

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

This weekend Masses are as follows:

Saturday, August 11, 2001, 6:30 PM

Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)

Altar Servers Bednar/Rhoades
Euch. Minister Claypoole
Lector Cy Reali

Sunday, August 12, 2001 10:30 AM

John Yankech (Barbara & Richard Reczek)

Altar Servers England/Gushanas/Lasak
Euch. Ministers Krupansky/Catanese
Lector Kathy

Masses for the Week of August 12th, 2001 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Tuesday, August 14th, 2001, 7:00 PM

Vigil of the Assumption

Harold Levenite (A Friend)

Lector Kathleen

Saturday, August 18th, 2001, 6:30 PM

Joan Coleman (Frank & Kathy Popovich)

Altar Servers Kauffman/O'Malley
Euch. Ministers Hudock
Lector Frank

Sunday, August 19, 2001, 10:30 AM

Mary Shesko (Robert & Frances Shesko)

Altar Servers Neff/Ponto/A. Reczek
Euch. Ministers Nesbitt/Lasak, Jr.
Lector Laura

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Father Francis Schlett, Jessica Ryan, Julia Esposito, Jan Cisarik, Verna Seymen, 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: Jessie Gallagher, Dominic Gazzero, Gloria Eagles.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, August 11th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, August 19th, 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.

Holy Day of Obligation This week

Wednesday of this week, August 15th, marks the Solemnity of the Virgin Mary's Assumption into Heaven, a holy day of obligation. As God placed her in the world in a unique way: sinless, so God took her from the world in a unique way: body and soul. Our Blessed Lady is the first of us all to experience the fullness of Jesus' risen glory. The Assumption then is the celebration of Mary's Easter. A Vigil Mass will be offered on Tuesday, August 14th, at 7:00 p.m., in the St. Joseph Church. On the holy day itself, August 15th, Masses will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., in Stanislaus Kostka Church. What Mary is now, one day we too shall be!

Progress Report On Church Roof

The Finance Committee, with the help of a roofing expert, developed specifications for replacing our church roof. These specs were sent to six roofing contractors and we received five quotes back. To replace the roof, we needed to get permission from the Archdiocese. This was done and we were granted a project #. The next step was to submit the three lowest bids for their inspection, which has been done. We are now awaiting the approval of one of the bids submitted. It is estimated that the cost of replacing the church roof will run between \$55,000 and \$60,000, depending on what we find once the old roof is removed. We will be needing financial help to fund this project. More details on this at a later date when we get final approval from the Archdiocese. We will be looking for the

support of the entire congregation - we do not want "raindrops on our heads" during Mass!

Assumption Festivities in West Chester

To commemorate the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption, St. Agnes parish will hold their 82nd Annual Celebration in West Chester on Sunday, August 12, 2001. At 2:30 p.m., an outdoor procession will step-off from St. Agnes Church and make its way through the town streets. The Lukens Steel Band will perform during the procession, which ultimately arrives back at the Church to conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Young and old are cordially welcome to participate. For added information, kindly call Barbara Mange in the evening at 510-696-8832.

Welcome to Our Newest Little Member

Last Sunday, August 5th, Charlotte Sophia Lasak, infant daughter of Stephen and Sarah Lasak, became our newest sister in Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit, Charlotte Sophia has entered into the process of initiation into our Household of Faith. Heartfelt congratulations to the newly baptized, her beaming parents and delighted godparents!

Our Parochial School Re-Opening

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will reopen on Wednesday, September 5, 2001. Uniform dress code is effective as of the very first day of school. Buses will be available; the Coatesville School District will mail a post card at the end of August with appropriate bus numbers, place of pick-up and time. Families of other School Districts are advised to contact their proper District Office, please. Dismissal on September 5th will be 11:00 a.m.; September 6th and 7th will be full day sessions with a 2:15 p.m. dismissal for grade 1 through 8.

A Kindergarten Meeting for parents and students will be held on Thursday, September 6th, at 10:00 a.m., in the Coatesville Catholic Kindergarten at the Schneider Parish Center on Cemetery Road, Parkesburg. All Kindergarten students will report on September 10th for a full day session from 8:10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Coatesville Catholic School Campaign

Plans are just about solidly in place for the fabulous Kick-Off Event of our Coatesville Catholic School Campaign, initiating financial support for a new parochial grade school serving the Parishes of Coatesville. The Kick-Off itself will be held in the spanking new Coatesville Country Club on Saturday, October 6, 2001, beginning at 6:30 p.m. To allow for the participation of as many parishioners as possible, by mutual agreement, the Saturday Evening Mass in all four Coatesville Churches that day will be offered at 5:00 p.m. (Note please, that our Saturday Evening Mass on October 6th is being scheduled for 5:00 p.m., not the usual 6:30 p.m. time.) For those who would prefer them, rather than private automobile, shuttle buses will be available at each Church immediately following Mass to convey passengers directly to the Country Club for the night's festivities. Later in the evening, these same buses will be provided to shuttle folks back to their appropriate Church sites. Additional details will be announced in the near future, for now kindly reserve October 6th on your calendar and look for an important communication from Father John to be

arriving in your mailbox soon. Please pray for the success of our Campaign, mounted under the standard: "One Lord, One Faith, One School".

