

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 14th, 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

Masses for the week of September 15th, 2002 will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Helen Moratelli (Agnes Novotny)
Wednesday	9 am	Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)
Thursday	9 am	MM Joseph Klapol (Father Joseph Hasieber)
Friday	9 am	Raymond R. Bennett (Alexandra G. Bennett)
Saturday	9 am	Francis Pilotti (Grateful Friend)

Saturday, September 21st, 2002 6:30 PM

Keefe O'Neill (Elaine Sabo/Karen Mummert)

Altar Servers T. Gushanas & Ponto
Euch. Minister Bugar
Lector Kathy

Sunday, September 22nd, 2002, 10:30 AM

Steven Repak (Max & Agnes Sushinski)

Altar Servers Reczek Sisters
Euch. Ministers Hillman & 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, 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, Elizabeth Stewart and Stella Grubb, and the Dead: Joseph Reis and E. Robert Krempa.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 15th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, September 21st, 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.

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 29th, 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 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students this year.

C.C.D. Registration will be held this Sunday, September 15th, 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 29th will mark our Parish Observance of Catechetical Sunday, featuring a brief Rite of Commissioning for the teachers of our C.C.D. Program.

Information Session

Information can be obtained for Villa Saint Martha, the new Independent and Assisted Living Residence, currently under construction by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Two sessions will be held on Monday, September 23rd: the first at 10:00 a.m. and the second at 2:00 p.m., in St. Joseph Parish meeting Center, Manor Avenue, Downingtown. Come learn about this exciting new senior living residence, which will be adjacent to St. Joseph Catholic Church. If you have any questions, please call Maggie Fullmer at 610/273-5300.

Devon Preparatory School

The Devon Preparatory School, administered by the Piarist Fathers, will host an Open House on Sunday, October 13th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The school's scholarship and entrance test will be offered on Saturday, October 19th, promptly at 8:30 a.m. for more information, please call the Director of Admissions at 610/688-7337.

Archdiocesan Boys Choir of Philadelphia

The Archdiocesan Boys Choir of Philadelphia is holding auditions for the 2002-2003 performance season. Auditions will be held on September 21st and 28th. The choir offers a rich spiritual and musical experience for grade school boys with performances at the Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, throughout the Delaware Valley, the U.S.A. and Europe. No musical experience is required, but boys must be in at least second grade to be eligible. To schedule an audition, please call Director Tom Windfelder at 215/425-6995.

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 30th, 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 21st, Saturday, October 19th or Sunday, November 3rd. 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 22nd, in Our Lady of the Rosary Hall, South 17th 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 13th-15th), Evening of Reflection (September 17th), Women's Al-anon Weekend Retreat (September 20th-22nd), Day of Reflection (September 18th), Overnight Women's Discernment Retreat (September 27th-28th), Women's Day of Self Care/Health Day (September 29th). For further information, kindly call 215/782-8520.

Vestibule Icon

In our Church vestibule, there stands on display an attractive likeness of St. Michael the Archangel, heaven's Champion against the forces of evil. In light of 9/11 when the fury of hell was unleashed against our nation, we placed our West End congregations under the protection of St. Michael. This dedication took place in last Wednesday's First Anniversary Mass of Remembrance. A limited supply of blessed medals honoring him are available from a table in the vestibule for your taking. Do turn to St. Michael the Archangel in your prayers for safety and peace.

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 20th. 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.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are requested to meet at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, September 23rd, 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!

Children's Choir

Sign up for the Children's choir for the year 2003 will take place at both Masses this weekend. Rehearsals will begin this *Tuesday* night 9/17 at 6:45 p.m. At that point, we will determine what night of the week our practices will take place. The children are already scheduled to sing at the 10:30 Mass on 9/29 so this is an important practice. Any child between the ages of 5 and 13 interested in joining are welcome. If you have any questions, contact me at 610-383-5768.

Susan Sandoski
Choir Director

P.S. The Adult choir will begin practice in a few weeks -watch the bulletin for future dates.

Mercy



Resentment, anger and vengeance are all human feelings—and even understandable at times. But God calls us to look beyond our problems and to live for the Lord, belonging to the Lord himself. The prayer Jesus gave us teaches us about our awesome and wonderful bargain with God: the Trinity will forgive us our trespasses, if we forgive those who trespass against us. Learning to live with God's gracious mercy and being merciful to each other are the keys to a successful Christian life. Are you ready for mercy?

Women's Club News

First Meeting of the Year – next Sunday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM in St. Joseph School Hall. We look

forward to seeing you again and hope you had an enjoyable summer. To those who regularly attend our monthly meetings, bring along a possible new member from our many women of the parish who have not as yet joined us regularly. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome!

Women's Club Fall Gathering –Sunday, September 29th beginning at 5:00 PM in St. Joseph School Hall.

All women and young ladies of the Parish are cordially invited to attend. The main course of roast beef will be provided by the Women's Club and we ask those who attend to bring a complimentary side dish or casserole, appetizer or dessert.

Please refer to the "Sign-Up" sheet in the Church Vestibule or call Trish Swinty at 610/383-1615 to make a reservation.

Pierogie Session –please remember our Pierogie Making Session on Saturday, September 28th beginning at 8:00 AM. We appreciate any time you can give us – even a few hours. Clean-up workers are gratefully welcome at the end of the morning, if you cannot make it earlier!