

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, 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

Masses for the week of October 7th, 2001, will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, October 13th, 2001, 6:30 PM

Agata Piscoglio (Angelyn Cisarik)

Altar Servers Ponto/Rhoades
Euch. Ministers Catanese

Sunday, October 14th, 2001, 10:30 AM

Michael Hudock (Max & Agnes Sushinski)

Altar Servers A. Reczek/Kauffman/Zelina
Euch. Ministers Seymen/Krupansky

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 Hrachko, 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!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This 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. . Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, October 14th, 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.

Special Appeal This Weekend

The Second Collection this weekend is earmarked as an emergency appeal for "Aid to the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks." This Survivors' Collection is being conducted by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia through its network of parishes. It is an out of pocket, out of purse effort (no special envelopes) for our stricken fellow Americans, some of whom reside in the counties of the Archdiocese. Thank you for your anticipated compassionate response!

Heartfelt Congratulations to our Bridal Couple

This Saturday, October 6th, holds the joyous event of marriage for a local young couple: Susan R. Lawrence, our parishioner, and Steven D. Smith our Lady of Consolation Parish, Parkesburg. Their holy union is being solemnized at an afternoon Nuptial Mass, in St. Joseph Church, before Father James Wysocki the groom's uncle. Our sincere congratulations go out to Susan and Steven; may God abundantly bless them in their life together. Love and fidelity by the grace of Christ be theirs forever!

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.

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!

Seminary Open House

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, our Archdiocesan facility for the training and education of tomorrow's priests, will host its Annual Open House on Sunday, October 21st, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to tour the beautiful buildings and grounds, meet the seminarians, view the sacred and historical works of art and, at the end of the day, join the seminary community in prayer. The Seminary is located at 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood (corner of City Line Avenue and Wynnewood Road). For more information, kindly call 610/785-6231.

Calling St. James "Bulldogs"

St. James High School Alumni Association will hold their Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, November 4th, beginning with a 10:00 a.m. Mass in St. Katharine Drexel Church, 20th Street & Providence Avenue, Chester. Breakfast will follow in the School Hall, featuring Brother Stephen Glodek, S.M. as the guest speaker. Alumni, family and friends are welcome. The cost of an adult ticket is \$12.00, and a child's ticket is \$8.00. For information and tickets, call 610/494-0446 or visit www.jbulldogs.org today.

"United We Stand" Aerial Photograph

On Saturday, November 3rd, at 10:00 a.m., students, parents, educators, support staff, business leaders, elected officials and community members in the Coatesville School District plan to join together in a common enterprise: a "United We Stand" aerial photograph to mark the annual observance of American Education Week. Hundreds of participants are needed to form the letters of the message of unity and community spirit. A proclamation will be delivered by a distinguished speaker, and

several spirited musical groups will perform. The active participation of everyone is encouraged and needed to make this special effort a grand success. Thank you for your support.

Coatesville Catholic School Campaign

The overwhelming response to this weekend's Kick-Off Celebration for the Coatesville Catholic School Campaign has necessitated two receptions at the Coatesville Country Club: Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. With these twin Celebrations the formal solicitation of faith promises and contributions gets underway, making possible the realization of a new parochial elementary school. We trust that our entire Catholic community will be committedly behind this long needed common effort in behalf of our children.

Acknowledging that our donors to the School Campaign have their own personal pattern of offering contributions over the three year period, we are providing boxed sets of contribution envelopes for this purpose to allow for weekly, monthly or quarterly gifts. Your family, for example, may wish to be very generous toward the School Campaign and can best accomplish that goal by giving a donation every other week in the church collection basket. This the specially marked offering envelopes would prove helpful and would assist our School Campaign in keeping an accurate record of your gifts. Many donors find that a systematic type of "installment giving" works well for them. The boxed sets, containing 52 envelopes, are available for your taking this weekend with each envelope bearing your usual assigned envelope number. God love you for your interest and support! Please pray for the success of our Coatesville Catholic School Campaign.

Promoting Priestly Vocations

Attached to this parish bulletin is a brochure entitled "Follow In His Footsteps", produced by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If you are a young man, between 16 and 40 years of age, please give the invitation it offers some serious consideration. If you are a parent or grandparent, a friend or neighbor to a young man who exemplifies those qualities you would expect to find in a priest, then kindly follow the directions given in the brochure. Thank you for your kind cooperation; please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Increase Our Faith



Today faith, faithfulness, and due service are tied together. These are parts of the bargain between God and humankind. It is ordinary to do what you are supposed to do witnessing to the Lord and relying on the power of God. Jesus did the same. Extraordinarily, God is relying on us to continue the work of the Messiah bearing hardships for the sake of the Good News in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. We have something precious to look after and proclaim—the Holy Spirit living and working in us.

Looking for a Helping Hand

We could use some part-time assistance with our Parish Church at times during the week, but especially on weekends. Someone to fulfill the assorted duties of the sexton is very much needed. A retired person could possibly be favorably disposed to take on the task. Please see Father John for full details. We would be grateful for a helping hand.