

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, September 25th, 2004, 6:30 PM

William Bedrick (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Altar Servers *Sload & Lasak*
Euch. Ministers *Trish Swinty*
Lector *Bill Swinty*

Sunday, September 26th, 2004, 10:30 AM

For God's Blessing upon Frank & Mary Jane Lasak on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Altar Servers *Hackmiester & S. & J. Lasak*
Euch. Ministers *Krupansky & Lasak, Jr.*
Lector *Kathleen*

Masses for the week of September 26th, 2004 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as follows.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Parishioners
Wednesday	9 am	Parishioners
Thursday	9 am	Parishioners
Friday	9:30 am	Parishioners
Saturday	9 am	Parishioners

Saturday, October 2nd, 2004, 6:30 PM

Helen & Stephen Mitros (Stephen & Joan Mitros)

Altar Servers *A & A Hoopes*
Euch. Minister *Hillman*
Lector *Elaine*

Sunday, October 3rd, 2004, 10:30 AM

Ella Rice (John Clifford Family)

Altar Servers *Malavolta, Fisher & Alfaro*
Euch. Ministers *Catanese & Johnson*
Lector *John*

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, Dorothy Bodnar, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, 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, Oli Alfaro, Jim McConnell, Joseph Yankech, III, and Ana Maria Yankech, and the Deceased: Betty Bogus. 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 Sunday, September 26th from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, October 2nd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Memorial Donations to St. Joseph's Church

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations in memory of Max Sushinski:

Frank & Mary Jane Lasak
Richard & Mary Anne Michinok
Mary K. Sabocsik
Margaret Simpson
John Cisarik
Paul & Patricia Jacobs
Dennis & Linda Irwin
Giuliana Pezzopane

Congratulations to Our Golden Jubilarians!

This weekend happily marks the 50th Wedding Anniversary for our parishioners, Frank and Mary Jane ("Winkie") Lasak. Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to them on this splendid golden occasion. As they have been long-time members of our Parish Family, we have been greatly enriched in witnessing their living out of their Sacrament of Christian Marriage with love

and fidelity here in our midst. May Frank and Winki continue their lifetime journey together under the approving smile of God. Every grace and blessing be yours, our Bride and Groom of 50 Years!

24th Annual MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour

We made it! Despite Hurricane Ivan's threats to ruin the ride, the MS150 bicycle tour went off without a hitch this past weekend. Thanks to your generous support, I was able to raise over \$1,600. All totaled, close to 6,000 riders raised over \$3,000,000 to help fund the Society's outreach and research efforts. A new record for the event. The value of these efforts was easy to see in the many happy faces of MS sufferers and their families who greeted and cheered riders along the route, at rest stops, and at the end of the tour. What an amazing group of people. As an example, this is a portion of an e-mail I received after the tour from a fellow rider:

"As a woman with MS, I want to thank you all for supporting this cause. When I was diagnosed, I was quite ill, and kind of freaked out. I don't have any family nearby, and the National MS Society was really important in helping me understand the disease and how to cope with it. The research that is funded by the National MS Society is part of the reason that I've recovered and I am able to do things like this ride. I've also been very, very lucky so far - and I take advantage of every good day I get! It may not always be this way."

The Society will be accepting donations for the event through October 31st. The short link www.ductsoup.com/ms150 will take you to the sponsor page if you'd still like to make a pledge.

Thanks again for your support!

Craig

This Weekend's Altar Flowers

The handsome fresh flower arrangements at the altar have been placed there to commemorate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Frank and Mary Jane Lasak. This thoughtful and loving gesture is a donation from the Children of our Golden Jubilarians. Thank you very much!

Hurricane Relief

Through a network of charitable support issuing from the Catholic Church in our country, we have given a contribution of \$330.00 to provide needed relief for those fellow citizens victimized recently by Hurricane Charles. This kindness was requested from the parishes of the Archdiocese by our Cardinal-Archbishop. We

were pleased to comply to His Eminence's request in behalf of the many who lost so much.

CCD Registration

Registration for the 2004-2005 CCD Year continues this Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This registration (for children of the parish from age 4 through 6th grade is being conducted in the School Hall. Classes will begin on Sunday, October 3rd, at 9:15 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Lasak, our CCD Coordinator, at 610/869-4841.

Annual Seminary Open House

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, will host their Annual Open House on Sunday, October 31st, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. You are invited to tour the grounds, and view the sacred and historical art collection from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to join the seminarians for Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 p.m. For further information or directions, contact the office for Development at 610/785-6231 during usual business hours.

Guest Speaker at Shanahan

You're invited to Bishop Shanahan High School Downingtown, on October 13th, at 7:30 p.m., to hear Bernadette McKenzie Kutufaris, guest speaker for the Parents' Association General Meeting. Her presentation is entitled "It's A Miracle," the very words spoken by the people close to Bernadette after her instant recovery from a debilitating spinal disorder. Come and hear her amazing story.

Bus Trip to Washington, D.C.

The Congrega of Our lady of the Rosary Church welcomes your joining them on a bus trip to our Nation's Capital to visit the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, as well as the new World War II Memorial. The bus will leave from OLR Church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on October 7th, and return there at approximately 7:00 p.m. the cost per person is \$25.00 (cost of the bus only). A lunch can be purchased in the Shrine cafeteria, following a tour and noontime Mass. The War Memorial comes after lunch. For reservations and full details, please call 610/662-8325 after 3:30 p.m. the deadline is September 28th.

