

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.

Saturday, April 9th, 2005, 6:30 PM

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace and Children)

Euch. Minister Hillman
Lector Bill

Sunday, April 10th, 2005, 10:30 AM

Max Sushinski
(Pattiann & Brian Prosachik, Bob & Chrissy Mersereau,
Michelle & Dave Peters)

Euch. Ministers Johnson & Claypoole
Lector Cy

Masses for the week of April 10th, 2005 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as noted:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Paul Toth (Val & Sandy Dwonczyk)
Wednesday	9 am	Max Sushinski (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)
Thursday	9 am	Catherine Urban (Andrew & Ann Cigas)
Friday	9 am	Max Sushinski (Rick & Nancy Persch)
Saturday	9 am	Parishioners

Saturday, April 16th, 2005, 6:30 PM

Mary Sabo (Renee & Timothy Jamison)

Euch. Minister Bugar
Lector Sara

Sunday, April 17th, 2005, 10:30 AM

Michael & Margaret Sushinski (Mrs. Agnes Sushinski)

Euch. Ministers Catanese & Nesbitt
Lector Frank

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Kate Ohar, Janet Yost, Dorothy Bodnar, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Stella Grubb, Bertha Amole, Dylan Manning, John Cisarik, Helen Collins, Oli Alfaro, Jim McConnell, Joseph Yankech, III, Ana Maria Yankech, Joseph Salada, Nancy Stern, Michael Kozacheson, Bill Franklin, Brian Babcock, Laura Szweda, Betty Hracho, Joseph Dougherty, Albert Fuller, Josephine Regener, and the Deceased: His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. 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, April 10th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 16th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Catholic Charities Appeal

Each year, we celebrate the human services provided to the needy in our communities by participating in the Catholic Charities Appeal. Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving a letter from His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali asking for our support of this important Appeal. Please accept this correspondence and consider how you are able to share your blessings with those in need.

Catholic Charities Sunday will be celebrated on May 1, 2005 in parishes across this Archdiocese. Throughout the month of April, our Parish Appeal Committee will be sharing opportunities in which you can learn more about the Appeal and how it directly impacts our neighbors.

Please use this time leading up to Appeal Sunday to learn more and be able to make an informed decision regarding your gift to the Appeal.

I encourage you to bring your sacrificial gift, along with the pledge card and return envelope you will receive in the mail from Cardinal Rigali to Mass on May 1st. You may also use the provided envelope to mail your gift to our parish office.

Thank you for your participation in this most important Catholic Charities Appeal.

Why Do Catholics Make The Sign of The Cross?

Back in the second century when this practice began, it was common to honor a ruler with a gesture of respect. Whether bowing down on one knee or touching the forehead, such gestures were ritual ways to show humility before a person of great power.

The Sign of the Cross became one such devotion to the Holy Trinity, and acted as a sign of recognition between early Christians who were sometimes forced to worship in secret.

Now a prayer in itself, each time we make the Sign of the Cross we express respect for God and call down his blessings on ourselves.

In Appreciation

We should like gratefully, to acknowledge the touching gesture of sympathy extended to us by the Congregation of Olivet United Methodist Church and their Pastor, Reverend H. Joe Tyson. Upon learning of the death of Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, they forwarded to our Parish a beautiful peace lily plant expressive of their prayerful condolences. It is viewable in the vestibule. If you have friends or neighbors who are members of Olivet United Methodist Church, please offer our appreciation to them, in behalf of us all, for their kindness. May God bless them for their thoughtfulness at our time of loss.

News of Our New Parochial School

We are presently focusing on the date of Sunday, June 5th, as being the day of the official ground breaking ceremony for our new Regional Catholic Elementary School. The event is still in its planning stages, but full details will be released shortly. For now, please hold that date open on your calendar.

As mentioned last weekend we are looking to our parishioners for suggestions in naming our new parochial school. Give it some thought and prayer, and then submit your suggestion(s) to Father John, along with the reason for your selection. The pastors would be most appreciative for your input.

