

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

Saturday, May 1st, 2004, 6:30 PM

Augusta Saska (Peg & Abby Teijaro)

Euch. Minister Pam Krupansky
Lector Kathy Catanese

Sunday, May 2nd, 2004, 10:30 AM

Rose Olise (Barbara, Jim, Brett & Brad Ahern)

Euch. Ministers C. Claypoole & M. F. Johnson
Lector 1st Communicants

Masses for the week of May 2nd, 2004 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Friday, May 7th, 2004, 9:30 AM

Special Intention

Saturday, May 8th, 2004 6:30 PM

Luigi Baldini (Wife & Children)

Euch. Minister Jeffrey Nesbitt
Lector Sara Hoopes

Sunday, May 9th, 2004, 10:30 PM

1st Holy Communicants

Euch. Ministers Trish Swinty & Jerry Bugar
Lector Frank Lasak, Jr.

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, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Charlie Persch, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Betty Kinnier, Dylan Manning, John Cisarik, Ann Reshey, Brenda Golden, Marie McBride, Adam Gregor, Helen Collins, Dorothy Barnes, Gail Luminella, Lisa De Pedro, and the Deceased: Monsignor Charles Gallen. Also, we pray for the well being of Sgt. Steven McComsey and all our military currently serving in Iraq.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 1st, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 9th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. prior to the Morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

2004 Catholic Charities Appeal

This weekend heralds the opening of the 2004 Catholic Charities Appeal in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Literally thousands of people 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 to the annual campaign. The need in our communities remains great; together we must respond. Please thoughtfully consider supporting the 2004 Catholic Charities Appeal as generously as possible, and join with the faithful across the Archdiocese in prayer, that we might be able to assist our sisters and brothers, young and old, in their need. An appropriate Appeal envelope has been mailed to our households for your gift, which, in turn, may be placed in the collection basket or forwarded directly to our Rectory Office. God love you for your kindness!

Each year, the Catholic Charities Appeal office challenges each parish to reach a specific monetary goal. While this goal continues to be a significant piece to the campaign, full participation among parish members is even more crucial.

Because of this, each parish is challenged to raise its participation percentage by 6.2%. The parish which has the largest increase in its participation AND reaches its monetary goal will be recognized by His Eminence.

St. Joseph Church

2003 Parish Participation:

36.6%

This number is based on the number of recorded gifts to the Appeal.

If each parish raised their participation 6.2%, an average gift of the following would yield these increases:

\$99 = 2.7m overall increase
\$50 = 1.4m overall increase
\$25 = \$680,000 overall increase

Imagine the impact!

Our Golden Jubilarian

Our most sincere congratulations are extended to Sister Angela Sesana, the local Superior of the Comboni Missionary Sisters, who celebrated her 50th Anniversary of vowed religious life on April 26th. How happy we are for Sister Angela on this significant occasion marking five decades of loving, faithful service to Christ Jesus and His Church. It is a special blessing to have Sister Angela in our midst, bringing the experience of her years and the depth of her spiritual life to the Comboni Mission in Coatesville. God bless you, Sister!

Mondays in May

On the Mondays of May, the Virgin Mary's Month, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. The evening will be comprised of the public recitation of the rosary, spiritual reflections, quiet moments and Eucharistic Benediction. Bring your intentions, your concerns, and your hopes to Jesus through Mary. All are welcome to stop by for all or any part of this weekly Period of Exposition.

Parish Marian Tribute

Our Parish Tribute to Mary, the Holy Mother of God, will take place during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 23rd. The Mass that morning will open with a procession of our first communicants to the image of Our Lady, which will be crowned and before which we will pray. Plan to participate with us in the Annual Marian Devotion.

First Holy Communion Class

This Sunday, May 2nd, brings the very special joy of our welcoming eighteen young parishioners to the Table of the Lord for their first time. The 10:30 a.m. Mass marks the celebration of First Holy Communion Day in our Parish. Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to the youngsters and their families:

*Christopher Dague
Nicholas Doria
Hayley Fisher
Daniel Glass
Rita Grant
Daniel Hackmeister
Corrie Haiko
Emily Hoertz
Alaina Hoopes*

*Christopher Leifholt
Felicia Madonna
James McGill
Christopher Mummert
Luke Obendorfer
Mitchell Roberts
Amy Sanchez
Timothy Schaefer
Dominic Takach*

Likewise, our prayers go out to our class of first communicants that they will always possess a deep love and true devotion of Our Lord in this Sacrament of the Holy

Eucharist. Best wishes to all on this happy First Holy Communion Day!

Our Youthful Scholars at Shanahan

Our Parish recently received notification of the performance of our Bishop Shanahan High School students on their Third Quarter Report. We're particularly proud of the following who demonstrated academic excellence:

*Adam Lindemuth '07 who achieved first honors
Elana Kousisis '04, Jennifer Urbine '05, Rebecca Kousisis '07
and Lynn Rhoades '07 who achieved second honors*

We extend a star-spangled salute to our youthful scholars. Sincerest congratulations! And keep up the excellent work!

A Note of Gratitude

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was glad for our participation in a Parish Shoe Drive, conducted last weekend, April 24th-25th. They extend their sincere appreciation for our support and generosity. Their thank you goes out to all donors who help the Society help others. God bless!

