

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 of September 10th, 2000 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, September 16th, 2000, 6:30 P.M.

John Magala (Kathryn Magala)

Altar Servers	Zelina/Englund/Rhoads
Euch. Minister	P. Krupansky
Lector	Bill

Sunday, September 17th, 2000, 10:30 A.M.

Mary Shesko (Melvin & Rose Marie Neff & Family)

Altar Servers	O'Malley/S & J Lasak
Euch. Minister	Lasak/Seymen
Lector	Al

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, Jessie Brooks, Robert Hracho, Kate Ohar and the Dead: William Lasak.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions this weekend will be heard on Saturday, September 9th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass. Confessions next weekend will be heard on Sunday, September 17th, 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.

Baskets and Bingo for a Good Cause

The Second Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo will be held on Sunday, September 24th, at 1:00 p.m., 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.

A Timely Publication

Philadelphia's own Katharine Drexel will be canonized a Saint of the Church on October 1, 2000. Lou Baldwin, staff writer for The Catholic Standard and Times, has written a book featuring the life, legacy and mission of this Saint-Designate: "Saint Katharine Drexel: Apostle to the Oppressed." It is currently on sale through our Archdiocesan newspaper; call their office at 215/587-3660 for details.

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 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.

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!

A Family Perspective

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Because our eyes and ears have been opened in Baptism we are able to hear as Christ hears and to see as Christ sees. Living the way of Christ begins for most of us within family life with the many encounters between parents and children of hearing and seeing, of loving and understanding, of responding to needs and showing our gratitude.

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 this Sunday in the school hall after the 10:30 Mass. Additional registration will also be held on 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.

Women’s Club News

There will be a Women’s Club meeting in the school hall this Sunday, September 10th at 7:30 p.m. primarily to plan our baking/cooking sessions in preparation for the Christmas Bazaar. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Children’s Choir

The new season with the Children’s choir will be with the first practice to be held on Monday, September 11th at 6:45 p.m. in the choir loft. All returning members and any new children interested in joining are asked to attend. Future practices will be held at the same time on each consecutive Monday. We have a full schedule of events this year, so I look forward to getting started! If you have any questions, I can be reached at 610/383-5768.

Susan Sandoski
Youth Choir Director

2001 Lottery

Need to still hear from a few of our sellers. Will you please call this week? Appreciate your co-operation.

New for the 2001 Lottery Calendar. We will have an “*In Memory of*” page in next year’s calendar. If you wish to participate, call Ann Cigas 610/384-2955. Cost \$10.00.

We are also looking for additional “Patrons”. \$10.00. We use this income to help defray the cost of printing the calendars. Thanks!

