

# 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002 6:30 PM

*Keefe O'Neill (Elaine Sabo/Karen Mummert)*

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

### Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002, 10:30 AM

*Steven Repak (Max & Agnes Sushinski)*

Altar Servers     *Reczek Sisters*  
Euch. Ministers     *Hillman & Krupansky*  
Lector             *Al*

Masses for the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

### Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 6:30 PM

*John Yankech (Mother, Sister & Brothers)*

Altar Servers     *Babcock & Rhoades*  
Euch. Minister     *Johnson*  
Lector             *Elaine*

### Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 10:30 AM

*Edward Lasak (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)*

Altar Servers     *Ponto, Malavolta & Neff*  
Euch. Ministers     *Nesbitt & Lasak, Jr.*  
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, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Charlie Persch, Betty Kinnier, Joanne Krupansky, Larry O'Malley, Mary Kish, Denny Howell, Sr., Rose Olise, Elizabeth Stewart and Stella Grubb, and the Dead: Victor Kostolansky and John Zelek.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. (Please note the change from that previously announced.) Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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

Beginning next Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, C.C.D. Classes for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten through Grade 7 inclusive will be conducted from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. every Sunday in the Parish School. The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will comprise our Confirmation Class, with the Sacrament scheduled to be administered in the Spring. September 29<sup>th</sup> will also mark our Parish Observance of Catechetical Sunday, featuring a brief Rite of Commissioning for the teachers of our C.C.D. Program.

## 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 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!

## Special Collection

Our priests have been for us instruments of God's mercies. Through their priestly ministry, the seeds of faith have been planted, nourished and cultivated in each of us and in our communities. In parishes, schools and spiritual institutions, our diocesan priests have served so that we might experience the mercy of God. Illness or age has compelled some of our diocesan priests to withdraw from active ministry; yet these priests continue to serve the faithful of the Archdiocese by their lives of intensified prayer and sacrifice.

Due to the great generosity of the people of this Archdiocese, the Annual Collection for the Care of Aging and Ill Priests supplies a significant portion of the funding needed to provide for our older priests, particularly those who reside in Archdiocesan facilities. This special annual appeal will be taken up as the Second Collection next weekend, September 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Your contribution can help demonstrate a tangible sign of loving support for the priests whose dedication has radiated God's mercies in our lives. Thank you for your anticipated kindness!

## Wedding Bells to Ring

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Kenneth J. Godwin, our parishioner, and to his bride-to-be, Crystal L. Seace, of Coatesville, whose Nuptial mass will be celebrated on Saturday of this week, September 28<sup>th</sup>. May every grace and blessing be theirs as they inaugurate a lifetime union in intimacy, faithfulness and love through Holy Matrimony. A beautiful Wedding Day to you, Kenneth and Crystal!

## Basket Bingo This Sunday

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School proudly announces its rendition of Basket Bingo, to be held this 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. Treat yourself to an enjoyable afternoon. Tickets are available at the door.

## 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.

## A Weekend Presentation Not to be Missed

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, will be hosting the appearance of Tim Staples from St. Joseph communication in a twofold presentation:

*Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m., with the topic  
"The Bible Made Me do It"*

*Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., with the topic  
"Why Be Catholic?"*

Come to hear this former Assembly of God Youth Minister and U.S. marine explain the toughest questions you and others ask about the Catholic Faith. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome and is requested to bring a bible. Seating is limited; please pre-register by calling 610/384-1415 or see the flyer in the rear of the church. For further information, contact Mr. Irwin at 610/380-1219.

## Answering The Call to Faithful Citizenship

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will elect a new governor and members of Congress and the state legislature. Timely issues such as partial birth abortion, cloning, school choice and protecting the traditional family add to the importance of this election. In order to help shape the political decisions that affect our families and communities, we must register to vote and then exercise that right. If you are not registered to vote, please contact the Archdiocesan Office for Public Affairs at 215/587-3509. To participate in the upcoming election, registration forms must be postmarked by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>: 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 610/873-5300.

## Devon Preparatory School

The Devon Preparatory School, administered by the Piarist Fathers, will host an Open House on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The school's scholarship and entrance test will be offered on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 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.

## Choir Practice

It has been decided that weekly choir practice will remain on Monday evenings; 6:45 p.m. for the Children's choir and 7:30 p.m. for the Adult choir.

There will be an important choir practice for the Children's choir this Monday evening, 9/23. Please make every effort to attend since it is the only practice we will have before the children sing for the 10:30 Mass on 9/29.

Choir practice for the adults will begin again with our first practice on Monday, 9/30 at 7:30 p.m. We will be preparing for a combined choir at the Mass on October 20<sup>th</sup>, celebrated by the Vicar on his pastoral visit. If you have any questions, please call me at 610-383-5768.

Susan Sandoski  
Choir Director

## Generosity



"Doing your own thing" is usually associated with "free spirits" and teenagers, but it is also God's way of acting. Receiving the same wage if you work the whole day in the fields or only one hour only makes sense if the wage is salvation, a share in God's life. The overwhelming generosity of the Trinity toward the church, the bride of Christ, does need our response to the good news of the Gospel. Christ should be life and death for us. Will you do God's thing?

## Women's Club News

**First Meeting of the Year** – this Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

**Pierogie Session** – please remember our Pierogie Making Session on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM. We need to peel 100 pounds of potatoes on Friday afternoon, September 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2:30 PM. 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!

## 2003 Lottery Calendar

**Patron:** If you are interested in being a patron, please call Ann Cigas (610/384-2955). The cost is \$10.00 and will help defray the cost of printing the calendar.

**Advertisers:** We are looking for a few more advertisers for our calendar. The cost is \$50.00 for a "Business Card" size ad. If interested call Ann.

**Calendar Sellers:** We urge you to contact your calendar buyers as soon as possible to insure reserving their "special numbers". "Available numbers" will be printed in the weekly church bulletin the first Sunday in October. Please call the Lottery Hotline 610/384-2955 and ask for Ann or Helen. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.