

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 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

Masses for the week of May 16th, 2004, will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Wednesday, May 19th, 2004, 7:00 PM

Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Lector Frank

Saturday, May 22nd, 2004, 6:30 PM

Steve & Sophie Zelina
(Reynolds, Romanoski & Zelina Families)

Euch. Minister Lisa Hillman
Lector Elaine Sabo

Sunday, May 23rd, 2004, 10:30 AM

Father Cy Ponisciak (Anniversary Mass) (Parishioners)

Euch. Minister Frank Lasak, Jr. & Christine Claypoole
Lector Kathleen Ponto

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, Oli Alfaro and Robert Moratelli and the Deceased: Nicholas Berg and Alexander Chiz. 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 15th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 23rd, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. prior to the Morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Ascension Thursday, May 20th

After forty days of post-resurrectional appearances to His followers, Jesus returns to the right hand of the Father and to heavenly glory. This event is solemnly commemorated on Thursday of this week, May 20th, Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 19th, in St. Joseph Church, and on Thursday, the Holy Day itself, at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. With the Apostles of old, Jesus commissions us to be His witnesses.

Our Silver Jubilarians

We extend sincerest congratulations to Michael and Kathy Catanese, who happily celebrate this weekend, their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Michael and Kathy are a blessing to our Parish Family, as they reflect in our midst the faithful, loving union of Christ the Bridegroom with the Church, His Bride, through their Sacrament of Christian Marriage. May every grace and blessing be theirs as they continue life's journey together.

In cherished memory of their respective mothers, Mary Sandoski and Jean Catanese, Kathy and Michael have placed beautiful fresh flower arrangements on each side of the main altar this weekend.

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.

2004 Catholic Charities Appeal

As of May 9th, St. Joseph's Parish has contributed \$6,690.00 to the 2004 Catholic Charities Appeal from 62 of our parishioners. This represents 19% of our parish family.

You have shared generously with our sisters and brothers in need. I know we can achieve our parish's goal of \$13,000.00 with your support. Again, if you have made a gift, thank you for your support. If not, please consider making a gift today.

Just as you are good stewards of your God-given gifts, the Appeal is a good steward of the support that it receives from the faithful of the archdiocese; for years, less than 5% of funds raised have been spent on administrative tasks. That means 95% of your donation will be spent on direct services.

It's not too late to make your pledge. Thank you.

Property Tax Rebate

With the cost of living rising, you are reminded that Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate program applications are now available. Those who qualify could receive up to a \$500 rebate toward last year's property taxes or rent. Funding for this rebate program is made possible from the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund.

Applicants should note that no lien or judgment is placed against their property, nor will this rebate ever have to be repaid. To qualify, you must be a senior citizen 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Applicants must have an annual household income of \$15,000 or less. The good news is that only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline. For more information or an application call POLAM Social Services, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at 215/923-1900. All inquiries are confidential, and services are provided free of charge. Your application must be filed by June 30, 2004.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Would you like your marriage to be a "ten"? You can do it. Make a good marriage even better by participating in a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Your next opportunity will be the weekend of June 25th-27th. For more information, call toll free 1-800-456-8330 or visit www.wwme-philly.org.

Television Special, May 23rd

Actress Glenn Close narrates three poignant stories illustrating how individuals find the power to give or accept forgiveness, overcome hate and embrace cultural and religious differences. "The Way Home" is a moving portrayal of how Americans, faced with difficult circumstances, learn to come together and tear down the walls that divide them. This one-hour program showcases a woman reaching out to forgive her husband's killer, a small town learning to embrace diversity and a father reunited with his estranged son. Watch "The Way Home" on Hallmark Channel (Comcast Cable Channel 65) at 10:00 p.m., on Sunday, May 23rd.

St. James Alumni Association

The St. James Alumni Association will host their 7th Annual "Dogs on the Dunes" Social at Moores Inlet, North Wildwood, NJ, on August 14th, from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. There will be a donation of \$20 before August 11th or \$25 at the door, which includes entertainment and food. One must be 21 years of age or older to attend. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund furthering students' Catholic High School education. For full information, call the Bulldog Hotline at 610/494-0446 or check the website at WWW.STJBULLDOGS.ORG

Cemetery Mass on Memorial Day

In keeping with the spirit of the holiday, an outdoor Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m., on Memorial Day (May 31st), in St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish Cemetery, Waterworks Road, West Caln Township. The worship site will be located on the left side, near the top of the hill, in front of the Pieta Shrine. Participants are asked to bring their own folding chair. A local Veterans' Group will conduct military honors in the Cemetery at 9:00 a.m., just prior to Mass. You may wish to be a part of both ceremonies. If the weather that day chases us indoors, our Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at 9:30 a.m. At this time of our national engagement against terrorism, we would hope that many will spend a part of their holiday in remembering the military dead and praying for world peace.

Food Collection

We will be conducting a Manna Food Drive next weekend, May 22nd-23rd, to benefit our own Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard, whose items become dangerously low in the summertime. A special bag for our donation of canned goods and other non-perishable foods is available in the rear of Church today. Take a Manna bag with you, fill it with your items and return it to the vestibule when attending Mass next weekend. Thank you for your compassionate response to the needs of our neighbors.

News From Bishop Shanahan High School

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*

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.

The Dylan James Manning Foundation

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The family home becomes a place of "God's dwelling within us", when we allow the Spirit to lead us to the gifts of peace and freedom from anxiety.

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"!!!