

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, August 10, 2002, 6:30 PM

Rose Kozacheson (Ted & Joanne McLaughlin)

Euch. Minister Swinty
Lector Sara

Sunday, August 11, 2002, 10:30 AM

Virginia Major (Bob & Frances Shesko)

Euch. Ministers Lasak, Jr. & Nesbitt
Lector Laura

Masses for the week of August 11th, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Wednesday, August 14th, 2002, 7:00 PM

Parishioners

Lector Frank

Saturday, August 17th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Michael & Ronald Ellis (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)

Euch. Minister Claypoole
Lector Elaine

Sunday, August 18th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Mary Shesko (Richard & Mary Anne Michinok)

Euch. Ministers Bugar & Catanese
Lector Kathleen

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 Guiseppa, 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, Mary Kish, Denny Howell, Sr., Rose Olise, Jordan Conahan and Elizabeth Stewart.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, August 11th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, August 17th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee Meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, August 20th at 7:00 PM from Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00 PM. If you are unable to attend, kindly contact Ann Cigas. Thank you.

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, August 15th, brings the beautiful Feast of Mary's Assumption, body and soul, into heaven. Some speak of this mystery as "Our Blessed Lady's Easter," while the Eastern Church has named it "The Holy Mother's Dormition," her "falling asleep" gently into the arms of God. For us it is a holy day of obligation. On Wednesday, August 14th, Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. On the Feast itself, August 15th, Masses will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. What Mary is now, we too shall be one day!

Welcome to Our Newest, Youngest Member

Saturday of last week, August 3rd, blessed us with the newest, youngest member of our Parish Family. Through the bath of Baptism and the activity of the Holy Spirit, Grace Anne Casagrande, infant daughter of John and Terryanne Casagrande, became our sister in Christ. We share in the pride and joy of her family and friends, and offer our sincerest congratulations to Grace Anne's beaming parents and delighted godparents. God bless one and all!

Parish R.C.I.A. Program

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a current program in place to bring converts into the Church through weekly group sessions of prayer, instruction and discussion. These friendly, informative gatherings will be underway by early October. Do you have a spark of interest in knowing more about Catholicism? Kindly give Father John a call at 610/384-1172.

Summer Slovak Festival

Our Mother of Sorrows – St. Augustine Parish, Bridgeport, PA will host their Annual Summer Slovak Festival on Saturday, August 24th (4:00 to 10:00 p.m.) and on Sunday, August 25th (3:00 to 9:00 p.m.) at the church facilities on Hurst Street. The Event features games of chance, fun-filled entertainment, Slovak and American food and live music by the Melody Kings. Young and old are cordially invited to attend. For more information, kindly call 610/272-4088.

Malvern Retreat House Events

For your spiritual enrichment, St. Joseph's –in-the-Hills Retreat House, Malvern, invites your participation in the following programs:

Death of a Loved One Conference with the theme "The Healing Power of Grief", to be conducted on Sunday, September 22nd, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., under the direction of a leadership team. The cost is \$20.00 for one adult and \$5.00 for one child, 13 years and older. The youngster is welcome to bring a friend for free. Refreshments will be served.

Our Lady of Peace Retreat for Women, to be conducted over the weekend of September 20th-22nd, under the direction of Father Anthony Genovese, O.S.A. Come, spend some private time with the Lord at a beautiful facility. Cost is \$136.00, with a deposit of \$26.00 requested.

Cana Retreat for Married Couples, to be conducted over the weekend of September 20th-22nd, under the direction of Father Edward Murphy, S.J. You are being given the opportunity to reinforce your personal relationship with Christ and with each other. Cost is \$136.00, with a deposit of \$26.00 requested.

For reservations or information, please call the Retreat House at 610/644-0400.

Parochial School September Re-Opening

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will reopen on Wednesday, September 4, 2002. Uniform dress code is effective as of Wednesday, September 4. Buses will be available, Coatesville School District will mail a post card at the end of August with your bus #, place of pick-up and time. Other School Districts please contact your district office. September 4 dismissal will be 11:00 A.M., September 5 and 6 will be full day sessions with dismissal at 2:15 P.M. for grades 1 through 8.

Kindergarten Open House for parents and students will be held on Thursday, September 5, between 9 and 12 noon at the Primary Building in the Kindergarten classrooms. All Kindergarten students will report on September 9 for day session from 7:50 A.M. to 2:15 P.M.

Thank You to Our Kind Donors

We are pleased to announce that the significantly generous sum of \$804.00 was contributed to the special Missionary Cooperation Collection taken up over the July 20th-21st weekend. Your monetary gifts will assist the work of evangelization and charity in Apurimac, Peru, being conducted by the local bishop, clergy, religious and catechists. Father Michael Donofrio, an American missionary there, expresses his deepest appreciation for your wonderful demonstration of support in response to his recent Co-op solicitation. God love you!

Mass Intentions For Next Calendar Year

Our Parish Mass Intention Book for 2003 is now open and accepting your Mass reservations for a particular date. It has been a long-established custom of the Church to have Mass offered for the special intentions of the faithful. Perhaps you wish to observe the anniversary of the death of a loved one or the birthday of a relative or friend, living or deceased. Maybe it is the significant wedding anniversary of a wonderful couple or a prayer of

thanksgiving for God's favor you wish to mark. You may consider having a Mass celebrated for that intention at the altar of our Parish Church. To make this arrangement, contact either Mrs. Stella Grubb or Father John Oulds at the Rectory Office: 610/384-0360.

Courses At St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, announces their 2002 Fall Semester for the Religious Studies Division, beginning September 9th. Graduate Courses include Systematic Theology, Theology of the Sacraments, Catholic Social Thought, Sacred Scripture, History of Spirituality and Moral Theology. The tuition fee is \$570.00 per 3-credit course. Undergraduate Courses include The Psalms: Prayer of Christians, Theology of the Church, Introduction to the New Testament, Contemporary Moral Issues, Faith Development and Sacramental Life of Adolescents, The Catechism of the Catholic Church. The tuition fee is \$285.00 per 3-credit course. All courses are available for credit or audit. Registration Deadline is August 31st. for full course listings and further information, please call 610/785-6287 or fax 610/667-4122.

Holy Hour in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

On Monday, August 12th, at 7:00 p.m., St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will be hosting the Chester County Chapter of Our Lady's Blue Army. Representatives will conduct a Holy Hour in honor of Our Lady of Fatima which will include the recitation of the rosary, appropriate message, Marian procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to participate. In these uneasy, tension-filled days, to whom can we turn for authentic peace than to the gentle Christ and His loving Mother? The apparitions of nearly 100 years ago continue to hold the timeless answer.

Assumption Festivities in West Chester

All are cordially invited to the 83rd Annual Feast of the Assumption Observance to be held on Sunday, August 11th, at 2:30 p.m., in West Chester. The day's festivities include an outdoor Marian Procession beginning at St. Agnes Church, proceeding south on New Street, east on market Street, north on Church Street, west on Gay Street, then returning to St. Agnes Church for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. The Luken's Steel Band will perform during the procession. For additional information about this

religious event in the Old World tradition, call Barbara Mange, in the evening, at 610/696-8832.

Sustain Our Faith



We meet the Lord in the strangest places. Elijah spent the night listening to the wind, feeling the earthquake and surrounded with fire, but the Lord was not in any of these. He came in a gentle breeze. We would like great events for meeting our God, but most often he stirs our hearts and minds very gently. If we listen, we encounter the Lord. Like Peter, we walk toward the Lord. The Lord says: "Come!" We respond: "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus; sustain our faith!"