Helen Bullock (Mr. & Mrs. John Dudas)

Altar Servers	Rhoades/ L & K O'Malley
Euch. Minister	Catanese
Lector	Kathy

Sunday, September 3rd, 2000, 10:30 am

Mary Shesko (Michael & Andrea Sullivan & Family)

Altar Servers	A & S Reczek / Ponto
Euch. Ministers	Seymen / Krupansky
Lector	Kathleen

Your Prayers are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Jessica Ryan, Julia Esposito, John Yankech, Carolyn Pechin, Ann Hook, Corrine Yost, Jan Cisarik, Verna Seymen, Cy Reali, William Gabriel, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, Dick Brown, Cecilia Shesko, Andrew Hamara, Albert Augustine and the Dead: William Lowrey.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions this weekend will be heard on Saturday, August 26th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Confessions next weekend will be heard on Sunday, September 3rd, 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, reflective opportunity.

Special Appeal This Weekend

This weekend, August 26th-27th, we welcome to our pulpit His Excellency, the Most Reverend Evaristo Chengula, Bishop of Mbeya, Tanzania, who is soliciting our prayers and financial assistance in behalf of the Consolata Missionaries. The work of evangelization, in which the Consolata priests, brothers and sisters are engaged, finds them announcing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people worldwide. It is hoped that Bishop Chengula's message will deepen our understanding of the Church's missionary endeavors and prompt our generous response to his special appeal.

Hospital Auxiliary Bus Trip

The Honey Brook Auxiliary to the Brandywine Hospital is sponsoring a Casino Bus Trip to Atlantic City on Sunday, September 17th. The bus will leave the Ames parking lot, Thorndale, at 9:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. Anyone may participate; all are welcome. For more information, call Barbara Pawlowski at 610/384-5483.

Reopening of School

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, announces their opening schedule. Freshmen will report on Wednesday, September 6th, at 8:15 a.m. for a full day of school. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will report on Thursday, September 7th, at 8:15 a.m. for a full day of school. If further information is needed, kindly call the Shanahan Office at 610/518-1300.

Of Interest To Single Catholics

If you are serious, committed single Catholic and seek to meet a person who is like-minded in their faith and open to future marriage, check out Single Catholics Online, an exciting resource and vehicle of hope, at www.SingleCatholics.com the Internet. It is a unique online forum deserving of your attention and a mention to your friends.

Local Benefit Concert

The Lukens Band will be performing a free Benefit Concert at Olivet United Methodist Church, 3rd & Chestnut Streets, on Sunday, September 17th, starting at 7:00 p.m. Featured will be Edward Palamar, piano soloist; Corey Brackin, alto saxophone soloist; compositions by Bud Zimmerman. While there is no charge, a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard, in support of Operations Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Marriage Encounter

Summer is almost over, school is about to begin and what have you done as a married couple to enhance your relationship? Take advantage of a program designed to recapture the glow and excitement of your wedding day, to help in making a good marriage even better. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is September 22nd thru 24th. For full information and alternative dates, call 1-800-456-8330.

Making New Catholics

As autumn rolls around, we will once more resume our program of instruction for those adults seeking to know more about the Catholic faith and its practices. From early October through late May, inquirers meet on a weekly basis as a group with Father John in a friendly, informal setting and enter in the experience which the Church calls "the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults". Especially invited are those who never held any church affiliation or were never baptized, those of another Christian denomination considering membership in the Catholic Church, as well as those who were baptized as Catholics but never completed their initiation into the Church through the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Is there an interest on your part or questions in search of an answer? For more information, please call Father John at 610/384-1172.

A Family Perspective

Joshua spoke for himself and his household, "we will serve the Lord." There were other choices for him and his family just as exist for our families today. Does our family remain steadfast in fidelity to the one true God or waver as we are confronted with the gods of wealth, power and selfish indifference to others?

Family Life Office

COURAGE is a spiritual support group for homosexual men and women seeking to live according to the Church's teaching

on sexuality. For information, call 215-587-4504 (Philadelphia) or 1-856-964-3401 (Camden). Confidentiality is assured.

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMS – a directory listing parish/cluster Bereavement Programs is available by calling the Family Life Office at 610-660-09002.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "The greatest gift we can give our children is our love for one another." To refresh your marital love, make a Marriage Encounter weekend. For information, call 1-800-456-8330

The Choice



"What a hard saying! How can we accept it?" murmured Jesus' disciples. He insisted his word was Spirit and life, yet many could not see their way to follow him. That was their free choice. The great mystery for Christ and his bride, the Church, is that we believe in him as he dies to give us real life, a share in divine life opened to us in baptism. We are his body, its living parts. Like Peter and the rest, we have no other place to go for eternal life. How do we choose?