

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.

Saturday, July 23rd, 2005, 6:30 PM

Jerry De Liberato (Scott & Lisa Hillman)

Euch. Minister Swinty
Lector Sara

Sunday, July 24th, 2005, 10:30 AM

Luigi Baldini (His wife Grace and Children)

Euch. Ministers Claypoole & Seymen
Lector Kathleen

Masses for the week of July 24th, 2005 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Saturday, July 30th, 2004, 6:30 PM

Max Sushinski (Laura Shesko)

Euch. Minister Catanese
Lector Elaine

Sunday, July 31st, 2005, 10:30 AM

William O'Hop (Sue & Spencer Dunlap)

Euch. Ministers Johnson & Lasak, Jr.
Lector Kathy

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Kate Ohar, Janet Yost, Dorothy Bodnar, Kathryn Magala, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Bertha Amole, Dylan Manning, Helen Collins, Jim McConnell, Joseph

Yankech, III, Joseph Salada, Nancy Stern, Michael Kozacheson, Bill Franklin, Brian Babcock, Joseph Dougherty, Albert Fuller, Josephine Regener, Henrietta Torma, Chelsea Osborne, Lisa Lucci, Father Joseph Hasieber, Steffie Levenite, Wayne Taylor, Robert Hracho, Deborah DeLellis, Sue Dunlap and Nicholas Kousisis. Among the recently deceased, we pray for the happy repose of the soul of Vera Lahm. Also, we pray for the well being of all our U.S. military currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, July 23rd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday July 31st, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Annual Summer Festival

St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, will host their Annual Summer Festival, rain or shine, on Sunday, August 21st, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. All are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun and festivities, featuring tours of the mansion, food, raffles, games, white elephant table and gift shop. For complete information, call Sister Irene at 610/942-4166.

Pro-American Educational and Cultural Exchange Program

Warm, friendly families are currently needed to host 15 to 18 year old, Catholic foreign exchange students for the coming school year. Students provide their own spending money, insurance and airfare. Host families provide room, board and love. For details, call PEACE, INC. at 1-800-377-2232 or email at paz@peace-inc.org. For more information, visit the website: www.peace-inc.org.

Summer Slovak Festival

Our Mother of Sorrows – Saint Augustine Parish, Hurst Street, Bridgeport, PA invites you to their Annual Slovak Festival on Saturday, August 27th, 3:00 to 10:00 p.m., and on Sunday, August 28th, 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be Slovak and American foods, games, live musical entertainment, baked goods and beverages. For full information, please call 610/272-4088.

Assumption Celebration in West Chester

Every August since 1918, people have processed through the streets of West Chester to honor the Holy Mother of God on the Feast of her Assumption. This year the festivities will be held on Sunday, August 14th, with an outdoor procession beginning at 2:30 p.m., in front of Saint Agnes Church, and concluding with Eucharistic Benediction in the Church. All are welcome to participate. Earlier in the day a Mass and Communion Breakfast will be conducted starting at 9:00 a.m. For full information and breakfast tickets, contact Barbara Mangle at 610/431-3217 or Marie Mauro at 610/692-497.

A Call to All Alumni

Did you attend St. Thomas More High School, a small, all-boys high school in West Philadelphia? Do you know someone who did? We are looking for you! If you are not receiving our "Bear Tracks" newsletter or announcements of events, you are not on our mailing list. The Alumni Association is very active and holds a well-attended Communion Breakfast each year, along with socials, class reunions, a memorial Mass and a golf outing. Let us know where you are and what you have been doing. Give a call to John Millon '74 at 610/259-0380 or Al Fala '70 at 215/877-9129.

Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services offers counseling for individuals, couples and families. Day and evening hours are available each Tuesday and Wednesday. Insurance plans are utilized when possible and sliding-scale fees are available. Call 610/344-7028 for an appointment or for more information. Their area office is located in Thomas Patrick Hall, 125 North Darlington Street, West Chester, PA

Annual Family Picnic in Mont Clare

Sacred Heart Church of Phoenixville is hosting an Annual Family Picnic on Sunday, July 31st, from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m., in Saint Michael's Picnic Grove, Jacob Street, Mont Clare. Featured will be Slovak and American Food, a variety of beverages, a Bake Table, adult games and children's entertainment. All are invited; admission is free. Live music will be provided by "The Polka Express". Come enjoy the day. No BYOB please.

A Fantastic Day For The Ladies

It's back by popular demand – a Ladies' Day Out Theatre Trip, Rolling Cocktail Party and more fun than you can imagine! A bus trip is being run to Hairspray, the musical presentation at the Merriam Theatre in Philadelphia, on Sunday, September 11, 2005. Price for the outing is \$120.00, which includes deluxe coach round trip transportation, theatre ticket, registration cocktail party with appetizers, light dinner with dessert

on return trip, rolling cocktail party en route and door prizes. All proceeds will benefit the new Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis. Call Vanessa Barron 610/383-4140, Nancy Persch 484/645-2939 or Mary Kay Hennessy 6610/384-8469 for reservations. Bring your friends and relatives. Hope to see you there!

Vicariate Charismatic Prayer Meetings

Come and foster the gifts of the Holy Spirit at the Chester County Vicariate Prayer Meetings, to be held in Our Lady of Consolation Church, Parkesburg, at 7:00 p.m., on the first Wednesday of each month. Upcoming dates are: August 3rd, and September 7th. Among the prayer intentions are holiness and perseverance in the priesthood, an increase in vocations to the religious life and the reconciliation of those alienated to the Church. For more information, contact Sue Havey at 610/593-2904 or Bernie Mertaugh at 610/273-2611.

Stewardship

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field".
Matthew 13:44

A steward is both a learner and a companion of Jesus Christ, as well as one open to the movement of the Holy Spirit towards a gracious generosity of heart. The authentic steward regards all he or she is and possesses as gifts and blessings and realizes the need to share those gifts and blessings with others for the sake of the kingdom of God.