

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 24th, 2000 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

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

Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)

Altar Servers Ponto/Bednar/Lasak

Sunday, October 1st, 10:30 A.M.

Michael Hudock (Betty Bogus & Joan Monko)

Altar Servers Rhoades/Englund

The following donations in memory of William Lasak have been received and are gratefully acknowledged:

Robert & Ann Hamilton Frank & Jan Lasak

Robert & Stella Grubb

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Vanderslice

Mr. & Mrs. Alex Czirjak & Mary

New Parishioners Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to our new parishioners. Ms. Natalie Umile & children, Joseph & Nicholas, Michael & Tracy Wilson & son Alec Michael, Mrs. Lisa Carbo & daughter, Alyssa Noel, Patricia & Joseph Logic & daughters, Madeline & Camille, Brian & Maureen Sheller and their children, Gabriella, Rachel & Brian.

We are pleased that they will be making their spiritual home with us.

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, Jessie Brooks, Robert Hracho and Kate Ohar.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions this weekend will be heard on Saturday, September 23rd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Confessions next weekend will be heard on Sunday, October 1st, 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 Collection This Weekend

The Annual Collection for the Care of the Aging and Ill Priests of the Archdiocese will be taken up this weekend, September 23rd-24th. Proceeds from this Appeal will help to subsidize facilities of care in Darby and Warminster. Let your kind gift be an expression of gratitude for the many blessings you have received through the ministry of priests over the years. Be assured that you hold a special place in the prayers of the priests who are the recipients of your charity.

Our Heartiest Congratulations

This past week the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education notified our Parish of a special recognition being given to Sister Helen Loretta, I.H.M., the Principal of our consolidated parochial school. In acknowledging one Principal from each of the six Vicariates for their dedication and commitment to the children, families and teachers entrusted to their care, the Office of Catholic Education selected Sister Helen to represent the Chester County Vicariate. With the Archdiocesan Administration, we hail the care, talents and gifts that Sister Helen has brought to the Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School. Tireless in her ministry, we are truly grateful for the faithful service Sister Helen renders day in and day out on behalf of local Catholic Education. Heartiest congratulations to Sister Helen on her most deserving distinction as Chester County's finest!

Community Rosary Rally

Appropriately, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17th Avenue, will host their Annual Community Rosary Rally on Sunday, October 15th, at 3:00 p.m., especially remembering in prayer the Pro-Life Movement, world peace, family renewal, and increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as the personal intentions of the participants. All, including children and young adults, are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served in Rosary Hall immediately following the Church Service.

Volunteers Needed at Birthright

Twelve months ago, "Mary," one month pregnant and considering abortion, made a call to Birthright. Today she has a beautiful little son. Birthright was there to offer "Mary" practical and emotional support. Babies are born because Birthright is there! Located at 201 North Walnut Street, West Chester, Birthright is an all-volunteer organization promoting the cause of life. Compassionate women who can commit to three hours weekly are needed to volunteer. All the necessary training will be provided. For information, kindly call 610/436-0773.

Project Rachel Meetings

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Support Group meetings will be held beginning October 3rd, in Catholic Social Services Holy Family Center, 227 North 18th Street, Philadelphia. Groups are open to anyone experiencing emotional distress as a result of an abortion: mothers, fathers, Grandparents. Professional counselors facilitate the groups. Parking is available. For information and to register, call 215/854-7090.

Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

At the direction of our Cardinal-Archbishop, the Annual Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion is being observed by all Parishes of the Archdiocese on the very same three days: October 8th-9th-10th, rather than scattered throughout the entire calendar year as is customary. This collective effort is seen as a Singular Spiritual Event in keeping with the Eucharistic focus of the Jubilee Year 2000.

Our own West End Parishes, twinned as they are, plan to participate in shared solemn observance. On Sunday, October 8th, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will open in St. Joseph Church immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass until a 3:00 p.m. Service of Prayer. After the first half of the Service is conducted, our joint congregation will walk in an outdoor Eucharistic Procession from St. Joseph Church to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, where the conclusion of the Service will take place. After the Service, all are invited to return to the St. Joseph Church campus and partake of fellowship over a light supper in the School Hall. The Krapf's Bus Company is generously donating a bus to shuttle folks from St. Stanislaus Kostka Church back to St. Joseph Church for the supper and for their parked cars.

On Monday, October 9th, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will open in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. It will continue throughout the day until a Sung Mass is celebrated at 7:00 p.m. And on Tuesday, October 10th, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will open in St. Joseph Church

immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. It will continue throughout the day until a Sung Mass is celebrated at 7:00 p.m., bringing the Forty Hours to an appropriate conclusion. Please set aside these special days for you and your family to participate in a unique demonstration of faith and to recenter your spiritual lives on Christ of the Holy Eucharist. This is a time of Jubilee given us by the Lord; let us rejoice and be glad!

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir will begin weekly rehearsals on Monday October 2nd at 7:30 pm after the Youth Choir rehearsal. Anyone interested in joining the choir is most welcome to attend. The choir prepares special musical selections for holidays and special events but also sings for our weekend services. Weekend attendance is not mandatory. There are no tryouts for the choir and if you can't attend on the 2nd, just drop by any rehearsal during the month of October. We look forward to meeting you! Contact Craig Cigas 873-6564 for more information. If you like to sing, think about sharing your voice with our parish community. It can be a very rewarding experience.

Returning members please remember to drop off your folders in the choir loft. We also need a volunteer to help sort and file last year's music.

WHYY TO BROADCAST DREXEL CANONIZATION

On **Sunday, October 1, 2000**, Mother Katharine Drexel will become only the second American-born person to become a Saint. **At approximately 3:00 am, join WHYY for a live broadcast on TV12 of the canonization from Rome.**

Then, at 10:00 am, join WHYY for a two-hour special documenting the life and sainthood of Mother Katharine Drexel. This special will describe Mother Drexel's progress toward beatification and into sainthood, employing her letters, personal diaries and family photos of her missionary work to tell her story. The program will include the canonization in Rome, and also will explore the final steps to her canonization and miracles attributed to her intercession.

To commemorate the life of the great Philadelphian, **WHYY will have available for purchase in November 2000 a new videotape. "Saint Katherine Drexel."** This approximately 75 minute video will be a condensed version of the October 1, 10:00 am program, as well as the entire documentary of Mother Drexel's life to sainthood. For just \$19.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling, you can add this to your video library.

**Order today for guaranteed holiday
delivery by calling
215-351-0511**

WHYY will donate a portion of the proceeds to BLOCS in support of Blessed Katharine Drexel School.

Childlike Wonder



“What were you arguing about?” Who is the greatest and most important? In this year of millennial transition, we see easily how fleeting fame is. Today Jesus asks us to become childlike and to welcome God into us. Then we become a reproach to hypocrisy and wickedness, to “getting ahead at all costs.” The change makes us like children. In welcoming Jesus, we welcome the One who sent him, the heavenly Father, as well as the life-giving Spirit. Now there is a childlike wonder—and real importance!

Women’s Club News

Our first pierogy session is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th instead of this Saturday.