

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 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*

Masses for the week of May 26th, 2002, will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9:30 am	Memorial Day Cemetery Mass
Tuesday	9 am	Helen Moratelli (Anne Reshey)
Wednesday	9 am	Elizabeth Wattis (Bonnie & Dennis Sweda)
Thursday	9 am	Raymond Vanderslice (Rose Olise)
Friday	9 am	Mary Mancuso (Winnie Brown)
Saturday	9 am	Mary Shesko (Mike & Bambi Townsley)

Saturday, June 1st, 2002, 6:30 PM

Joseph F. Trumpelman (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)

*Euch. Minister Bugar
Lector Swinty*

Sunday, June 2nd, 2002, 10:30 AM

*Deceased member of Palazzo & Rossi Family
(Hoopes & Kenworthy Families)*

*Euch. Ministers Hillman, Lasak, Jr.
Lector Frank*

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, Jim Purcell, Oliver Lee and the Dead: Donna Marie Hartshaw and Richard Smith.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 26th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, June 2nd, 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. By exception, please note that the scheduled confession days for this weekend and next will be on Sundays.

2002 Catholic Charities Campaign

Our Parish Family, over the years, has shared generously with our sisters and brothers in need through the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. The campaign moves into its final days, and we inch toward our collective goal. If you have made a gift, thank you for your kind support. If not, please consider making a gift today; your charity is never too late! Just as you are good stewards of your God-given gifts, the Catholic Charities Appeal is a good steward of the support it receives from the faithful of the Archdiocese. Less than 5% of funds raised are spent on administrative tasks, leaving 95% of your donation directed to the young and old to be assisted. Very few charitable organizations can make such a claim. And, of

course, your generosity provides social services that uphold the teachings of Our Lord and are centered in faith, hope and justice of all God's children. God love you!

Parish Goal: \$7,500.00

-Collected to Date	\$6,715.00
+Pledged to Date	395.00
Total Pledged and Collected to date	\$7,110.00

71 Pledges have been received out of a total of 298 Households. PLEASE – can we hear from more of you!! Thank you in advance.

A Very Special Message From the Pulpit

Father John Hagan, O.S.A., our priest from Villanova University in weekend ministry with us, has been most gracious in accepting Father John's invitation to fashion an appropriate pulpit response to the tragic scandal within the ranks of the American clergy. A priest of forty years, a dedicated educator and a highly respected member of his religious order, Father Hagen will offer his thoughtful, faith-filled message over two weekends at the Masses of both West End Churches. Next weekend, he will address the Sunday, June 2nd congregations. On the following weekend, he will address the Saturday, June 8th congregations. In meeting the challenge of bringing healing to a critically wounded Church, Father Hagen requests the kindness of our prayers for the Holy Spirit to provide him with wisdom and guidance.

Our Newly Installed Church Roof

What with the severe windy, wet weather we had recently in these parts, our new church roof was completed none too soon—praise the Lord! Again, we state our sincere gratitude to both the donors to our one time New Roof Appeal and the Women's Club of St. Joseph's Church through the sale of lottery calendars, whose generosity made possible the funding of this major undertaking. All that remains to be completed are a few auxiliary roof surfaces: the confessionals, boiler room and awning-like extension over the main door. Our June 9th Parish Bulletin is expected to render a fuller report on our New Church Roof Project.

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.

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.

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.

West Catholic High School Celebration

On June 9, 2002, The Christian Brothers, The Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and The Sisters of St. Joseph are celebrating 75 years of dedicated religious service to West Catholic High School. This gala event will begin with Mass at 2:30 PM, to be celebrated in West Catholic's Cardinal John O'Connor Auditorium. School tours will be conducted by West students. A dinner reception will take place at Penns Landing Caterers at 1301 S. Columbus Blvd. in Philadelphia. Cocktails will be served from 4:30 to 5:30 PM and dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The cost is \$75.00 per person and all proceeds will be donated to the three orders being recognized. RSVP to George Light at 215/386-2244, extension 260.

A commemorative original painting is being donated by renowned local artist Sr. Helen David, I.H.M. Signed and numbered reproductions will be available and all proceeds will be donated to the three orders being honored at this celebration. Sr. Helen's commemorative piece is inspired by the continued commitment of The Brothers, The I.H.M. Sisters and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

God Loved The World



"God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life." This, the most translated verse in Holy Scripture, sums up the grand work of God to put creation "rightly in place." We are invited to share God's own life and to take our proper place at his wedding feast as his adopted family. The gracious gift of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all! Can you stand and receive this great gift?