

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, August 9th, 2003, 6:30 PM

*Yankech & Maco Family deceased
(Helen Yankech & Family)*

Altar Servers Malavolta, & H. Reczek
Euch. Minister Nesbitt
Lector Elaine

Sunday, August 10th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Verna Seymen (Joseph Sandoski)

Altar Servers Bednar, Hackmiester & Lasak
Euch. Ministers Johnson & Krupanski
Lector Frank

Masses for the week of August 10th, 2003 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Thursday, August 14th, 2003, 7:00 PM

Deceased in Horenci Family (Bob & Stella Grubb)

Saturday, August 16th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Augusta Saska (Marian Mammarella)

Altar Servers Englund & Lasak
Euch. Minister Catanese
Lector Sara

Sunday, August 17th, 2003, 10:30 AM

*Deceased in Hamilton, Orsag & Saska Families
(Bob & Ann Hamilton)*

Altar Servers Hoopes, Trumpleman & Rhoades
Euch. Ministers Bugar & Claypoole
Lector Laura

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 Guisepppe, 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, Robert Shesko, and Ann Reshey.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, August 10th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, August 16th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Marian Holy Day of Obligation

Friday of this week, August 15th, marks the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. It is a feast which joyously celebrates "Mary's Easter", her passing body and soul into the heavenly Kingdom of her risen Son. On Thursday, August 14th, Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. On Friday, the holy day itself, Masses will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, our Wet End "twin". With this beautiful feast, rejoice that what Mary is now, we too shall be one day.

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.

Annual Assumption Celebration in West Chester

The Catholic Community of West Chester cordially invites you to their 84th Annual Assumption Celebration on Sunday, August 10th, beginning with a Solemn Outdoor Procession at 2:30 p.m. The Procession will form in front of Saint Agnes Church on Gay Street and make its way through town, until returning to the Parish Church for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, please call Barbara Mange at 610/696-8832.

Heartfelt Congratulations to Ann Cigas

From time to time, members of the clergy and laity are uniquely acknowledged for their active, selfless, faithful participation in the life of the Church. On such occasions, they become the distinguished recipient of Papal honors by designation of the Holy Father himself. The other week, it was announced by His Eminence, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua that one of our parishioners, Ann Cigas, is to be the recipient of a singular Papal honor: The Cross, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (for Church and Pope). With pride and joy, we applaud her being selected for the honor, of which she is most deserving. Over the years, countless have been Ann's contributions to the benefit of our Parish Family and to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our hearts are filled with gladness to witness her receiving "this mark of high confidence by His Holiness", to be conferred in solemn ceremonies at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul on September 22, 2003. Sincerest congratulations to you, Ann, as well as to your family who have been a source of encouragement for you!

News From the Malvern Retreat House

The Malvern Retreat House will be conducting Married Couples Weekend Retreats in their beautiful new Family Life Center on September 5th to 7th and October 3rd to 5th. The Center features air-

conditioned, double occupancy rooms with private bathrooms, as well as a single story facility with flexible conference space, dining room and chapel.

Women's Weekend Retreats are being offered on September 19th to 21st and November 21st to 23rd. For full details and registration information, please contact Gerri or Bernadette at 610/644-0400 or visit the website at www.MalvernRetreat.com.

On Monday, August 18th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Malvern Retreat House will present "Everyday Spirituality for Busy People" with popular author and speaker Matthew Kelly. Born in Australia in 1973, Mr. Kelly possesses a powerful ability to combine the ageless tool of story telling with a profound understanding of today's culture and the highest Christian ideals. Over the past ten years, two million people have attended his talks, seminars and retreats. In this presentation, Mr. Kelly will address some of the most important questions we face today both as individuals and as a Church. Refreshments and book signing will follow his talk.

An Invitation For Married Couples

Looking to make a good marriage even better? Worldwide Marriage Encounter, with its dynamic weekend program, promises to do that for our married couples. An upcoming program in the Archdiocese is planned for September 19th, 20th and 21st, 2003. For more information, call 1-800-456-8330.

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.

Catholic Social Services Picnic

The Catholic Social Services will host its 4th Annual Picnic for families formed by adoption at Core Creek State Park in Langhorne on Sunday, September 14th, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine. There will be food and fun for all ages. Although no admission fee is requested, registration is required. For more information and to register, kindly call Rose Mary at 215/855-2781 or Helen at 215/949-3893.

Free, Full Day Seminar By Christopher West

Plan on attending a fascinating free seminar containing new insights on love, marriage, human freedom and God's gift of human sexuality. Christopher West, a compelling young writer and dynamic speaker, will be conducting this presentation of Pope John Paul II's revolutionary *Theology of the Body* on August 16th at Immaculate Conception Church, Jenkintown. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m., with a lunch break and free babysitting provided. The first 50 to register will receive a free box lunch and one of Christopher West's most popular CD's. To register, call the Mulholland Family at 215/887-9533.

Religious Studies at The Seminary

The Religious Studies Division of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, announces its Fall 2003 Undergraduate Course Offerings for its certificate programs in Catholic Religious Studies, Youth Ministry, Pastoral Ministry, Liturgical Studies and Catechetics. Some classes are conducted on Mondays, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., others on Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., beginning September 8th. For full registration information, call 610/785-6287 no later than August 30th.

Also, applications are now being accepted for the Spring 2004 admissions to the Master of Arts in Religious Studies Program with a choice of four concentrations: Sacred Scripture, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology and Pastoral/Spiritual Theology. The application deadline is October 1st. For more information, call 610/785-6287.

A Family Perspective

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parents who act as "imitators of God" make many efforts to combat the bitterness, malice and violence against human life and dignity which children learn so quickly. By providing a place of kindness, compassion and mutual forgiveness within the home, parents help children to experience the ways of God.

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 site at www.djsfoundation.org.

Thank you for retuning your raffle tickets as soon as possible.