

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 housebound 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 Susan Sandoski (610/383-5768) or Andy Levenite (610/384-4665). 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 June 24th, 2001, will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Pauline Sestak (Helen Popovich)
Wednesday	9 am	Michael Hudock (Helen & Louis Tomasovich)
Thursday	9 am	Helen Olewnicki (Susan & Spencer Dunlap)
Friday	9 am	Louis Kornet (Anne Reshey)
Saturday	9 am	Rebecca Altalirano (Andrea McLucas)

Saturday, June 30th, 2001, 6:30 PM

Richard Brown (Joseph Arvay, Jr. & Family)

Altar Servers Zelina/Bednar/England

Sunday, July 1st, 2001, 10:30 AM

Mary Shesko (Cecelia Shesko)

Altar Servers Florian/E.T. Gushanas

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Father William Cox, Father Francis Schlett, Jessica Ryan, Julia Esposito, Jan Cisarik, Verna Seymen, Cy and Marie Reali, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, Cecilia Shesko, Robert Hracho, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Sean Colvin, Anna Bortnyck, Lanita Giuseppe, Vera Miller, Joseph Reis, Helen Moratelli, Joseph Deets, William Illes and the Dead: Father John Klapp, Marguerite O'Brien.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, June 24th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, June 30th, 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.

Peters' Pence Collection, Next Weekend

This weekend, June 23rd-24th, our Parish Family participates in the Annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Peter's Pence readily places funds at Pope John Paul II's disposal to impart hope and bestow love to countless vulnerable people in great distress as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity to this weekend's second collection.

A Local Summer Festival

St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, will hold their Annual Summer Festival on Saturday, June 30th, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine, on the Center grounds. The afternoon's events include: tours of the mansion, bingo and other games, tasty food, baked goods, gifts and religious items, flea market, hay rides, varied entertainment and more. For directions and information, kindly call the Center at 610/942-4166.

Marriages in Pain

Retrouvaille is an Archdiocesan Program that helps couples in hurting marriages to put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, Retrouvaille may be able to be of assistance to you. For information, please call 1-800-470-2230.

Foreign Exchange Students

Warm, friendly families are needed now to host 15-19 year old Catholic foreign exchange students for the next school year. Students have their own spending money, insurance and airfare. Families provide room and board, love and understanding. For complete details, please call P.E.A.C.E., the Pro-American Educational and Cultural Exchange, at 1-877-577-3590. You may call anytime, even weekends, or visit their Website at www.peace-inc.org. They may also be reached by E-Mail at paz@peace-inc.org.

Rain, Rain Go Away!

The sing-song refrain of youngsters on a rainy day, "Rain, rain go away; come again some other day," has been raised to the level of a prayer from Father John's lips to God's ears to combat the woes and worries of our weather damaged church roof. The immediate telltale signs are present: puddles of water in the sanctuary, water soaked altar linens and water stains on the ceiling. Of even greater concern is the unseen damage and stress beneath the exterior roofing, where we have found indications of deterioration and decay. It is a matter of mounting concern and growing urgency, whose time has arrived to be addressed and corrected. Past failed efforts at repair over recent years now dictate the installation of a new roof on St. Joseph Church. It is time to move from frustration to action as we tackle a big job, which left undone can bring disastrous consequences.

Our Parish Finance committee has been meeting over these weeks, giving top priority to the new roof project. We will be complying with the procedures set out by the Archdiocese for an improvement of this scope. Be assured that our parishioners will be kept informed of ongoing developments. We should hope the work to be completed before the snow and ice of winter set in, or else Father John will be on his knees again with a slightly modified prayer: "Snow, snow go away, come again some other day."

Natural Family Planning

Natural Family Planning is a church-approved scientific method of regulating conception which can be used to achieve or postpone pregnancy. Classes for engaged or married couples will begin at St. Charles Seminary on August 17. For registration information, call the Family Life Office at 610/660-9002.

Separated and Divorced Catholics

Separated and divorced Catholics support programs are held throughout the archdiocese. To receive a listing of locations, call the Family Life Office at 610/660-9002.

Bereavement Programs

A directory listing parish/cluster bereavement programs is available by calling the Family Life Office at 610/660-9002.

Courage

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 215/587-4505 (Philadelphia) or 1-856-964-3401 (Camden). Confidentiality is assured.

Glory of God



John, the dream of midsummer day, is one of three "births into this world" celebrated by the Church. Jesus at midwinter and Mary in September are the others. John, called the "greatest man born of woman" by Jesus himself, is the last of the dreams and promises that lead to the incarnation. Born in the high light of the scripture, he points out the Savior to us and the world: "Behold the Lamb of God!" Then, his job well done, his light fades into the light of Christ. Look to the bright glory of God!