

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 18th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Helen Moratelli (Rose Olise & Family)

Euch. Minister P. Swinty
Lector Cy Reali

Sunday, May 19th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Rev. Cyril Ponisciak (Parishioners)

Euch. Ministers Bugar, Catanese
Lector Frank

Masses for the week of May 19th, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, May 25th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Sophie & Steve Zelina (The Children)

Euch. Minister Mary Frances Johnson
Lector Elaine Sabo

Sunday, May 26th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Andrew & Jennie Lasak (Mary Czirjak)

Euch. Ministers Seymen, Krupansky
Lector Albert Ponto

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 Guisepppe, 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, Helen Vicari, Suzanne Odell and Jim Purcell.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 18th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 26th, 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

Do you know the power of your annual gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal? A gift of \$5.00 can purchase infant formula for a young mother and child in need for two or three days. This is just one of the many examples of assistance enabled by your support. If you have not yet made a contribution to the 2002 Appeal, please drop it in the vestibule drop box, in the weekly collection basket or in the mail to our Rectory Office. Be assured that every gift make a difference. Thank you ... and God love you!

Welcome to Our Baptismal Family

This Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, has us embrace a new member to our baptismal family. Through water and the Holy Spirit, Mackenzie Drury Howell, the infant daughter of Denny and Natalie Howell, become one with us in Christ. How happy we are to welcome her and lovingly recognize her as our sister through Holy Baptism! Heartiest congratulations to Baby Mackenzie, her parents and Godparents, her family and friends on this very special occasion!

Walk for Hope Event

Bridge of Hope's annual Walk for Hope is being held on Saturday, June 1st, in Hibernia Park, at 9:00 a.m. Walk routes include a 10 kilometer (6.2 miles), a 5 kilometer (3.1 miles) and a Kid's Adventure Hike. Registration will be conducted from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. There will be t-shirts and prizes for walkers, as well as a free lunch and musical entertainment. Join in the effort to help homeless women and children, which is the ministry of Bridge of Hope. For more information, call 610/380-1360.

Volunteers Needed by the Red Cross

The American Red Cross is badly in need of assistants and drivers for their bloodmobile. New volunteers are urgently sought in helping to staff collection services at local blood drives. You could give the "gift of life" with a gift of your time, just once or twice a month. Assistants are responsible to register donors, assist the nurses and serve refreshments. Drivers are responsible to deliver donated blood to the Red Cross Laboratory in Philadelphia. To volunteer, please call the Red Cross at 610/272-6800. See yourself engaged in the noble work of life-saving.

Dominican Retreat House Programs

The Dominican Retreat House, 750 Ashbourne Road, Elkins Park is hosting the following opportunities for spiritual growth:

Woman to Woman Weekend program, May 31st to June 2nd, includes time for relaxing, listening, sharing, reflection and T'ai Chi Chih under the direction of Sister Ann Scanlon, O.P. Refer to Extension 180.

Overnight Retreat for Women Recovering from Abuse, June 15th to 16th, offers a way to come to a helpful understanding of God, His strength and His healing under the direction of Sister Clare Moran, S.S.J. Refer to Extension 181.

A Day for Married Couples with Blended Families, June 29th, reflects on how to create a greater sense of harmony within the family. Come with your spouse and together be renewed, be energized. Refer to Extension 180.

For further information, kindly contact the Retreat House at 215/782-8520, using one of the extension numbers given above.

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.

Beef and Beer Social

Changed from an earlier date, a Beef and Beer Social will be held on Saturday, June 8th, from 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, in the Polish-American Citizen's Club, West Lincoln Highway & Strode Avenue. A good time with good friends is assured that night with music by DJ Ken, door prizes and raffles. Proceeds will benefit the Coatesville Catholic School Campaign. Ticket cost is \$20.00 per person. Tickets are available by calling 610/383-6328. Enjoy the fun of the evening, while helping a deserving cause.

Padre Pio Canonization

The Capuchin Friars invite you to celebrate the Canonization of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina with them on Monday, June 17th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia, will preside at a Concelebrated Pontifical Mass

of Thanksgiving, with the Reverend Paul Dressler, O.F.M.Cap. serving as homilist. Since his death in 1968, Padre Pio has received increasing devotion from the faithful worldwide, who recognized his holiness of life, his mystical experiences, his miraculous powers and his love for the Holy Eucharist. For more information, contact the Capuchin Friars at 215/561-1313.

A Performance of Godspell

The Troupe of Acts, a teen drama group from Lionville, will present the musical production Godspell on Sunday, May 19th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 107 South 17th Avenue. Godspell is a delightful contemporized version of the telling of the parables based on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The suggested donation for adults (12 and older) is \$5.00, for children (under 12) \$3.00, with proceeds to benefit the Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard. All money received will be matched by AAL Local Branch #6213.

Cemetery Mass on Memorial Day

In keeping with the spirit of the National Holiday, a festive outdoor Mass will be celebrated on Memorial Day, May 27th, at 9:30 a.m., in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Water Works Road, West Caln Township. In this hallowed ground lie the mortal remains of many beloved departed from both West End parishes. Participants are asked to gather at the Pieta Shrine and to bring their own folding chair. In the event of unfavorable weather conditions, the Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church.

Incidentally, we hope that grave owners are pleased thus far with our uniform grass cutting efforts at the cemetery. Our contracted grounds service has been regularly responding to our needs and will continue to do so.

Veni Creator Spiritus!



"Holy Spirit, the Lord and life-giver": is in the Creed. Today celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to bestow a share in divine life to God's chosen and covenanted people. There is sound, wind, and fiery light as signs of the gift; people experience the reversal of the fall of Babel. Everyone hears the Apostles speaking in his or her own language. They speak about the marvels of God. The Spirit is given to each for a good purpose—building up Christ's body. Veni Creator Spiritus!