

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, July 20th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Mary Shesko (Lou & Betty Filippone)

Euch. Minister Catanese
Lector Cy

Sunday, July 21st, 2002, 10:30 AM

Andrew Sabocsik (Mary R. Sabocsik)

Euch. Ministers Bugar, Swinty
Lector Kathleen

Masses for the week of July 21st, 2002 will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Helen Moratelli (Raymond & Mary Sieracki)
Wednesday	9 am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hasieber (Father Hasieber)
Thursday	9 am	Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)
Friday	9 am	Andrew & Anna Przybyla (Cecilia Kempst & Family)
Saturday	9 am	Helen Moratelli (St. Joseph Women's Club)

Saturday, July 27th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Mary Mancuso (Scott & Lisa Hillman)

Euch. Minister J. Nesbitt
Lector Elaine

Sunday, July 28th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Ray T. Randler (Leonard & Barbara Sabocsik)

Euch. Ministers Lasak, Jr. & Krupansky
Lector Kathy

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 and the Dead: Francis Pilotti.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, July 20th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, July 28th, 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.

Welcome to Father Michael Donofrio, Missionary From Peru!

The Second Collection this weekend, July 20th-21st, is earmarked as the special Missionary Cooperation Collection, bringing to our pulpit Father Michael Donofrio. Our priest-visitor is actually a priest of our own Philadelphia Archdiocese who comes to solicit our good prayers and financial assistance for the work of evangelization and charity in Apurimac, Peru, where he has selflessly served for years. Thank you for your anticipated generosity to the "Missionary Co-Op Collection." God love you!

Vacation Bible School

It's not too late to sign up for "Faith Mountain" an "Extreme Adventure with Jesus". This fun-packed Vacation Bible School will take place daily from 6:00

p.m. to 8:30 p.m., July 21-25 with a closing program on Friday, July 26th. To register, please call Beth Ann Hackmeister at 610/380-3505. So fill your water bottle, put on your boots and secure your position on the team today!!

Pilgrimage to Padre Pio Shrine Forming

Our West End Parishes are organizing a Pilgrimage to the beautiful, prayerful Shrine of the newly canonized Padre Pio in Barto, PA, since many are interested in discovering more about this beloved, modern day Italian Franciscan Friar. It will be conducted on Wednesday, July 31st, 2002, employing a comfortable, air-conditioned Krapf Coach which will leave from Coatesville at 9:00 a.m. and arrive back at 2:30 p.m. You may wish to note that the Shrine is pretty much free from steps and that wheel chairs are available for those in need of one. Our Pilgrimage features a video presentation of Padre Pio's life, a guided tour of the Shrine, the celebration of Mass and time in the gift shop. A 12:30 p.m. lunch awaits us at the Bonanza Steak House on Route 100, just five minutes from the Shrine. If you are interested in joining our group, please take a copy of the yellow Pilgrimage flyer from the skirted table in the church vestibule. It provides full details, a reservation form and instructions for your lunch selection. Thank you!

A Feast Day for Grandparents

Friday of this week, July 26th, marks the Feast of SS. Anne and Joachim, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and thus the maternal grandparents of the Holy Child Jesus. Although unmentioned in the Bible, their names come to us from an ancient tradition of the Church, both in the East and the West. Our commemoration of SS. Anne and Joachim is yet another affirmation of the Son of God entering into our humanity. Like us, Jesus had a grandmother and a grandfather who lavished their love and attention upon Him, just as grandparents continue to do with their grandchildren today. Happy SS. Anne and Joachim Day to all the proud grandparents of our Parish!

An Invitation for Our Men and Young Men

Annually, more than 300 men and young men from Chester County gather at St. Joseph's-in-the-Hills Retreat House, Malvern, for a Men of Malvern Weekend Retreat. It is a deeply enriching spiritual experience to which many return year after year. This year the Chester County Retreat Gathering will be conducted on August 9th-10th-11th. It is a singular opportunity over three days to find peace and refreshment, to renew and reflect, and to take time out of the usual routine, so as "to rest in the arms of the Lord" in the company of many other brothers of a similar mind and spirit. We are truly blessed to have such a beautifully maintained and excellently staffed facility in our general area. Somewhat

curious, have a few questions to ask? Contact a Coatesville "veteran" of many Malvern Retreats, Ed Lawrence, at 610/384-7885. For an informational brochure or your reservations, kindly call the Retreat House at 610/644-0400. Be good to yourself: come to Malvern on August 9th-10th-11th!

