

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 September 3rd, 2000 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Helen Bullock (Kelly & Jeffrey Steidler)
Wednesday	9 am	Adele Kowalczyk (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)
Thursday	9 am	Anthony DeSciullo (Rose Olise)
Friday	9 am	Henry Pendyck (Agnes Novotny)
Saturday	9 am	Joseph Budzik (Stamate & Cindy Kousisis Family)

Saturday, September 9th, 2000, 6:30 pm

Andrew Cigas, Jr. (MaryAnne Illes)

Altar Servers	Swinty/Florian/Bednar
Euch. Minister	Dubinski
Lector	Sara

Sunday, September 10th, 2000, 10:30 am

Rose Guldán (Cecilia Shesko)

Altar Servers	Neff/ E & T Gushanas
Euch. Ministers	Hudock/Bugar
Lector	Laura

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, Bruce King and Kate Ohar, and the Dead: Josephine Swider, Agnes Callahan.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions this weekend will be heard on Sunday, September 3rd, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Confessions next weekend will be heard on Saturday, September 9th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening 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. Joseph 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.

THE Rosary Society

INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

- For those whose labor we celebrate on this Holiday Weekend, that their workplace be safe and their labor satisfying.
- For all children, youths and college bound that they achieve their goals and dreams in life.
 - Jesus Group – Sorrowful Mysteries
 - Mary Group – Joyful Mysteries
 - Joseph Group – Glorious Mysteries

The Comboni Missionary

The Comboni Sisters were pleased with the donations from St. Joseph's for the poor children of Coatesville. Diapers, baby wipes, creams, and beautiful little baby outfits were donated. The Sisters extend their "Thanks" to all at St. Joseph's Parish for your generosity toward the poor children of our community.

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 into 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 though 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.

Welcome Into GOD'S Family

In recent weeks, we were given the happiness of welcoming into God's Family two members through the Sacrament of Baptism. They are our youngest brothers in the faith: Nicholas Michael Deets, son of Harry L. Deets and Natalie J. Umile, and Alec Michael Wilson, son of Michael A. Wilson and Tracy E. Esposito. Heartiest congratulations to the newly baptized, their parents and godparents on this joyous occasion of their spiritual rebirth.

Baskets and Bingo for a Good Cause

The Second Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo will be held on Sunday, September 24th, at 1:00 PM, in Union Hall, 750 Charles Street. Doors open at noon; tickets are \$15.00 with proceeds earmarked for the Development Fund of Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School. Lunch will be available for purchase. Sponsors and baked goods donations are needed. For further information and to purchase tickets, please call Laura at 610/857-2475 or Charlene at 610/466-0450.

Annual Block Collection

In your box of Church contribution envelopes, you will discover among those designated for September one entitled "Block Collection Offering." Over many, many years in our Archdiocese there existed the practice of priests in chiefly city parishes visiting the home of their parishioners to conduct a spiritual census. The process was organized in an orderly fashion, city street by city street or block by block, for weeks in the autumn. Spontaneously, in the beginning, families would make a contribution to their parish at the occasion of the priest's visit. This kind gesture got to be known as the Block Collection Offering, and became a reasonable expectation from each household.

Although, for numerous reasons, this general parish visitation is not conducted as it once was, the financial support received at this time of the year from the Block Collection is a much needed addition to our overall parish funds. Weekly collections take a plunge during the summer months, as our parishioners are away from their Coatesville Church on summer vacation or extended holiday. Regretfully, typical monthly expenses take no holiday and demand payment. Your thoughtful offering to this annual Block Collection is one way of catching up in our financial obligations and keeping us comfortably in the black. As always, thank you for your understanding and generosity. God Love You!

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.

A Family Perspective

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children learn through the example of their parents that authentic participation in the rituals of their faith requires a

change of heart. Finding practical ways to be of service to others both within the family and the larger community guards against the hypocrisy and the hardness of heart which Jesus condemned to strongly.

CCD Registration

Our parish CCD program will begin on September 24th. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:15 until 10:15. Registration will be held in the school hall after the 10:30 Mass on September 10th and September 17th. Our program starts with preschool and continues through the 6th grade. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Lasak at 610-869-4841.

CCD Volunteers

As the number of children in our parish grows, so does our CCD program. In order to continue to provide quality religious instruction for all our children, we are in need of several volunteers for the CCD program. If you would like to help, please contact Frank Lasak at 610-869-4841.

Backbone



Lobster shell or backbone? Which do we want? The law can be either. Jesus argued for law as backbone. He looked at the real purpose of "clean and unclean," "exterior and interior," adherence to the work planted within. When law is a backbone, then we have cause to exercise and grow in the Lord, supported and strengthened in the truth. In this life Christ Jesus, who is the way of service to one another, leads us by the power of the Holy Spirit to the Father.