

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 23rd, 2003, 6:30 PM

Augusta Saska (Kevin & Lynn Saska Family)

Altar Servers Hackmiester & Malavolta
Euch. Minister Swinty
Lector Bill

Sunday, August 24th, 2003, 10:00 AM

Stephen Repak (Agnes & Max Sushinski)

Altar Servers S. Reczek, H. Reczek & A. Reczek
Euch. Ministers Lasak, Jr. & Seymen
Lector Peter

Masses for the week of August 24th, 2003 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

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

Verna Seymen (Mary Arvay)

Altar Servers Hoopes & Rhoades
Euch. Minister Krupanski
Lector Cy

Sunday, August 31st, 2003, 10:30 AM

Cecelia Shesko (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Altar Servers Babcock, Trumpleman & Malavolta
Euch. Ministers Bugar & Catanese
Lector John

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, 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 24th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, August 30th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

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.

Fall/Winter Clothing Sale

The Chester County Mothers of Multiples Club will hold a Fall/Winter Clothing Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00

noon, on Saturday, September 13th, at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, north of Exton. Sale items include: maternity clothing, children's clothing, toddler and infant clothing, baby equipment, toys and outdoor play equipment. Good quality at bargain prices can be expected. The church facilities are located south of Route 113, taking the jug-handle onto Worthington Avenue and making an immediate left onto Sharp Lane. Look for a brown cedar-sided church on the left. A website map is available at www.ccmomc.org.

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.

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.

Retreats For Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of past abortion(s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help one experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss, as well as an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief that frequently accompany an

abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain into hope. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" which combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia will host their Retreat for Healing after Abortion on October 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2003 at Immaculata, PA. For further information, please call Mary Alice at 1-877-HOPE 4 ME. All requests are strictly confidential.

Visitation B.V.M. School Reconnect

Circle October 12, 2003 on your calendar! Visitation B.V.M. School, Kensington inaugurates its 120th year this fall. Alumni are invited to make plans to spend time with old friends, and to see what has changed and what still remains. For ticket information, kindly call Sister Dolores at 215/634-7280. Pass the word to any former "Viso" students you may know.

8th Annual Chester County Golf Classic

Proceeds to benefit Catholic Social Services of Chester County



The Chester County Family Service Center of Catholic Social Services will host its 8th Annual Chester County Golf Classic at Whitford Country Club on Monday, October 6th. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.; lunch, at 11:30 a.m.; and golf shotgun tee off at 1:00 p.m. The cocktail reception is at 6:00 p.m. and the buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. the cost is \$225 per golfer (includes dinner) and \$75.00 per dinner guest.

The proceeds from this event benefit those served by the Chester County Family Service Centers of Catholic Social Services. Every day, the staff of the service centers in Downingtown and West Grove gives hope to those who seek our help by providing emergency assistance such as food and clothing, compassionate counseling services, and supportive social services to help them become independent.

For information on reservations, to purchase a ticket, or to make a donation to Catholic Social Services, please phone 610/269-4060.

Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunities

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor two, three session, nine hour, training workshops for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshops will be held at West Chester University on Wednesday, September 3rd, Thursday, September 4th and Monday, September 8th; and at Tredyffrin Public Library in Strafford-Wayne on Thursday, September 11th, Monday, September 15th and Thursday, September 18th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information about this rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-9222.

Catholic Network of Volunteer Service has just released "Response 2004", a directory of full time, faith-based volunteer opportunities. It is a comprehensive listing of more than 200 member programs that offer more than 9,000 full time placements serving the poor and the needy worldwide. Volunteers generally serve 40 hours/week anywhere from one month to one year or more. Contact 1-800-543-5046 for a free copy of "Response 2004", or email: volunteer@cnavs.org.

La Vida International

La Vita International, a licensed Pennsylvania non-profit adoption agency, is looking for parents to adopt orphaned Asian born infants and toddlers. You are cordially invited to attend one of two free information meetings to be held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, September 9th, and on Tuesday, October 21st, at 7:00 p.m. For further information, please call Lisa at 1-800-513-1910.

A Passionist Parish Mission Coming

The year of the 75th founding of our Parish prompted our holding a nearly week long Parish Mission – that was 1999. The passage of four years finds us more than ready to conduct a subsequent Parish Mission fostering a time of renewal and recommitment, a moment of refreshment for the soul. Father Edward Wolanski, C.P., a preaching veteran, will direct our Passionist Parish Mission from October 18th to October 23rd, 2003. Our Mission Director plans to speak at the weekend

Masses, introducing himself and his theme. Then Father Ed will be featured twice daily, Monday through Thursday, in the morning and in the evening. Full details will be announced shortly. For now, please set aside this significant week, tuning out needless distractions that the voice of Christ might gain our fullest attention.

A Family Perspective

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua spoke for himself and his household when he said, "we will serve the Lord". There were other choices for him and his family just as exist for our families today. Does our family remain steadfast in fidelity to the one true God or waver as we are confronted with the gods of wealth, power and selfish indifference to others?

Summer Stewardship

Some Summer stewardship ideas you can try are: read a book of the bible weekly; spend an extra hour a week giving time to the church for their needs, take a family walk and talk to your children about the gifts which surround us from God; forget about yourself and do something for a neighbor in need; put more money in the Sunday collection in remembrance of those who are away on vacation.

Women's Club News

The winners of the Dylan James Manning Foundation Raffle will be held this Sunday, August 31st after the 10:30 Mass in the School Hall.

We would appreciate the return of tickets before that time. The Women's Club is very appreciative of your support of this worthy endeavor for a fellow parishioner. God Bless all who participated.