

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 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

Masses for the week of August 31st, 2003 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as follows:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Frank Popovich (Helen Popovich)
Wednesday	9 am	Verna Seymen (Lisa & Scott Hillman)
Thursday	9 am	Agnes Cigas (Andrew & Ann Cigas)
Friday	9:30 am	Mary Reardon (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)
Saturday	9 am	Thomas Kubala (Tom & Lisa McInerney)

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

Augusta Saska (Julian & Joanna Saska)

Altar Servers Malavolta & Babcock
Euch. Minister Hillman
Lector Elaine

Sunday, September 7th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Verna Seymen (Debbie & Lindsey Harlan)

Altar Servers Neff, Rhoades & Hackmiester
Euch. Ministers Johnson & Claypoole
Lector Frank

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, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Joseph Nesbitt, David Riley, Francis Seymen, Betty Kinnier, David Zelina, Dylan Manning, Joseph Wasko, John Cisarik, Robert Shesko, Ann Reshey, and the Deceased: Joseph Toth and Joseph Sushinski.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, August 30th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 7th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. prior to the Morning 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.

Celebrating With the Comboni Missionary Sisters

In anticipation of the Solemn Canonization of their Founder, Daniel Comboni, Missionary Bishop to Africa, the Comboni Missionary Sisters in Coatesville, together with the Comboni Missionary Family, cordially invite you to a special Festive Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 14th, at 3:00 p.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17th Avenue. The Sisters would be delighted to have you share in their pride and joy at this singular occasion. Refreshments will be served in Rosary Hall immediately following the Mass.

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 Tredeffrin 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.

Choir Sign-Up

Sign-up for both the Adult and Children's Choirs will take place after Mass this weekend (8/30-8/31) and next weekend (9/6-9/7). The first practice will be held on Tuesday, September 9th, in the church choir loft, at 6:45 p.m. for the children and at 7:30 p.m. for the adults. We will then go on a weekly Tuesday night schedule if possible.

New members are welcome and encouraged to join. The Children's Choir ranges in age from 5 to 13 years old, and there is no age limit for the Adult Choir. Experience or the ability to read music is not required, just the desire to sing.

If you have any questions, Susan Sandoski, the Choir Director, will be available after Mass or she can be reached at 610/383-5768.

PSAT/SAT Program For Grades 9-12

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown and Dr. Richard Fuller are offering a fall learning experience in the most comprehensive PSAT/SAT program for Grades 9-12. For more information, call Dr. Fuller at 610/275-9660 or BSHS at 610/518-1300.

Parents And Teens Program

Are you looking for ways to create more satisfying and productive relationships with your teens? Sister Ann Marie Stegmaier, I.H.M., coordinator of Parenting Programs at the Archdiocesan Family Life Office, will be offering a parenting Teenagers Workshop at the Downingtown Office of Catholic Social Services on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning September 30th. The cost of the Program is \$60.00, which includes registration and a parent handbook for each parent or couple. For further information or to register, please call 610/660-9002.

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.

Something Special For Women

The Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park will host a special program for women in four segments entitled “Soul Sisters: Women Called to Connect, Bond and Heal in a Broken World” on the weekend of October 10th-12th, 2003. Participants will look at the journeys of women in Sacred Scripture, as well as the struggles and courage of contemporary women, under the direction of international speaker, writer and poet, Edwina Gately. For full details, please call Sister Connie at 215/782-8520. A brochure is available for the asking.

A Family Perspective

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children learn through the example of their parents that authentic participation in the rituals of their faith requires a change of heart. Finding practical ways to be of service to others both within the family and the larger community guards against the hypocrisy and the hardness of heart, which Jesus condemned so strongly.

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.

The Women’s Club of St. Joseph Church would like to acknowledge the following memorial receipts in remembrance of Rose Olise: Dennis and Pauline Howell, Spencer and Sue Dunlap, Mel and Rose Marie Neff, Julia Vanderslice, and Loretta Sweeney. Thank you for your donations in her memory. Rose was an integral part of the Women’s Club and always willing to help out where needed. She will be deeply missed.

Women’s Club Meeting

The First meeting for the Women’s Club will be Sunday, September 14th at 7:00 PM in the School Hall. We will be planning for the cooking session for the Christmas Bazaar. All women of the parish are welcome to join us. Come and see what the Women’s Club is all about.

2nd Annual Longaberger Bingo

The Women’s Club will be hosting its 2nd Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo on Sunday, October 5th in the School Hall. Tickets will be on sale starting the weekend of September 5th after each Mass, or you can call Tricia Swinty 610/383-1615, Leslie Hoopes 610/857-4224 or Pat Babcock 610/857-3096. ***Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis, purchase your tickets early.***

Other Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

Christmas Bazaar – Sunday, November 23

Christmas at St. Joe’s – Sunday, December 7

