

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

Masses for this weekend are as follows:

Saturday, May 4th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Frederick Hagen (Michael & Kathy Catanese)

Euch. Minister Claypoole
Lector Elaine

Sunday, May 5th, 2002, 10:30 AM

First Holy Communicants

Euch. Ministers Seymen, Krupansky
Lector 1st Communicants

Masses for the week of May 5th, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Wednesday, May 8th, 2002, 7:00 PM

Mary Shesko (George Kuba Family)

Saturday, May 11th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Charles Bannon (Stephen & Sarah Lasak)

Euch. Minister Jeffery Nesbitt
Lector Sara Hoopes

Sunday, May 12th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Frederick Hagen (Bob & Steffi Levenite)

Euch. Ministers Johnson, Hillman
Lector Laura Henderson

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Jan Cisarik, Verna Seymen, Marie Reali, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, Cecilia Shesko, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Anna Bortnyck, Lanita Guisepepe, Joseph Reis, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Victor Kostolansky, Charlie Persch, Betty Kinnier, Joanne Krupansky, Larry O'Malley and the Dead: Alfred Poleski.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 4th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 12th, 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.

2002 Catholic Charities Campaign

Today is Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday, opening a three week period of giving in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. It is that time of the year that we, the faithful, rally together and collectively declare our commitment to Our Lord's mission of love and justice for all his children, especially those in our community. Coming from the shadows of September 11th, we are forced to deal with great challenges to the well being of individuals and families of all faiths in the Greater Philadelphia area. They need your compassionate response more than ever. Please share your gifts, as you are able, with the 2002 Catholic Charities Appeal. Your contribution may be placed in the appropriate vestibule drop box, or in the weekly collection basket, or in the mail to our Rectory Office. Thank you . . . and God love you!

Local Clothing Drive in Two Weeks

The Archdiocesan Society of St. Vincent de Paul will set up a collection site on the grounds of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17th Avenue, on the weekend of May 18th- 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. They will be accepting donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing, as well as small household goods (bed and bath linens, pots, pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys, books) and small appliances in good working order. All donations may be placed in the Society's trailer in the parking lot. Tax receipts are available upon request. A pick-up service is offered for furniture, large appliances

and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215/288-8160. Thank you very much!

C.A.C.E.S. Ninth Annual Golf Outing

On Friday, May 17th, at the Honey Brook Golf Club, our Parochial School will hold its 9th Annual Golf Outing (1:00 p.m. tee-off). The Entry fee of \$95.00 includes greens fees, cart, dinner and refreshments on the course. Prizes will be awarded during dinner to acknowledge Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive, Winning foursome and Hole in One. To register or for full information, call Al Ponto at 610/857-5026. The cut-off date is May 8th, act today!

First Holy Communion Class

This Sunday, May 5th, brings the very special joy of our welcoming eleven young parishioners to the Table of the Lord for their first time. The 10:30 Morning Mass marks the celebration of First Holy Communion Day in our parish. Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to the youngsters and their parents:

<i>Ryan Matthew Buchovecky</i>	<i>Anthony Jay Calamaro</i>
<i>Jordan Elizabeth Conahan</i>	<i>Alyssa Leigh Hoopes</i>
<i>Tyler Paul Jamison</i>	<i>Hunter Daniel Kimes</i>
<i>Catherine Frances Lasak</i>	<i>Rachel Melissa McDonald</i>
<i>Krystal Ann Sharif</i>	<i>Gabriella Nichole Sheller</i>
<i>Natalie Joanna Weaver</i>	

Likewise, our prayers go out to our Class of First Communicants that they will always possess a deep love and true devotion for Our Lord in this Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Best wishes to all on this happy First Holy Communion Day!

Solemnity of Our Lord's Ascension

Thursday of this week, May 9th, marks the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord, a holy day of obligation. After a forty day period of assuring His disciples of the reality of His resurrection from the dead, Jesus returns to the glory of heaven. And, along with the early followers, we are instructed to stop gazing at the clouds and to start spreading the good news of salvation.

In observance of the holy day, Mass will be offered in St. Joseph Church on Wednesday evening, May 8th, at 7 o'clock. On Ascension Thursday itself, Masses will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Easter Season eventually concludes on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

C.A.C.E.S. Fun Fair

Our Parochial School is hosting a Fun Fair on Sunday, May 19th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, South 17th Avenue. You have to be there for the games, food and lots of fun. Prizes for everyone, with a

chance to win a giant Scooby Doo! All proceeds benefit the campaign for our new school. Advance tickets are available. Circle the date on your calendar and join us at the Fun Fair.

Archdiocesan Marian Tribute

The Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia will host their Annual May Procession on Mother's Day, May 12th, from 2:00 until 3:30 p.m. All the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to attend and pay homage to Mary, the Mother of God. The prayers of this special Service will be devoted to the theme of vocations. Appropriate banners are welcome. First communicants are requested to wear their First Holy Communion dresses and suits. For additional details, please call 215/561-1313.

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Today Jesus promises the next step. He will send us a paraclete, an advocate—the Holy Spirit—to continue his saving work as it works out in time. This is the hope that keeps the Church optimistic before the troubles of this world. We need the complete Trinity, in whose names we are baptized, to lead a life that is "Spirit-based." Are you there yet?