

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, May 3rd, 2003, 6:30 PM

Verna Seymen (Andrew & Mary Benkovich)

Euch. Ministers Catanese
Lectors Elaine

Sunday, May 4th, 2003, 10:30 AM

1st Holy Communicants

Euch. Ministers Nesbitt & Johnson
Lectors First Communicants

Masses for the week of May 4th, 2003 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Saturday, May 10th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Michael Cigas (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Euch. Minister Lasak, Jr.
Lector Sara

Sunday, May 11th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Celebration of Confirmation

Euch. Ministers Claypoole & Bugar
Lector Kathleen

Memorial Donation

We thank Mr. Robert A. Watterson for his generous donation to the church in memory of George & Blanche Mruskovic and Andy & Mary Shesko.

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Jan Cisarik, 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 and Joseph Wasko.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 3rd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 10th, at 7:30 p.m., immediately following the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Sunday, May 11th, we welcome to our 10:30 a.m. Mass His Excellency, the Most Reverend Martin N. Lohmuller, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, who comes to seal thirty of our youthful members with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. There will be a rehearsal for our Confirmation candidates on Tuesday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m., to familiarize them with the ceremonies. Another rehearsal will be conducted on Friday, May 9th, at 7:00 p.m. for the benefit of both the confirmands and their respective sponsors. Assuredly, we keep our Confirmation Class in our thoughts and prayers as they draw ever closer to the full likeness of Jesus Christ.

2003 Catholic Charities Appeal

Today is Catholic Charities Appeal Weekend in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, opening the 2003

Campaign with its theme of: Full Faith, Firm Hope, Fervent Charity". Literally thousands of people, young and old, in the five county region of our Archdiocese – perhaps your friends, neighbors, family – will be educated, comforted, fed sheltered and counseled because of your generosity. The need in our communities remains great. We must respond together. Please thoughtfully consider supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal as generously as possible, and join with the faithful across the Archdiocese in prayer for the success of the current Campaign. Your gift, in its appropriate envelope, may be placed in the Church collection basket or the vestibule drop-box, or mailed to our Rectory Office. Thank you quite sincerely for your kindness.

Remembering Our Military Overseas

Do you have someone in your family or among your friends, do you perhaps know of a person who has a relative currently serving in our American Armed Forces in Iraq? If so, we invite you to place the name of the service man or woman on the Prayer Remembrance Board located in the Church vestibule. Those listed names will act as a reminder to us all to continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers the dedicated United States military who remain at risk in Iraq, until the day of their return to loved ones at home. Such an instrument as the Prayer Remembrance Board "puts a face" on those who nobly uphold the cause of liberty and freedom in the name of our country. May God bless and protect them!

CACES Paces Walk-A-Thon 2003

On Sunday, May 18th, our own Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will be holding the CACES Paces Walk-A-Thon. The event will take place from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown. Funds raised will go directly toward the construction of our new regional parochial school. Please show your support for the Capital Campaign by sponsoring a child, volunteering your time at the walk, donating "prizes" and/or making baked goods for sale. Kindly contact Candy Whitehead at 610/384-0685 for more information on how you can help. Thank you!

CACES Annual Golf Outing

Get your foursome together for the CACES 10th Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, May 16th, at 1:00 p.m., on the facilities of the Honey Brook Golf Club. The fee is \$95.00 per golfer, which will

include lunch, dinner, beverages, prizes and the game itself. Proceeds from the event go to the Development Fund of our Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School. For additional information, kindly call Patrick Sullivan at 610/383-6403.

Archdiocesan Marian Tribute

The Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia will conduct their Annual May Procession on Mother's Day, May 11th, from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. All the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to attend and pay homage to Mary, the Mother of God. Appropriate banners are welcome. First communicants are requested to wear their First Holy Communion dresses and suits, and walk with the May Queen. The rosary will be prayed for the intention of peace. For additional details, please call 215/561-1313.

