

# 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, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 6:30 PM

Joseph & Rose Hollman (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)

Altar Servers	Ponto & Bednar
Euch. Minister	Swinty
Lector	Sara

### Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 10:30 AM

Joseph F. Trumpelman (Michael & Kathy Catanese)

Altar Servers	Zelina, E. Gushanas, Babcock
Euch. Ministers	Lasak, Jr. & Bugar
Lector	Laura

Masses for the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

### Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 6:30 PM

Mary Reardon (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)

Altar Servers	Rhoades & Hackmeister
Euch. Minister	Catanese
Lector	Cy

### Sunday, September 15, 2002, 10:30 AM

Blanche Mruskovic (Watterson Family)

Altar Servers	Neff, England & Trumpleman
Euch. Ministers	Claypoole & Seymen
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, Mary Kish, Denny Howell, Sr., Rose Olise, Jordan Conahan, and Elizabeth Stewart.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Likewise, next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## A First Anniversary Commemorative of 9-11

Our West End Catholic Parishes will hold fast, in faith and hope, to the memory of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## 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.

## **C.C.D. Program of Religious Education**

To assist the parents of our children not enrolled in parochial school in fulfilling their responsibility of passing on the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Faith, our C.C.D. Program of Religious Education is strongly encouraged. Beginning on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, C.C.D. Classes will be conducted from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. every Sunday in the Parish School.

The Program embraces components for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds), as well as for elementary grades 1 through 7 inclusive. Our Confirmation Class will be comprised of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students this year.

C.C.D. Registration will be held this Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, and next Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish School Hall. We could always use volunteers as C.C.D. teachers; your ministry in this regard would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, please contact Frank Lasak, Jr., the Program Coordinator (610/869-4841), or Father John Oulds (610/384-0360).

September 29<sup>th</sup> will mark our Parish Observance of Catechetical Sunday, featuring a brief Rite of Commissioning for the teachers of our C.C.D. Program.

### **A Date to Circle on Your Calendar**

As part of his Pastoral Visitation, Monsignor James T. McDonough, the Regional Vicar for Chester County, will be celebrating our 10:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. A Parish Reception over light refreshments will follow the Mass in the School Hall. We are hopeful that many of our parishioners will be in attendance that morning; please reserve the date on your calendar for a moment with our Vicar.

### **Tenth Archdiocesan Synod Draws Near**

In only another few weeks, the Tenth Archdiocesan Synod will be in session with clergy, religious and laity participating. Among the lay participants will be our own Frank Lasak, Jr., one of three representatives for Cluster 42. At next weekend's Masses, September 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Frank will briefly present his involvement with the Synod in its preparatory stages and offer us a sense of the mission the Synod hopes to fulfill. Frank's membership in the Synod's representative body is certainly a mark of pride for our Parish. Other Cluster representatives are Barbara Pawlowski (St. Stanislaus Kostka Church) and Eileen Coxson (Our Lady of the Rosary Church).

The Solemn Pontifical Mass opening the Tenth Archdiocesan Synod will be offered at 2:30 p.m., next Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Cathedral-Basilica of SS.

Peter and Paul, Center City Philadelphia. It is a public event and you are cordially invited to attend. Please keep the success of the Synod in your good prayers.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are requested to meet at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Rectory Meeting Room. The agenda will include an update on the progress of our new parochial grade school and preparations for the pastoral visit of our Regional Vicar in October. It is important that all council members be present. Thank you for your anticipated participation!

### **Grief Support Group**

St. Joseph Church, Downingtown, will be sponsoring a Grief Support Group, "To Live Again," it will meet on a monthly basis, beginning Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in Room 3 of the parish Center. Each session will have a presentation and personal sharing from the facilitator, followed by reflections, small group sharing and refreshments. On a few occasions, the basic format is broken to include a potluck meal, spring fling and summer picnic. All who would like to join "To Live Again" are most welcome. For additional information, contact Jane Humphreys at 610/518-3275.

### **College Open House**

DeSales University in Center Valley, PA invites high school students and their parents to attend an Open House on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The program will begin in the Labuda Center for the performing Arts at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions, call the Admissions Office at 877/4-DESALES.

### **Basket Bingo in September**

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School proudly announces its rendition of Basket Bingo, to be held on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Our Lady of the Rosary Hall, South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Doors open at 1:00 p.m.; games begin at 2:00 p.m. There will be lots of baskets, pottery, tasty food, door prizes and raffles. Tickets are available by calling 610/857-0116 or by pick-up at the primary building office. Don't delay; tickets are moving fast!

### **Spiritual Opportunities Available**

The Dominican Retreat House, 750 Ashbourne Road, Elkins Park offers weekend spiritual programs and days of reflection for men and women. Current offerings are: Married Couples Weekend Retreat (September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>), Evening of Reflection (September 17<sup>th</sup>), Women's Al-anon Weekend Retreat (September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>), Day of Reflection (September 18<sup>th</sup>), Overnight Women's Discernment Retreat (September 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>), Women's Day of Self Care/Health Day (September 29<sup>th</sup>). For further information, kindly call 215/782-8520.

## Local Lukens Band Concert

The popular Lukens Band will be performing a free Benefit Concert at 7:00 p.m., on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Olivet Methodist Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

## Bound Together In Christ



Do Christians correct and care for each other? Around the world, we are bound together in Christ Jesus. We are not perfect, but we ought to urge each other to better follow the Lord. In Christ we can reconcile and be reconciled. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your

neighbor; it is the answer to all the commandments. When we gather in his name, the Lord is with us. If the Lord is with us, who can be against us?

## Women’s Club News

The first Women’s Club meeting for the new year is scheduled for Sunday, September 22, at 7:00 in the School Hall. For those of you who have never attended a Women’s Club meeting please feel free to join us and see what we’re all about. You will see many familiar faces.

## Mark Your Calendar

All Women and Young Ladies of the parish are invited to join us for dinner and socializing at the first Women’s Club Fall Gathering on Sunday, September 29, 2002, 5:00 PM in the School hall. The Women’s club will provide the main course and we are asking all who attend to bring your favorite covered side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule of the Church. Join us for an evening of camaraderie and get to know the members of the Women’s Club and what we do for our Parish and its Members.

The first *Pierogi Making Session* for the Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, September 28. Fran Shesko will be calling on our parishioners for volunteers to help out. If you can only spare us an hour of your time it will be greatly appreciated. We not only work, but also have fun while working! Please let Fran know if you can join us when she calls you.

The Women’s Club Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Sunday, November 24. Be sure to join us for good food and beautiful crafts, start your Christmas shopping early!!