

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 8th, 2004 6:30 PM

Luigi Baldini (Wife & Children)

Euch. Minister Jeffrey Nesbitt
Lector Sara Hoopes

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

All Mothers (Living & Deceased)

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

Masses for the week of May 9th, 2004 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as follows:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)
Wednesday	9 am	Bill Frankow (Helen Frankow)
Thursday	9 am	Rose Olise (Joseph & Sharon Sabo)
Friday	9 am	Helen Pacana (Helen Frankow)
Saturday	9 am	Joseph Wasko (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)

Saturday, May 15th, 2004, 6:30 PM

David Barnes (Craig Cigas)

Euch. Minister Francis Seymen
Lector Bill Swinty

Sunday, May 16th, 2004, 10:30 AM

Michael & Kathy Catanese (25th Wedding Anniversary)

Euch. Minister Jeffery Nesbitt
Lector Philip Hoertz

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, Gail Luminella, Lisa De Pedro, and the Deceased: Monsignor Thomas Herron and Father Aloysius Kane. 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 9th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 15th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Mother's Day Greetings

To all our mothers and grandmothers, foster mothers and godmothers we extend our heartfelt greetings for a glad and glorious Mother's Day this weekend. Our mothers are once and always a beautiful reflection of God's unfailing, generous love for us. May the Almighty bless many, many times over our selfless mothers, and hold them tenderly in the palm of His hand.

In Cherished Remembrance

The lovely fresh flower arrangements at both the main altar and at the foot of Our Lady's image have been placed there in loving memory of Mother and Grandmother, Mrs. Anna Saska. They have been thoughtfully given by Daughter Ann and Bob Hamilton, Children and Grandchildren. May she rest in eternal peace!

2004 Catholic Charities Appeal

This weekend advances us into the second week of the *2004 Catholic Charities Appeal* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If you have not already done so, this Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to make your gift to the Appeal. Mothers and potential mothers throughout our metropolitan five county region are served by way of Catholic Charities. From pre-Cana to parenting classes, nutrition education to housing, day care to GED classes, adoption services to foster care and from counseling to senior services, mothers of all ages are served regardless of their religious beliefs or their station in life. Please drop your Appeal envelope in the collection basket or send it to the Rectory. God love you!

Catholic Charities Update

Last Sunday was the opening of our Catholic Charities 2004 Campaign. As of this printing, St. Joseph Parish has contributed \$315.00 to this Appeal. We are making slow progress toward our assessed goal of \$13,000.00.

If you have already made a gift to the 2004 Appeal, thank you for your stewardship of our sisters and brothers in need. If you have yet to make a gift, we ask you prayerfully to consider supporting the human service programs of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. More than eighty programs will receive funding through the *Catholic Charities Appeal* in 2004; by virtue of your support, over 250,000 lives will be transformed.

FYI From Your Finance Committee

Last weekend, we had our monthly SCHOOL SUBSIDY Collection. This collection is taken up each month to help fund our annual commitment for the support of our local CACES. Our annual Budget figure for this is \$28,953.00 – our collection last week amounted to \$240.00 and our collection to date for the 2003-2004 school year is \$3,263.00. If you do the mathematics, this will show that our St.

Joseph Parish is supporting the education of our children to the tune of \$25,690.00.

We are reporting these figures to you in the hope that you will realize what it is costing us presently – and when the new school is built – our costs will be increased significantly – and hope you will consider being more generous in your School Subsidy obligations, especially for those parents who presently have children attending CACES.

We, the Finance Committee, are under the impression that parishioners feel that this collection is being sent to the Archdiocese. It is not! It stays here in Coatesville.

Won't you please consider being more generous to this collection in the future? Thank you.

Comboni Missionary Sisters

The Comboni Missionary Sisters will meet with their lay associates group on Tuesday, May 11th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Sisters' convent, 58 South 6th Avenue. New activities are on the agenda, and new members are always welcome to participate. Come join the Comboni Missionary Sisters in a program offering spiritual enrichment on several levels.