Five Wishes: Making Decisions For the Future Now

St. Joseph Parish Health Ministry, based in Downingtown, invites people 18 and older to prepare for holy moments. An informative program on Advance Directives and the Five Wishes Living Will, inspired by Mother Teresa's care of the dying, will be presented on Monday, May 5th, at 7:00 p.m., in the parish Meeting Center of St. Joseph Church, Downingtown. If you have questions about the program, kindly call Sharon Fitzpatrick at 610/873-3564.

A Special Weekly PBS News Program

In the most religiously diverse country on earth, Americans look to one news source for the top news from the world of religion and ethics, every week, all across the nation. Hailed as one of the most thoughtful and satisfying magazine series on the air, Religion and Ethics Newsweekly is bound to become must-see-television for you and your household. Locally, it can be viewed Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on WHYY, Channel 12. Tune in this weekend.

Comboni Missionary Sisters Lay Ministry

You are cordially invited to a meeting of the Comboni Missionary Sisters Lay Ministry, to be held in the Sisters' Convent, 58 South 6th Avenue, on Tuesday, May 13th, at 6:30 p.m. This time, the meeting will include a Mass celebrated by Father Pasquino, a Comboni Missioner. Everyone is welcome to join this group established for the spiritual enrichment of its members, and for

assistance to the Sisters in their ministry to the poor here and abroad. To belong to the Comboni Missionary Sisters Lay Ministry could be the answer to your desire to do a little more in keeping with the ever-important mission-mindedness of our Parish and the whole Church. For more information, please call 610/380-9229.

Shanahan Spring Concert and Art Exhibit

The Fine Arts Department of Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will present their Annual Spring Concert and Art Exhibit on Monday, May 19th, at 8:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the students' talents. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Our Top Students at Shanahan

Our Parish recently received notification of the performance of our students at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, on their Third Quarter Report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence. Among those earning Second Honors were the following students from St. Joseph parish: Samantha Davis '06 and Alan Holeton '06. Heartiest congratulations to our two scholastic achievers; keep up the good work!

Monday Night Choir Practices

Choir practice on Monday, May 5th, will return to the regular schedule for both the children and the adults. Practice for the children will begin at 6:45 p.m. and for the adults at 7:30 p.m. The Adult Choir will be singing for the Confirmation Mass on Sunday, May 11th, and the Children's Choir will be singing the following Sunday, May 18th, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, with the May Procession taking place as the introduction to Mass. If you have any questions about the schedule, please call Susan Sandoski, Choir Director, at 610/383-5768.

Summer Course Offerings at the Seminary

The Religious Studies Division of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is currently accepting registrations for its summer undergraduate courses. Topics include Sacred Scripture, Moral Theology, Spirituality, the Catechism and Philosophy for Theology. Courses begin June 16th and end July 24th. Classes meet twice weekly in the evenings. Tuition is \$330.00 per course. Registration closes June 6th.

In addition, the Spirituality Institute will host two events in Vianney Hall Auditorium. "The

Spirituality of St. Katharine Drexel" will be held June 27th – 28th; "The Function of Dogma in the Spiritual Life: Cardinal Newman's Contribution" will take place July 18th-19th. The registration fee is \$65.00. Overnight accommodations are available. For more information, call 610/785-6287.

A Family Perspective

Third Sunday of Easter

The family is called to witness to the world that Jesus has been raised from the dead and has saved us from sin. Is Jesus made known "to all the nations" by the way we follow his call to repentance and forgiveness?

Truth



"We bear witness to God's raising Jesus from the dead." A witness experiences facts and tells the truth. Jesus explained the law, the prophets and the psalms. Today truth demands that it be preached to all the nations that those who repent are forgiven. Credibility differs: Some are trustworthy, others not. Becoming credible witnesses takes practice. Today you witness the paschal mystery. How do you proclaim Christ Jesus? Be a credible witness!

Women's Club News

There will be a Women's Club Meeting this Sunday, May 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All women of the parish are welcome to participate. We are always eager to have new members join us.