Congratulations to A Golden Couple

June 26th of this year marked the 50th Wedding Anniversary for our parishioners, Andrew and Geraldine Hamara. Their marriage was actually solemnized before the altar of our Parish Church in 1952. How pleased we are to extend to them our sincerest congratulations in their Golden Jubilee Year! The witness of their constant love and fidelity is a blessing and inspiration for us all. God bless you, Andrew and Geraldine!

An Invitation for Our Young Adults

Our young adults are invited to join the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Young Adult Ministry at Finnigan's Wake, 3rd & Spring Garden, Philadelphia this Thursday, July 18th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., for an evening of fun, friends and faith. Theology on Tap features fantastic presentations with open-ended discussions led by dynamic speakers. Admission is free! For more information, call Tricia Manion at 610/649-9476 or visit www.oyya.org.

A Series on the Synod Topics

There are twelve topics proposed for consideration at our forthcoming Archdiocesan Synod. Throughout the summer, on a weekly basis, we offer consideration of one of the topics. The Synod Office has prepared this series for publication, thus promoting our awareness.

Roles of Service in the Church and the World: Role of Religious Men and Women

"In the image of Jesus, the beloved Son, 'whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world,' those whom God calls to follow him are also consecrated and sent into the world to imitate His example and to continue His mission. In a special way, however, it is true of those who, in the manner that characterizes the consecrated life, are called to follow Christ 'most closely,' and to make Him the 'all' of their lives. The more consecrated persons allow themselves to be conformed to Christ, the more Christ is made present and active in the world for the salvation of all."—Exhortation of Pope John Paul II

Summer Festival in Elverson

St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson will be hosting their Annual Summer Festival on Saturday, August 10th, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine. All are invited to enjoy the afternoon's event including mansion tours, delicious food, entertaining games, white elephant table and gift shop. Raffles, too,

will be conducted. For more information, call 610/942-4166.

Parochial School Tuition Reminder

Parents with children enrolled in Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School are reminded that tuition for the 2002-2003 school year for one child is \$1,700.00: for two children \$3,000.00; for three children \$4,100.00; for four or more children \$4,500.00 when the family is duly registered with one of the four participating Parishes. Also, tuition collection and stationery sale will be held on August 6th-7th at the Primary Building (St. Cecilia Campus), 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Did You Ever Hear of St. Denis Cemetery?

St. Denis Cemetery, located in Havertown, Delaware County, PA, is seeking families who may have a cemetery lot in our cemetery, but who have "lost contact" with us. If you, or some of your relatives, or friends, ever had family in the Havertown, Oakmont, South Ardmore or even the West Philadelphia area, there may be a family cemetery lot at St. Denis. We have many lots for which we have no current address or contact person, and yet in these lots there is room for a number of burials. Please think back on your family history, and if you think you might have relatives who once lived near St. Denis, or who are buried at St. Denis, please call or write to us. Also, please pass this message along to family and friends who you think might have links to this area of Delaware County. Thank you.

To contact us: St. Denis Cemetery, 2401 Denis Lane, Havertown, PA 19083. Telephone: 610/446-1217.

A First Anniversary Commemoration Approaches

September 11th, 2002 marks the 1st Anniversary of the fiercely tragic loss of life sustained by the Terrorists' Attacks on the United States. Please be aware that an appropriate Mass of Remembrance is being planned for that evening. Complete details will later be announced.

Thank You For Your Thoughtfulness

We are sincerely grateful to those kind parishioners who do not forget their financial support of St. Joseph Church when away on extended vacation or summer holiday. Thank you for keeping up with your weekly contributions. Our expenses are constantly with us; the summertime brings us no relief from these responsibilities.

Dressing For Church

Now that the weather is warmer, please remember to dress appropriately for church. Informality can be overdone. Styles which might be acceptable in a resort area church are not always suitable for an in-town

church. On vacation, people can only pack a limited amount of clothing; hence they can't always bring dress-up clothing. At home, however, such casual wear gives the impression of lack of respect for God. Surely none of us would visit the President of the United States without dressing up; and we ought to do the same for God. The old rationalization "God doesn't care how we dress" is true only if we have nothing better to wear. But if we have a whole closet full of beautiful outfits and then choose to wear play clothes to church, we seem to be saying that God is not very important. These remarks are not intended to embarrass anyone, but to encourage reverence and respect in the Lord's presence. We urge you to honor God by dressing up for Mass.

Listen!



Today's parables show how the good news changes and entouches. We respond to the revealing of things hidden with awe, prayer, faith and action. When awe tongue-ties us, the Holy Spirit speaks for us and in us, leading our witness and actions toward the light of the kingdom of the Father. Listen, anyone who has ears to hear!