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.

In Deep Appreciation

We are pleased to publish the total amounts of donations, given over recent weeks, for various significant collections:

<i>2004 Easter Collection</i>	\$12,172.00
<i>Easter Flowers Fund</i>	1,213.00
<i>Operation Rice Bowl</i>	534.00
<i>Holy Land Shrines Collection</i>	465.00
<i>Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary</i>	
<i>Appeal</i>	8,254.00
<i>Catholic Home Missions Appeal</i>	505.00

In addition, we gratefully acknowledge a thoughtful donation to our Memorial Fund in memory of Felix Volpe made by his sister, Josephine Taylor.

Thank you so very much for your magnificent generosity to our Parish Church and its related good works. May God bless our donors over and over again richly for such kindness to us!

Congratulations to Our Bride and Groom

In solemn ceremonies on Saturday afternoon May 8th, Michael W. Ahrens, our parishioner, and Holly L. Roberts of Coatesville were joined in the holy bond of Matrimony. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations and best wishes. Together, may they continue to advance in the ways of holiness and love as they reflect to us all that cherished union between Christ the Bridegroom and the Church, His Bride.

News From Bishop Shanahan High School

The Fine Arts Department of Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will present their Annual Spring Concert and Art Exhibit on Friday, May 14th, at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend, and a free will offering will be accepted.

Bishop Shanahan High School and Dr. Richard Fuller offers a summer learning experience in three areas: Algebra I (grades 7-9), Critical Thinking and Study Skills (grades 8-12) and a PSAT/SAT Program (grades 8-12), with a student ratio of 8 to 1. For more information, call Dr. Fuller at 610/275-9660 or the School Office at 610/518-1200. All classes begin June 21st.

Bishop Shanahan High School is pleased to announce that there are two new opportunities available for financial aid for families of household income of less than \$50,000, increased by \$10,000 for each dependent: The Chester County Community Foundation (due date of May 15th) and The Bravo Educational Foundation (due date of June 7th for information, with twenty hours of

volunteer work per semester required). Please contact Mrs. Wilson in the Tuition Office for your application forms at 610/518-1300 or stop by the School Office.

Basketball at Hawk Hill

Come and experience Hawk Basketball! Saint Joseph's University is holding their Annual Girls' Basketball Camp hosted by Head Coach Cindy Griffin. Girls, ages 5-17, can receive individual instruction from Hawk players and coaches. There is a camp for everyone, from the Beginner's Camp to the Overnight Camp. It's intense, instructional, and most importantly fun! For full information, contact Rashana Barnes at 610/660-1756.

Happy Birthday, Holy Father!

The Pope, celebrating his 84th birthday May 18, now marks the third longest papacy in history. The Pontiff in March moved ahead of Pope Leo XIII, whose pontificate lasted from 1878 to 1903. The longest pontificate in modern times was that of Blessed Pope Pius IX, who served for more than 31 years. Pope John Paul II, who still follows a full schedule, will publish a book this month detailing his years as a bishop in Poland under Communist rule. Originally to be published in Italian, the book's planned title in English is "Get Up, Let Us Go," Jesus' exhortation to His Apostles before He was handed over at Gethsemane. – *Catholic New Service*

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.

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 InThEcLoUdZ57@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

A Family Perspective

Fifth Sunday of Easter

We express gratitude to mothers today. We recognize that through their efforts to love others as Jesus loves, they share in the power to transform the world with the new life of the risen Christ.

Women's Club News

Please remember our ***ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST*** to be held on Sunday, May 23rd beginning at 9:00 a.m. in our school hall. Tickets are available from Trish Swinty or Pat Babcock who will be in the vestibule of the church for your convenience to purchase tickets in advance.

Along with the breakfast, we will be offering our ***THEME BASKETS*** table and also we will be featuring a ***BAKED GOODS*** table. When a Women's club representative calls you, please say "yes" to baking your specialty for us.

You are responding very well to our \$500 chances. Thank you for your support and "Keep them coming"!!!