Give A Gift Of Love For A Better World

Youth Exchange Service (YES), a non-profit U.S. designated exchange program founded in 1974, needs Catholic Host Families to host international high school students during the 2004-2005 school year. Teenagers are well educated 15 to 17 year old students who are selected on their language skill, maturity, personal accomplishments and moral standards. Students come from Asia, Europe and Latin America. Host Families are asked to provide accommodations, meals and to embrace the student as their own son or daughter. The Host Family can claim a \$50.00 tax deduction for each month of the student's stay. The students speak fairly good English, have medical insurance and bring their own spending money. YES provides high school arrangements and counseling. This program will be an enriching and unforgettable experience for everyone in the family. For more details, please contact YES at 800/848-2121.

Archdiocesan Marian Tribute

The Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, in Philadelphia, will host their Annual May Procession on Mother's Day, May 9th, from 2:00 until 3:30 p.m. All the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to attend and pay homage to Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Appropriate banners are welcome. The first communicants are requested to wear their First Holy Communion dresses and suits. For additional details, please call 215/561-1313.

Summer Studies At The Seminary

The Religious Studies Division of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary offers a Certificate in Catholic Religious Studies, designed to foster greater knowledge and deeper appreciation of the Catholic Faith. The program consists of six undergraduate courses in Sacred Scripture, Theology, Moral Theology and other topics in Religious Studies. Students may advance to pursuing the Roman Catechetical Diploma, which requires only two additional courses. Similar certificates are offered in Youth Ministry, Liturgical Studies and Pastoral Ministry. Classes begin on June 14th; Registration concludes

on May 29th. For more information and registration forms, call 610/785-6287.

Five Wishes Program

St. Joseph Parish Health Ministry (Downingtown) invites people 18 and older to prepare for holy moments. An informative program on Advance Directive and the Five Wishes Living Will, inspired by Mother Teresa's care of the dying, will be presented on Monday, May 3rd, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Center. Babysitting provided. For full details, please call Sharon Fitzpatrick at 610/873-3564.

St. Agnes High School Celebration

St. Agnes High School graduates are invited to a May Celebration at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, on Thursday, May 6th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Featured will be Mass and a crowning of an image of the Virgin Mary, a chance to reconnect with friends and light refreshments to guarantee a wonderful evening. Please call Maureen Morin at 610/343-6255, if you did not receive an invitation.

Bishop Shanahan Ice Hockey

For any new player interested in playing ice hockey for the 2004-2005 season for Bishop Shanahan's Middle School or High School Teams, there will be a player preview on May 17th, 18th, and 19th at Ice Lane. Current 4th thru 7th grade players will be on the ice 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., current 8th thru 11th grade players 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 for all three sessions. Registration begins one hour prior to starting time. You must attend a Catholic elementary feeder school to Bishop Shanahan High School or attend Bishop Shanahan High School to play with the Club. For more information, please call Barb Doyle at 610/436-6676.

Basket Bingo

Yes, those famous baskets from Ohio are back! To benefit the American Cancer Society, a Basket Bingo will be held at Ludwig's Corner Fire Company, Routes 100 & 401, on May 16th, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Doors will open at 12.15 p.m. For information, call Lisa Young at 610/458-8018 or Annette McNally at 610/458-8494.

Clothing Drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at Our Lady of the Rosary parish, 80 South 17th Avenue, on Saturday and Sunday, May 22nd & 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods (bed and bath linens, pots, pans, dishes cooking utensils, toys and books) and small appliances in good working order. You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the parking lot. Tax receipts are available upon request. The Society also offers pickup service for furniture, large appliances and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215/288-8160. Thank you!

Shanahan Summer Fundraiser

Bishop Shanahan High School will host their 1st annual all-class reunion, "Soar at the Shore", on Saturday, August 7th, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at LaCosta in Sea Isle, NJ. Tickets are \$15.00 per person which includes admission, food and DJ. Cash bar will be available with drink specials all afternoon.

Come out for an afternoon with fellow alumni and friends! For more details, call 610/343-6355 or email rodgerc@wyeth.com.

CACES 11th Annual Golf Outing

All are welcome! Get your foursome together for the Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School's 11th Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, May 14th, at the Honey Brook Golf Club. The cost of \$115.00 includes lunch, dinner, golf, cart, prizes and beverages. All proceeds benefit the building of our new regional parochial school. For full information, please contact Patrick Sullivan at 610/383-6403.

A Family Perspective *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

By imitating the ways of Christ, the good Shepherd, and allowing their children to experience God's unconditional love, parents build the foundation of a faith-filled life.

The Dylan James Manning Foundation

The Dylan James Manning Foundation will be hosting a Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday, May 15, 2004 at the Downingtown Bowling Palace from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per bowler which includes bowling, shoes, t-shirt and a donation to benefit Tay-Sachs research. Contact Courtney Bunker at 484/880-0812 or via e-mail at InTheEcLoUdZ57@aol.com to pre-purchase tickets for the event. Adults and kids of all ages are welcome!

The Hair Cuttery salons located in Exton, Lionville and Chester Springs are hosting a Cut-A-thon on Sunday, May 16th. Haircuts are \$10 each and all profits will benefit The Dylan James Manning Foundation for Tay-Sachs Disease. All Haircuts are walk-in appointments only between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. For more information on this or other upcoming events, visit Dylan's website at www.djsfoundation.org or call 610/593-9930

Women's Club News

All You Can Eat Breakfast – Sunday May 23rd.

\$500.00 chances have been mailed to all Parishioners. We sincerely request your support for this endeavor.

Also taking place at the Breakfast will be a "Theme Basket Table" and also a Bake Table. Members of the Women's Club will be calling parishioners asking for baked goods for this table. We know what good bakers attend St. Joseph's and look forward to sampling your creations.