

# 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, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001, 6:30 PM

#### Michael Hudock (Scott & Lisa Hillman)

Altar Servers	Ponto/Rhoades
Euch. Minister	Seymen
Lector	Elaine

### Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2001, 10:30 AM

#### Steven Repak (Max & Agnes Sushinski)

Altar Servers	A. & S. Reczek/England
Euch. Ministers	Hudock/Lasak, Jr.
Lector	Al

Masses for the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

### Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 6:30 PM

#### Mary Shesko (Richard & Winnie Brown)

Altar Servers	Zelina/Bednar
Euch. Minister	Hillman
Lector	Frank Lasak, Jr.

### Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 10:30 AM

#### John & Anna Saska (Ann & Bob Hamilton)

Altar Servers	England/E. Gushanas/Neff
Euch. Ministers	Nesbitt/Swinty
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, Joseph Reis, Helen Moratelli, Joseph Deets, William Illes, Peggy Fitzpatrick, Doris Nagy, Luigi Baldini and the Dead: Vera Miller and Kevin Marlo.

Our prayers also embrace the dead and the injured of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorists' attack on America. We remember all those whose lives are profoundly affected by this tragic event, as well as those caring individuals who demonstrate remarkable compassion and courage. God be with them!

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Change in Mass Time

In keeping with the schedule for the Coatesville Catholic School Campaign Kick-Off Celebration, the Evening Mass on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, will be offered at 5:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. This, of course, is a change in time from the usual 6:30 p.m. hour. Kindly take note of the 5:00 p.m. time, in effect for that evening only.

## Special Collection

Every year, the Annual Collection for the Care of the Aging and Ill Priests serves as one way for the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to show their love and support in caring for our elderly and infirm priests. Some of these priests, who mediated God's love for decades, have been compelled by sickness or age to retire from the active ministry. They now reside in Archdiocesan facilities such as Villa Saint Joseph, Darby and Regina Coeli Residence, Warminster. Those priests still serve us, perhaps not as visibly, but just as powerfully, through lives of prayer offered on our behalf. We are called to recognize their impact on us even today and to be moved to provide for their physical needs. The Second Collection on the weekend of September 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> will benefit this worthy cause. All are asked to respond to this annual appeal with your characteristic generosity and prayerful support. In advance of your kindness, thank you very much!

## Welcome to our Newly Baptized

This Sunday brings the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Riley Elizabeth Dunlap, the infant daughter of Robert and Kristine Dunlap. By water and the Holy Spirit, Riley Elizabeth becomes one with us in the Mystical Body of Christ, and we warmly welcome her into our spiritual company. Our heartfelt congratulations go out to the newly baptized, as well as to her proud and happy parents and godparents.

## Reminder to Shanahan Parents

Bishop Shanahan parents are cordially invited to meet their child's teachers during the Annual Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 25, 2001. The evening visitation will begin promptly at

7:00 p.m. in the student's homeroom. The Shanahan faculty is looking forward to their meeting many parents that night.

## 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 do you have questions in search of an answer? For more information, please call Father John at 610/384-1172.

## Casino Bus Trip

The Honey Brook Auxiliary to Brandywine Hospital is sponsoring a Bus Trip to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Casino promises a generous trip package. For more information, call Barbara Pawlowski, Auxiliary President, at 610/384-5483.

## Help Wanted

A Chester County parish is seeking a part-time janitorial person for cleaning its facilities 4 hours each evening, Monday through Friday. Applicant must be conscientious and provide references. Call 610/692-2216, if interested.

## Dominican Retreat House Programs

The Dominican Retreat House, 750 Ashbourne Road, Elkins Park, PA is conducting programs designed to enable participants to come together for spiritual growth, refreshment, companionship and encouragement. Here are several current offerings:

Evening of Reflection for Cancer Survivors with Father Michael Bolesta, Chaplain, Holy Redeemer health System or Evening of Reflection for the Separated and Divorced with Father Joseph Breighner, counselor, author and radio minister on Tuesday, October 2, 2001, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Days of Reflection, featuring spiritual presentations, private prayer, confession and Mass, as well as a delicious hot lunch on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. October 17<sup>th</sup> (Marian Day), November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Harvest Evening for Married Couples, including dinner, conference and appropriate closing Liturgy on October 17<sup>th</sup> (registration at 6:30 p.m.) as coordinated by Sister Meg.

For complete information, kindly call the Retreat House at 215/782-8520. Flyers are available upon request.

## Women's Club News

### COVER DISH SOCIAL AND REGULAR MEETING

Looking forward to seeing many of you this Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at our First Meeting of the year and Cover Dish Social which will be held in the school hall beginning at 5:00 PM. Husbands and guests are invited. The meeting will follow the Social.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** – Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you to all who helped with our pierogie sessions on September 8<sup>th</sup> and this past Saturday. We worked hard but the camaraderie was worth it all. Many pierogies were made.

Our next work sessions coming up are our KIEFLI sessions. We have two planned – the first on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Hillman and Ann Hamilton will serve as chairpersons of this project. If you have any questions, call Lisa at 610/857-1549. Don't miss these sessions of work and laughter, which will benefit our St. Joseph Church.

## 2002 LOTTERY CALENDARS

Our 2002 Lottery Calendar Reservation Book is open and we will be very happy to reserve a number for you. For our new parishioners, the Lottery Calendar works like this. You reserve a number – 000-999-which is good for the entire year, 365 chances to win. The winning number is based on the daily PA Lottery Evening Drawing. Payouts range from \$50 to \$500. The cost is \$35.00 (less than 10 cents per day).

Attached to this bulletin is a list of available numbers. To reserve a number, please call Ann Cigas at 610/384-2955. Calendars will be available for distribution in early November.

## A Family Perspective

### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Being consistent in serving God rather than "mammon" challenges even faith-filled families. Do we place greater importance on preparing for eternal life by witnessing to the teaching and values of Jesus than on pursuing wealth and possessions beyond our needs?

## Genuine Riches



Cheating and "sharp dealing" in our lives serves no good. Only sorrow is to be found that way. But there is a bargain we regularly make before God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We can be astute in order to find our salvation. We can gain trust before God and our neighbors and find the genuine riches of the "tents of eternity," and of our grace-full share in divine life. We can reach full knowledge of the truth, Christ Jesus, the mediator between God and humankind.