Presenting Sister Faustina

“Sister Faustina: Messenger of Mercy” is a one-women drama about the Divine Mercy Saint, who was canonized in 2000 by our present Holy Father. It will be performed live on Sunday, April 24th, at 3:00 p.m., in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Catholic performing artist Nancy Scimone, who has been heard on EWTN, will portray St. Faustina Kowalska in this inspiring piece suitable for all ages. The performance includes musical portions and a script completely drawn from the Saint’s diary. A cold buffet will be served in the adjacent School Hall immediately following Miss Scimone’s performance. Do circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Annual Mother’s Day Procession

The Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul will host the 9th Annual Mother’s Day Procession on Sunday, May 8th, in Center City Philadelphia. The event, open to all the faithful of the Archdiocese, takes place from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. Each year the May Queen and her court are selected by a write-in campaign. You are invited to send a 50 word essay entitled “Why My Mom Should Be May Queen” to: Cathedral May Procession, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Question? Call 215/561-1313. The deadline for essay entries is April 18, 2005.

Comboni Missionary Sisters

The Comboni Missionary Sisters will meet with their lay associates group on Monday, April 11th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Sisters’ Convent, 58 South Sixth Avenue. New activities are on the agenda, and new members are always welcome to participate. Come and join the Comboni Missionary Sisters in a Program offering spiritual enrichment on several levels. For more information, please call 610/380-9229.

CACES Cheerleaders

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will be having cheerleading tryouts this week: April 11th, 12th and 13th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the South Brandywine Public School. Girls must attend all tryout dates, and they should be 5th through 8th Grade students in September 2005. Also, there will be a mandatory meeting for parents on April 11th, at 6:00 p.m., in the South Brandywine Public School.

Basket Bingo

Help the PTO of the Scott Middle School support Reading Is Fundamental by playing Basket Bingo (featuring Longaberger Baskets) at the Scott Middle School, 800 Olive Street, Coatesville, on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The Early Bird Games begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$20.00 per ticket. Advance ticket purchase is recommended, since the event is limited to only 200 tickets. Call Scott Middle School at 610/383-

6946, ext. 1008, to reserve your ticket. The RIF Program is implemented on a national level, promoting literacy in children through book distributions. The Basket Bingo will benefit this praiseworthy venture.

CACES Cabaret on April 15th

CACES Cabaret is a great family-oriented event featuring entertainment, kids' corner, chance prizes, raffles, refreshments, art show and Carnival Midway-type fun. Also, singers, dancers and performers from our five-parish Cluster will strut their stuff on stage. In addition, there will be a "Tricky Tray" Auction for children and adults with items valued from \$25.00 to \$200.00, as well as clowns, face painting, balloons, bake sale, souvenirs and much more. All proceeds will benefit the Capital Campaign for our proposed new Regional Catholic Elementary School. CACES Cabaret will be held in the Scott Middle School Auditorium on Friday, April 15th, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. The school is located at Olive Street and South 8th Avenue. Don't miss out on a fabulous night!

Vacation Bible School

Mark Your Calendars, Vacation Bible School is Back!

We are excited about St. Joseph's Vacation Bible School to be held June 27th – July 1st. This year's program is Kingdom of the Son, a week of Safari adventure! Children will embark on a prayer safari into the Kingdom of the Son. Through their adventures, children will discover that "God Listens", "God Protects", "God Forgives", and "God Rules"! We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible story and tasty snacks – all things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children. Kingdom of the Son can be an inspirational and educational expedition for the entire family. So mark your calendars today and plan on joining us for a great time at Kingdom of the Son! Registration will take place on 4/17/05 and 4/24/05 after the 10:30 Mass or by contacting Beth Ann Hackmeister at 610/380-3505.

Choir Practice

Choir practice for the children's choir will resume this Monday, April 11th, at 6:45 p.m. to prepare to sing for Mass on the 24th.

Practice for the adult choir will be held on Monday at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call me in the evenings at 610-383-5768.

Susan Sandoski
Choir Director

Women's Club News

Group Communion Breakfast

On April 17th, the Women's Club will be sponsoring a Group Communion Breakfast, Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of our Club. All Women and Young Ladies Six and Up of the Parish are cordially invited to attend. We will be receiving communion as a group. Please sit in the front of the church in the designated pews. The men of the Parish will be preparing and serving breakfast, which will take place after Mass in the School Hall. We are hoping to have a guest speaker at this affair, along with some special memories of our service to St. Joseph's Church.

Also at this event, we are planning to present Sister Helen with the \$10,000 check we promised as a result of our Lottery Sales. Please plan to join us and help celebrate this special event. You can make reservations by contacting Chris Buchovechy at 610/269-6647. Kindly place your reservation, along with your check/money in the Women's Club Drop Box, or in the Sunday Collection Basket. Deadline for reservations is this Sunday, April 10th.

Tickets: \$6.00 Adults, \$3.00 Children