Local Rosary Rally

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, South 17th Avenue, will celebrate their 11th Annual Rosary Rally on Sunday, October 10th, at 3:00 p.m., in the Church. A reception after the Rally will be held in the Church Hall. All are welcome to pray collectively Our Lady's rosary for the urgent needs of modern life.

Pro-Life Activities

A Vigil for Life will be conducted on Saturday, October 2nd, in St. Agnes Church West Chester, beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m. offered by Father Michael Matz. A Rosary Pilgrimage to the nearby Planned Parenthood facilities will immediately follow the Mass. For additional information, kindly call Jack or Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

The Annual Coatesville Life Chain will form along East Lincoln Highway, with St. Cecilia convent as the starting point, on Sunday, October 3rd, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Following the silent witness of the Life Chain, a Charity Spaghetti Dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church Cafeteria, Downingtown. All are welcome. The suggested donation is \$8.00/adult and \$5.00 child.

A Special Invitation

His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali warmly invites the faithful of the Archdiocese to join him at the Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, on Sunday, October 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. for the celebration of Holy Mass. It is an event to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II's Pastoral Visit to our Archdiocese in October 1979, and to mark the Annual Observance of Respect Life Sunday, highlighting an integral part of our Holy Father's message and teaching. It is hoped that your schedule will permit your attendance.

Young Adult Prayer Meetings

Something new and inspiring has come to our locality: Young Adult Charismatic Prayer Group Meetings in the Chester County Vicariate. The inaugural meeting will be held in St. Joseph Church, Downingtown, at 7:30 p.m. on September 29th, the Feast of the Holy Archangels. All young adults (17 and up) and the young in heart are welcome. There is a need for musicians, as well as for those to assume leadership positions. For more information, please call Kathy Bonito at 484/354-1764 or Susan Havey at 610/593-2904 or Joe McCahon at 610/269-0878.

Triduum in Honor of St. Therese

The Daughters of St. Mary of Providence invite you to participate in three evenings of special prayer to honor St. Therese of Lisieux, "The Little Flower". Services begin each evening at 7:00 in the main Chapel of St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, on September 29th – 30th and October 1st. The first and second evenings will feature Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers, prayers to St. Therese and Benediction. On the final evening, Mass commemorating the Saint's Feast Day will be offered. Confessions will be heard on both Thursday and Friday

nights immediately following the Devotions. Father Peter J. DiMaria, Chaplain, will conduct the Triduum. Come and experience the powerful intercession of St. Therese of Lisieux.

CACES Happenings

Parents of Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will host a Silent Auction to benefit the new Regional Catholic Elementary School. It will be held on Saturday, October 9th, at 6:00 p.m., in Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple, available by calling Jeannie at 610/466-0830. Local artist, Richard Bollinger, is returning to personalize prints purchased at the auction. Good food, good times and a good cause highlight the evening. Donations are still needed and very much appreciated. Please call Mary Pat at 610/466-0372 for more information.

"Kids' Stuff" coupon books will be on sale September 20th thru October 8th to benefit the new Regional Catholic Elementary School. The books are \$25.00 each and may be purchased by calling Diane at 610/384-4721. For every 5 books sold, the seller receives one free.

Take a chance to win \$500.00! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and may be purchased by calling CACES' Office at 610/384-5961. Drawing will be held in conjunction with the Silent Auction on October 9th. Winner need not be present. This activity, also, benefits the new Regional Catholic Elementary School.

Choir Practice Reminder

Just a friendly reminder there *will* be choir practice on Monday, September 27th for both choirs, the children at 6:45 pm and the adults at 7:30 pm.

Women's Club News

Please mark your calendars with the following Women's Club activities for this fall:

Annual Christmas Bazaar Sunday, November 21st

Bazaar Work Schedule as follows:

*First Pierogie Session - Saturday October 2nd
- Peel Potatoes Friday October 1st*

*Second Pierogie Session - Saturday October 16th
- Peel Potatoes Friday October 15th*

First Kieflli Session - Wednesday October 27th

Second Kieflli Session - Thursday November 11th

Prepare Cabbage for Pigs - Friday November 19th

Make Stuffed Cabbage - Saturday November 20th

Times for the above events will be announced closer to the dates. We appreciate any time you can contribute to these events, even an hour or two.

**Christmas at St. Joe's
Sunday, December 19th**

Next Meeting of the Women's Club is scheduled for Sunday, October 24th at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend.

**Update on Our Regional Catholic Elementary
School**

As of September 10th, in contributions received and in faith promises yet to be fulfilled, we have collected \$3,077,166.00, an outstanding amount. Other aspects of our new Regional Catholic Elementary School continue to move forward in accord with the various local and state agencies:

1. An application for highway occupancy and highway improvement plans was submitted to Penn Dot for review and approval. Penn Dot is generally satisfied with the plans, but is calling for additional widening of route 82 for a deceleration lane;
2. Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution Control plans have been submitted to the Chester County Conservation;
3. Land Development plans have been submitted to West Brandywine Township and three revisions have been provided. The third plan review indicated that the plans are in an acceptable format to meet requirements for a Preliminary Plan submission;
4. After the necessary reviews and revisions by the local and township offices, the proposed wastewater management system plan was submitted to the PaDEP in mid-August. Additionally, Earth Engineering Incorporated has completed the geotechnical investigation on both the building site and Route 82, the major access road, This information was forwarded to Penn Dot and our project architect.

F. Patrick Szustak, the project architect, is completing the final draft of the building blueprints, so that it can be submitted to the Archdiocesan Building Committee for final approval. This would then lead to opening the project to contractors for bids. So you see, our new school project is moving ahead! Please pray for its success.