

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 Father John at 610/384-0360 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 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, July 26th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Mary Sandoski (Joseph Sandoski)

Altar Servers Malavolta & Trumpeleman
Euch. Minister Bugar
Lector Cy

Sunday, July 27th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Cecelia Shesko (The Godwin Family)

Altar Servers Hackmeister, Rhoades & Babcock
Euch. Ministers Swinty & Seymen
Lector John

Masses for the week of July 27th, 2003 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted.

Saturday, August 2nd, 2003, 6:30 PM

James Dubinski (David & Joan Dubinski)

Euch. Minister Frank Lasak, Jr.
Lector Kathy

Sunday, August 3rd, 2003, 10:30 AM

Cecilia Shesko (The Steve Kocik Family)

Euch. Ministers Swinty & Hillman
Lector Phillip

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, 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, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Rose Olise, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Joseph Nesbitt, David Riley, Francis Seymen, Betty Kinnier, David Zelina, Dylan Manning, Joseph Wasko, Joseph Toth, John Cisarik, and Robert Shesko.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, July 27th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, August 2nd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

A Summertime Retreat For Men

Men and young men from Chester County are cordially invited to participate in the Weekend Retreat, August 8th-10th, at the beautiful facilities of Saint Joseph's-in-the-Hills Retreat House, Malvern. To find peace, to be renewed, to reflect, take time out and come to Malvern for a program designed to address men's spiritual needs. For full information, contact anyone of these faithful retreatants: Fred Brown 610/384-6578, Rich Coster 610/383-9130 or Edward Lawrence 610/384-7885.

A Note From Your Finance Committee

Our weekend collections have drastically dropped since vacation season began. Our bills still have to be paid during the summer months, so we urge you to continue your support of our parish by catching up on the envelopes you missed while on vacation. God Bless for your cooperation.

Local Summer Festival

Saint Mary of providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson will host a Summer Festival, rain or shine, on August 3rd, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a day of fun and festivities featuring mansion tours, raffles, white elephant table, games, gift shop and food. All are welcome. For further details and directions, call 610/942-4166.

Missionary Cooperation Appeal

This weekend, July 26th and 27th, in both West End Catholic Parishes, a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur is making an appeal for our prayers and monetary offerings to support the missionary labors of her religious community.

Sister's presence and message bring home to us the missionary nature of the Church in carrying the Good News of Christ to the very ends of the earth. The Second Collection is the Missionary Cooperation Appeal; thank you for your anticipated kindness.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Looking to make a good marriage even better? Worldwide Marriage Encounter, with its dynamic weekend program, promises to do that for married couples. The next program in the Archdiocese is planned for August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 2003. For more information, call 1-800-456-8330.

To Graduates of Holy Cross School

An invitation goes out to all 1953 graduates from Holy Cross Parochial School, Springfield, to celebrate their 50th Anniversary of Graduation. There will be a Brunch held in the Springfield Country Club on Sunday, October 12, 2003, from noon until 4:00 p.m. the cost will be \$35.00 per person. Spouses, too, are invited. For full details, contact Kathleen Dailey at 610/544-6578. Classes of 1951, 1952 and 1954 are welcome as well.

Our Lady's Blue Army on The March

The Chester County Chapter of Our Lady's Blue Army, dedicated to promoting devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and to heeding the spiritual message of Fatima, will be conducting a Holy Hour of Reparation on Wednesday, August 13th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. Their priest-director will speak on the topic of the three shepherd children of Fatima. All are warmly welcome to participate in this Marian event.

CYO Fall Sports

Boys and girls (grades 5 thru 8) interested in playing soccer, as well as girls (grades 5 thru 8) interested in playing volleyball are invited to meet at South Brandywine Middle School, on August 11th, at 6:00 p.m. for information and conditioning. Bring water bottle with you and a soccer ball if you have one. For more details, kindly call 610/384-6477.

Opening of School For a New Year

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will reopen on Wednesday, September 3, 2003. Uniform dress code is effective as of the opening day. Buses will be available. The Coatesville School District will mail a post card at the end of August with your bus number, place of pick-up and time. Other School District parents please contact your district office. On September 3rd, dismissal will be at 11:00 a.m. On September 4th and 5th, full day sessions will be conducted with dismissal at 2:15 p.m. for grades 1 thru 8. A Kindergarten Open House for parents and students will be held on Thursday, September 4th, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, at the primary building in the Kindergarten classrooms. All Kindergarten students will report on September 8th for a full day session from 7:50 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

A Fabulous Week Concludes

A really good time was had by all at this past week's SonHarvest County Fair, the theme of our 2003 Vacation Bible School. More than fifty boys and girls met nightly,

Monday through Friday, to participate in an informative and entertaining program based on producing the fruit of God's Spirit. We are truly grateful to Beth Ann Hackmeister and her merry band of faithful, talented, enthusiastic, generous volunteers who made our Vacation Bible School possible. This Sunday's 10:30 a.m. Mass will conclude with a brief medley of several of the Program's songs presented by a representative group of the youngsters.

A Family Perspective

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The spiritual and material gifts we have received come from a God who is abundant in generosity. Reflecting on today's readings in light of the demands and responsibilities of family life encourages us to remain generous in sharing with family members and with all of God's people, especially those in great need.

The Church Takes a Back Seat?

FUNNY: How \$10 looks so big at church and so small at the store.

FUNNY: How big and hour or so spent serving God and His Church is, and how short 60 minutes seems when you're fishing, playing golf or bridge.

Women's Club News

The Women's Club is sponsoring a fundraising raffle for the benefit of the "Dylan James Manning Foundation". As many of you know, Dylan who was recently diagnosed with Infantile Tay-Sachs disease, is the grandson of Ronnie Godwin and the son of Brian and Sherri Manning. The Foundation will assist with Dylan's medical expenses and some of his special needs along with a quest for a cure for Tay-Sachs. To learn more about this disease visit Dylan's web site0 at www.djsfoundation.org.

Raffle tickets will be available after Mass for the next few weeks. If you would like to help us sell raffle tickets by taking them to work, please contact Tricia Swinty at 610/383-1615. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each

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| 1 st Prize | ~ | \$500.00 |
| 2 nd Prize | ~ | 2003 Longberger Easter Basket
(\$100 value) |
| 3 rd Prize | ~ | DVD Player |