

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 25, 2001, 6:30 PM

Sophie Zelina (Paula Pennypacker)

Altar Servers	Rhoades/Zelina
Euch. Minister	Swinty
Lector	Elaine

Sunday, August 26, 2001, 10:30 AM

Michael Hudock (St. Joseph's Senior Choir)

Altar Servers	Bednar/Englund/Florian
Euch. Ministers	Bugar/Catanese
Lector	Al

Masses for the week of August 26th, 2001 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church:

Saturday, September 1, 2001, 6:30 PM

Richard Brown (Julia Coldren & Family)

Altar Servers	Neff/O'Malley
Euch. Ministers	Claypoole
Lector	Bill

Sunday, September 2, 2001, 1030 AM

William & Edward Lasak (Mary Czirjak)

Altar Servers	Ponto/Rhoades/S. Reczek
Euch. Ministers	Hudock/Seymen
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, Peggy Fitzpatrick and the Dead: Father Martin O'Halloran.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, August 25th from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 2nd, 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.

A Special Edition Free for the Taking

The September issue of Together In Christ, a monthly Catholic publication, features several fine articles on the theme: "Communication Is a Two Way Street," directed to married couples and family life. Also included are short reflections on the daily Mass readings of September. We have a limited number of copies on the vestibule card table, and they are yours free for the taking. Perhaps this special issue will be beneficial for you and your loved ones.

Parish Census

We still have not received the Parish Census Form from 43 of our Parishioners. Kindly take care of this matter immediately in order for us to supply the necessary information to the Archdiocese. It only takes about ten minutes to complete the form, but the information is invaluable to us in keeping our parish records. Thank you. The Census Forms should be directed to the Rectory.

A Double Baptismal Joy

Ours was a twofold joy on Saturday, August 18th, as we gained a new brother and sister in Christ through Holy Baptism. They are Jude Michael Unitis and Hannah Roze Unitis, the infant twins of Robert and Michaele Unitis. A spiritual home is theirs now in our Household of Faith by virtue of water and the Holy Spirit. How happy we are for Jude Michael and Hannah Roze! Sincere congratulations to the newly baptized twins, as well as to their proud parents and honored godparents!

A Holy Union in Marriage

Amidst a gathering of family and friends, Pamela S. Watterson and C. Richard Landis, Jr. entered into the Sacrament of Christian marriage in our parish Church on Saturday, August 18th. We extend heartfelt congratulations to the happy, newly wedded couple. May God abundantly shower every grace and blessing upon Pamela and Richard, as they faithfully and lovingly carry out their sacramental union. They are a source of joy for us all. Once again, sincere congratulations!

Education Tax Credits

The Pennsylvania legislature has approved historic school choice legislation, known as education tax credits. Through this statewide plan, thousands of families will now have access to scholarships for tuition. The following State legislators, who represent our community, supported the education tax credit legislation: Representative Timothy Hennessey 610/380-8600 and Senator Robert Thompson 610/692-2112. Please call them and say "Thanks"! For more information about education tax credits, call Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) at 215/587-0590 or visit www.blocs.org.

Coatesville Catholic School Campaign

The Kick-Off Celebration for the Coatesville Catholic School Campaign is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m., at the Coatesville Country Club. All four Catholic Churches of Coatesville will be offering their Vigil Mass that evening at the very same hour, that is at 5:00 p.m. to begin the Celebration. (Please note the change of time for St. Joseph Church on October 6th from 6:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Transportation immediately following the Mass to and from the Coatesville Country Club will be available via shuttle bus. A buffet dinner, cash bar and entertainment will be provided. The cost is \$10.00 per adult and a maximum of \$25.00 per family (included all children under 18 years). All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Please look for your invitation and response card in your mailbox shortly.

Volunteer Tutor Workshop

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a three-session, nine-hour training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be conducted at the Government Services Center in West Chester, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., on October 4th, 9th and 11th. For more information about this rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, please contact 610/918-8222.

Our Parochial School Re-Opening

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will reopen on Wednesday, September 5, 2001. Uniform dress code is in effect 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. 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.

