

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 24th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas, Jr. (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Altar Servers	Malavolta & Hoopes
Euch. Minister	Hillman
Lector	Kathy

Sunday, August 25th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Raymond Vanderslice (Alex & Mary Czirjak)

Altar Servers	S. H. & A. Reczek
Euch. Ministers	Krupansky & Seymen
Lector	Cy

Masses for the week of August 25th, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, August 31st, 2002, 6:30 PM

Mary Mancuso (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Altar Servers	Lasak & Trumpelman
Euch. Minister	Nesbitt
Lector	Bill

Sunday, September 1st, 2002, 10:30 AM

William & Edward Lasak (Mary Czirjak)

Altar Servers	S. Reczek, Malavolta & Hoopes
Euch. Ministers	Johnson & Krupansky
Lector	Al

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, August 25th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, August 31st, 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.

Bishop Shanahan High School

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, announces their re-opening schedule for the new school year. Freshmen report on Wednesday, September 4th, at 8:00 a.m., for a full day of school. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors report on Thursday, September 5th, at 8:00 a.m., for a full day of school. All grades will report on Friday, September 6th, at 8:00 a.m., for a full day of school.

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.

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.

A First Anniversary Commemorative of 9-11

Our West End Catholic Parishes will hold fast, in faith and hope, to the memory of September 11th, 2001 when our Nation suffered a tragic loss of life from the multiple terrorists' attacks. Both churches will be open throughout 9/11/02 for your private, prayerful visits. In addition to the usual 9:00 a.m. daily Mass, St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will hold an appropriate mass of Remembrance at 7:00 p.m. to mark solemnly the First Anniversary. All participants that evening will be especially placed under the protection of St. Michael the Archangel, God's heavenly Champion against the forces of evil. If you are personally aware of the death of a relative, friend or acquaintance related to 9/11/01, contact Father John 610/384-1172 and their names will be read in the General Intercessions of the Mass. We trust that many will wish to commemorate this infamous day in a reflective, spiritual way.

An Invitation From Our Lady's Blue Army

The Chester County Chapter of Our Lady's Blue Army is looking for a few good people who could help them implement the message of the Virgin of Fatima in their respective parishes. Given the uneasy state of the world's affairs and the approach of the month of the holy rosary (October), they are eager for volunteers. If you are willing to promote Our Lady's cause, kindly call Tony McGinley, the Outreach Coordinator, at 610/444-8190. Thank you!

Local Lukens Band Concert

The popular Lukens Band will be performing a free Benefit Concert at 7:00 p.m., on Sunday, September 8th, in the Olivet Methodist Church, 3rd & Chestnut

Streets. There will be featured solo pieces for piano, saxophone and vocalist as part of the performance. All are invited to attend. While there is no admission charge, a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard, in support of Operation Thanksgiving and Operation Christmas.

"America's New Tenor" in Concert

On Sunday, September 22nd, at 3:00 p.m., St. Anthony In The Hills Youth Family Center, Kaolin (near the state line between Pennsylvania and Delaware) will host the concert appearance of Michael Amante, an Italian tenor who creates a dazzling stage show, featuring favorite Italian songs, Broadway classics and American pop standards. His PBS Special has been seen throughout the United States, and Tony Bennett has hailed him as "the new Mario Lanza." The Center's gates will open at 11:00 a.m. for our enjoyment of the facilities and its "Old World" atmosphere. Tickets are variously priced: \$45.00 for orchestra seats, \$40.00 for reserved seats and \$35.00 for general admission. For additional information and tickets, call Pat Sianni at 302/652-8591, weekdays, between 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed for Tutoring English

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a three session, nine-hour, training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be conducted in the Keshet Israel Congregation, West Chester, on September 30, October 2 and October 7, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information about this rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222.

A Playful Reminder to Contestants

All those entering the Redmond Baby Guess 50/50 are reminded to do so within this week. The deadline for baby's weight, length and birth date is Labor Day, September 2, 2002. Act now! And good luck! Our parochial school children appreciate your participation.

Late Summer Country Fair

On Sunday, September 8th, 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., the Daylesford Abbey, 220 South Valley Road, Paoli, will hold a Country Fair filled with food, fun and games for the whole family. Don't miss the Spaghetti Dinner, the 54 Booths and the De LaSalle

String Band. For more information, call the Abbey at 610/647-2530.

Golf Classic For Catholic Social Services

The Seventh Annual Golf Classic, in support of the Chester County Family Service Centers of Catholic Social Services, will be held on Monday, September 30th, at the Whitford Country Club. The cost per golfer is \$215.00, and the day includes:

- 10:30 a.m. *Registration and Practice Range*
- 11:30 a.m. *Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. *Shotgun Tee Off (soft spikes only)*
- 6:00 p.m. *One hour Open Bar, Buffet Dinner and Awards Ceremony hosted by "Good Day, Philadelphia" Meteorologist Sue Serio.*

For more information on individual tickets, corporate sponsorships or advertisement rates, please call Bill Kefer at 610/269-4060.

Our Appreciation to a Kind Couple

In recent weeks, the off-street parking sites on our parish property were completely restored and resurfaced, complete with painting the lines for the Charles Street area and the designated handicapped spaces. The project was needed and certainly brings a fresh appearance to our complex of buildings. We wish to thank most sincerely Andy and Ann Cigas, whose concern and generosity made possible the undertaking in its totality. Our new blacktop is their donation to St. Joseph Church, for which we are deeply grateful.

We would like to remind those who make use of the Charles Street area to park in the spaces closest to the building, if they are open when you first arrive. With so limited an area available, courtesy for others demands that the spaces nearer to the street would go to those who park after your arrival. In this way we are not sacrificing precious off-street parking spots. Thank you for your co-operation!

Our Lady's Festival In Doylestown

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown will host their 37th Annual Festival on two weekends: August 31st, September 1st-2nd and September 7th-8th, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. daily. There will be popular polka bands for listening and dancing, folk dance performances, a presentation by the Polish American String Band

(09/08 at 1:00 p.m.) and other entertainment. Also featured will be rides, exhibits, food and refreshments. Tour the magnificent shrine and the very new museum. All are cordially welcome; for additional information, call 215/345-0600.

Reign Of God



Who is the Son of Man? "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Peter recognizes Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." The reign of God is a dynamic event- God exercises saving power among humanity in a new way. When God's presence and action are made visible in unconditional love and compassion for others the reign of God is realized. Are you building up the church founded on the rock of Peter?