Prayer For Vocations

In recent years, our Archdiocese introduced an extensive Program of Vocation Awareness, which included ongoing family prayer throughout the 285 Parishes. Mr. Jerry Bugar faithfully serves as the Coordinator for our local effort. Each week we welcome a household to accept the contents of a small, brown, cloth bag: an icon as a focus, you may nightly recite the prayer as a family, with each member saying a part of the prayer. You may have a different family member say the prayer each evening. You may wish to speak the prayer individually, perhaps more than once during the day. God is always listening! To participate, kindly sign-up on the sheet located on the table in front of the crying room picture window. Give your name and phone number, so that Jerry may remind you of the schedule. We are always looking for new participants, as well as those who have taken the icon and prayer card to their homes many times. Thank you for the gift of your prayers in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Seminary Religious Studies Program

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook announces their 2001 Fall Semester of both Graduate and Undergraduate Courses, beginning September 10th, through the highly acclaimed Program of Religious Studies for clergy, religious and laity. Course offerings included Sacred Scripture, Moral Theology, Liturgy and Sacraments, Christian Spirituality and many more. For full course listings and further information, telephone 610/785-6287 or fax 610/667-4122. The registration deadline is August 30, 2001.

Church Ministry Institute

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Now accepting applications for September 2001.

The St. Bernard Search

St. Bernard Church, Northeast Philadelphia, is anxious to hear from former parishioners. They will be opening a year-long celebration of their 75th Anniversary with a Homecoming Mass on Sunday, November 11, 2001, at 12:00 noon followed by an Open House. For more information and to be placed on their Anniversary mailing list, call 215/333-0446 or write to them at 7341 Cottage Street, Philadelphia, PA 19136.

A Very Special Second Collection Next Weekend

Two years ago, our Cardinal-Archbishop announced the initiation of a new Archdiocesan apostolate: the adoption of the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel located in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico, as a mission church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel serves the spiritual needs of 12,000 souls. There exists a main church in the town and three chapels in different outposts, for which the parish is responsible. Although there is no parochial school, the parish supports an active religious education program for children, teens, adults and young adults.

Two of our own diocesan priests, Father William Murphy (Pastor) and Father Scott Brockson (Parochial Vicar), have been assigned by His Eminence to this mission parish. Both priests have undertaken their assignments with enthusiasm and joy; and each has expressed gratitude for and dependence on the support of their brothers and sisters of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Fathers Murphy and Brockson have developed and enculturation program of pastoral formation for several of our seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary at the Barceloneta Mission, enabling the students to advance in the Spanish language, experience the culture and develop appropriate methods of ministry which they will later employ in serving the Hispanic peoples of our own Archdiocese.

Next weekend, August 18th & 19th, the Second Collection will aid in funding our Puerto Rican mission parish. Our Annual Mission Cooperation Appeal will embrace this most important undertaking. We ask that, in giving your contribution, you use the undated "Mission Co-Op" offering envelope found as the very last envelope in the current box. Please be as generous as your means permit. God love you for your kind support of a

mission project, which bears the name of our Archdiocese and engages the ministry of our diocesan priests.

Family Weekend Retreat

St. Joseph's-in-the-Hills Retreat House, Malvern, hosts a Family Retreat Weekend, August 31st thru September 2nd, for those who cherish their families and realize their need of other spiritually healthy families to both support them and be supported by them. Make new friends with families that share your values and vision. This Labor Day Weekend, do something special with your family. The cost is \$300.00 per family; a \$100.00 deposit is requested. For further information, kindly call the Retreat House at 610/644-0400.

A Family Perspective

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Families can find many reasons to live in fear but are challenged by today's readings to choose a life of hope and to accept the responsibility to build up the kingdom of God in our time.

Be Ready



Faith is based on witness. Abraham and Sarah had faith because God kept his promises and they saw his works. The people in exile had faith because God kept his promises and they remembered his works. Our faith requires remembering God's works with our ancestors. They lived and died in the light of the resurrection of Jesus—the way, the truth and the life leading to the New Jerusalem, our heavenly homeland. We must stand ready to meet the Lord when he returns! Maranatha!