

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 29th, 2001, 6:30 PM

Mary Shesko (Richard & Winnie Brown)

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

Sunday, September 30th, 2001, 10:30 AM

John & Anna Saska (Ann & Bob Hamilton)

Altar Servers England/E. Gushanas/Neff
Euch. Ministers Nesbitt/Swinty
Lector Laura

Masses for the week of September 30th, 2001, will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Frank Popovich (Helen Popovich)
Tuesday	9 am	Mary Shesko (Paula Pennypacker)
Wednesday	9 am	William Lasak (Rich & Stacy Lasak)
Thursday	9 am	Bill Frankow (Helen Popovich)
Friday	9:30 am	Parishioners
Saturday	9 am	Blanche Mruskovic (Julia Coldren Family)

Saturday, October 6, 2001, 5 PM

Susan Hemingway (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Altar Servers Kauffman/O'Malley
Euch. Minister Claypoole

Sunday, October 7, 2001, 10:30 AM

Helen & Steven Mitros (Stephen & Joan Mitros)

Altar Servers Neff/ S & J Lasak
Euch. Ministers Nesbitt/Swinty

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, Mary Sabo and the Dead: Father Francis Grogen, Father Peter Fitzpatrick, James Franciscus, and Edward Stoyak

Our prayers also embrace the dead and the injured of the September 11th 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!

On a happy note, our prayers hold a place for Susan R. Lawrence, our parishioner, and Steven D. Smith of Our Lady of Consolation parish, Parkesburg, whose intended marriage will be solemnized in St. Joseph Church on October 6th. May God bless them both as their relationship lovingly deepens into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Grace and fidelity be theirs!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 30th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, October 6th, from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m., prior to the specially scheduled Evening Mass at 5 o'clock. 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 6th, 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 Today

The Second Collection this weekend, September 29th-30th, renders financial support for the Care of the Aging and Ill Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These priests still serve us, perhaps not as visibly, but just as powerfully,

through lives of prayer offered on our behalf. Your generosity to this annual appeal is deeply appreciated. God love you!

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.

Catholic Life Congress 2001

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will hold their Annual Catholic Life Congress in the Valley Forge Convention Center on Friday, November 16th, and on Saturday, November 17th, 2001. This year's theme is: "In Jesus Christ, We Are Called and Gifted to Serve the Church." Featured will be prayer, music, ethnic food festival, major presentations, group sessions and much more by way of spiritual enrichment. Bus transportation will be available from designated points. For more information, please call 215/587-5630.

God Bless America Rally

This Sunday, September 30th, the Coatesville Area School District and Faith at Work are sponsoring a "God Bless America Rally" to honor our fallen brothers and sisters from the recent terrorist attack, as well as those who have performed gallantly in an effort to rescue survivors or to show support for the rescue workers. This local Program will be held in the High School Stadium beginning at 2:30 p.m., and will be highlighted by the singing of patriotic hymns familiar to all. Everyone is encouraged to attend our Community Rally.

Emergency Survivors' Collection

Perhaps you have delayed in making a contribution to assist the families who lost loved ones in the September 11th terrorist attacks, hoping that our own Archdiocese of Philadelphia would be initiating just such an effort through its network of parishes. We are pleased to announce that an Archdiocesan Campaign is now in place for this worthy cause, and we have been instructed to take up an "Aid to the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks Collection" as soon as possible. To that end, the Second Collection next weekend, October 6th-7th, is being earmarked as an out of pocket, out of purse collection (no special envelopes) for our stricken fellow Americans. Be assured that all contributions will be directed to those for whom they are intended through the agency of the Catholic Church. Thank you for your anticipated compassionate response!

Thinking Ahead to High School

In order to assist parents in their decision-making for high school, Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, is

sponsoring a "High School Night" on October 4th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the SS. Philip & James Parish Campus in Exton. Be aware of the opportunities available for your son/daughter at our local Archdiocesan High School; attend the forthcoming "High School Night."

Area Blood Drive

In light of the recent national tragedies on September 11th, the Leo Club at the Coatesville Area Senior High School will be conducting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 17th. **Give the gift of life; give blood!** If you are interested in being a blood donor at this critical time, please call the School at 610/383-3730. Thank you!

Casino Bus Trip

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

Golf Tournament for Charity

The Sixth Annual Golf Classic in support of the Chester County Family Service Centers of Catholic Social Services will be held on Monday, October 8th, at the Whitford Country Club in Exton, Pennsylvania. The cost per golfer is \$215.00, including lunch and buffet dinner. For more information on individual tickets or corporate sponsorships, please call Bill Kiefer at 610/269-4060.

A Family Perspective

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's readings, families hear a wake-up call. To live our faith we must take an active role in "securing justice for the oppressed" and in "giving food to the hungry."

Church Roof

We are expecting final approval for replacing our Church Roof to be received early next week from the Archdiocese. Your response to our request for funds for this project has been very good, hearing from approximately 1/3 of our congregation totaling \$18,000.00. (Cost of this project is \$55,000-\$60,000 – depending on what we find when the roof is removed.) For those who have not responded, we hope to hear from you. Thank you in advance and God Bless you for your support.

Gate to Heaven



The plights of Lazarus and the wealthy man of this world, Dives, is a favorite image of our ancestors in the faith. If it were not for Jesus we would all be in the place of the rich man on the wrong side of the abyss roasting in Hades. Jesus is the one risen from the dead come to lead us by the ladder of his cross across that great gulf and into paradise. We have Moses and the Prophets, and Jesus, also, to help us to repent. Jesus is the way and the gate to heaven. Be warned, repent and follow him!

Parish Census

We need to hear from a few more of you to complete the Parish Census. We hope you will take the time to complete this form and return it to the rectory. If you misplaced your copy, you can find additional copies in the Church Vestibule

Women's Club News

For those who attended our covered Dish Social last week, we enjoyed a delightful meal. Thank you to Gerry Branson who chaired this event. Our next scheduled regular meeting is set for Sunday, October 21st at 7:00 PM in the School Hall. Please mark your calendar, as it is a change from our regular 4th Sunday of the month time.

Don't forget our next scheduled work session:

Kieflli – Wednesday, October 10th – 6:00 PM
Wednesday, October 24th – 6:00 PM
Lisa Hillman, Chairperson