Archdiocesan High School Re-Opening

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, announces the following re-opening schedule: Freshmen report on Wednesday, September 5th, at 8:05 a.m., while Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors report on Thursday, September 6th, at 8:05 a.m. the entire student body should report on Friday, September 7th. All days will follow the full schedule with a 2:38 p.m. dismissal.

Community Band Concert

The celebrated Lukens Band will be performing a free Benefit Concert in the Olivet United Methodist Church, 3rd Avenue & East Chestnut Street, on Sunday, September 15th, starting at 7:00 p.m. While there is no admission charge, a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Coatesville emergency Food Cupboard in support of Operation Thanksgiving and Operation Christmas. All are welcome to enjoy an evening of musical entertainment with the Lukens Band.

Women's Spiritual Events

The Dominican Retreat House, 750 Ashbourne Road, Elkin's Park, PA announces two forthcoming programs of interest to women:

A Serenity Retreat for Women with a focus on family recovery, designed to meet the spiritual needs of those concerned with the problem of drug and alcohol addiction in family members or friends, will be conducted September 14th through 16th, 2001. Registration will be held on Friday at 6:00 p.m. in St. Dominic Hall.

An Evening for Women Survivors of Abuse, designed to nourish the healing process of women recovering from abuse, will be led by Sister Clare Moran, S.S. J. on September 19th, 2001, 7:00 to 9:15 p.m., in St. Dominic Hall.

For more information about both these events, call Sister Beth at 215/782-8520, extension 183.

Slovak Summer Festival

The Parish Family of Our Mother of Sorrows and St. Augustine, Hurst Street, Bridgeport, PA will hold their Slovak Summer Festival this weekend, August 25th-26th (4:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday). Delicious Slovak and American foods will be available, with musical entertainment by The Melody Kings. Other features include games of chance, moon bounce giant slide, and obstacle course. For further details, call Eleanor Mager at 610/265-4479.

A Pro-Life Thought to Ponder

In our nation alone, over 1.5 million babies are killed every year and we remain silent. Why? Why should a death from abortion be less of a disaster than a death from a hurricane or and earthquake? Each abortion costs one human life. The unborn child is not a "potential human being" but is a "human being with potential". Pray for an end to a Culture of Death!

A Family Perspective

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind parents to teach their children about the sacrifices demanded of the followers of Jesus. Are we encouraging our children to overcome selfishness and prejudice by showing respect and kindness to all people?

A Reminder/Update

"Bring & Buy" Yard Sale
Saturday, September 8, 2001
9 A.M. – 3 P.M.
St. Cecilia's School
"Rain or Shine"

The Comboni Sisters and the family life group of St. Cecilia's Church are sponsoring this sale.

Please remember the sisters and their good works on September 8th.

Featured will be kitchen items, small appliances, books, garden tools, jewelry, toys, religious goods, music boxes and much, much more. Refreshments will be on sale also. Everyone is welcome to come and discover a treasure!

Donations will be accepted at St. Cecilia's School Hall on Friday, September 7, from 3 P.M. – 8 P.M. or Saturday morning before 9 A.M.

Women's Club News

St. Joseph Women's Club Kick-Off Covered Dish Social
Sunday, September 23rd 5:00 P.M.

Not just for current members, but all men and women of the parish are invited. Come find out what all the buzz is about, share the friendship and the laughter with not only old friends but new ones too. Main course to be provided by the Women's Club~*feel free to BYOB*. For your convenience there is a sign up sheet in the back of the church or call Gerry Branson at 610/383-1703. Meeting will follow dinner.

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, November 18, 2001

Please mark your calendars

More details in upcoming bulletins.

Please begin working on your Crafts!!!

2002 Lottery Calendar

We are looking for advertisers for our 2002 Lottery Calendar. The ads are business card size and the cost is \$50.00 each.

If there are any parishioners that might have a business and would like to place an ad, please call Ann B. Cigas @610/384-2955.

Advertising revenue is used to cover the cost of printing the calendars. Thank you in advance for any interest.

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"Will there only be a few saved?" A hard question with a hard answer—"enter by the narrow door for many will try and will not succeed." The Lord came to save the "nations of every language," each and every one of us—but even the Lord relies on our free response to the offer. So "hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you will tread" in following the lead of our Savior. There is hope—"those now last will be first." Can you step out onto the way of the Lord?