

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 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

Masses for the week of April 17th, 2005 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Saturday, April 23rd, 2005, 6:30 PM

William McBride (Branson Family)

Euch. Minister Lasak, Jr.
Lector Elaine

Sunday, April 24th, 2005, 10:30 AM

Max Sushinski (Rose & William Michnuk)

Euch. Ministers Krupanski & Seymen
Lector Phillip

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, Henrietta Torma, and the Deceased: His Holiness, Pope John Paul II and Agnes Novotny. 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, April 16th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 24th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Why Do We Believe That The Pope is Head of The Church?

Jesus gave Peter his name, which means Rock, and declared that he will build his church on the Rock. Jesus also gave Peter "the keys of the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

In Jesus' day, the person who held the keys to the kingdom represented the king, and acted with his authority. So he was signaling that Peter was given a special role of leadership.

Catholics believe that the authority given to St. Peter did not end with his death but is passed to his successors who also become head of the Church.

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.

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.

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.

Golf Outing to Benefit Our Parochial School

Get your foursome together for the 12th Annual Golf Outing, to benefit our Coatesville Elementary School, to be held on Friday, May 13th, at the Honey Brook Golf Club. The price is \$95.00, which will include lunch, dinner, golf, prizes and beverages. Proceeds will be directed to the school's Development Fund. For full information, please call Pat Sullivan at 610/383-6403.

C.A.C.E.S. Paces Walk-A-Thon

The third annual C.A.C.E.S. PACES Walk-A-Thon will be held on Sunday, May 15th, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bishop Shanahan High School. Last year was a great success. \$40,000.00 was raised for our Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School. Please show our support again this year by sponsoring a child, volunteering your time at the walk, donating prizes or baked goods. There are also opportunities for advertising your business. Please contact Candy Whitehead at 610/384-0685 for more information on how you can get involved in this fun event.

Sports Camps

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will be running a Baseball Camp for all players ages 8 through 15. The Baseball Camp will begin on Monday, June 20th, and run through Friday, June 24th. The week-long camp will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. at the high school facilities. For more information, contact George Hadfield at 610/593-2574 or email: gihad@epix.net.

Saint Joseph University, Philadelphia, is having their Annual Girl's Basketball Camp, hosted by Head Coach Cindy Griffin, for girls between the ages of 5 and 17. Day Camp dates are: June 27 – July 1, July 5 – July 9, July 11 – July 15. The Overnight Camp

date is July 5-July 9. The camps will be held at Saint Joseph University and the Springfield Healthplex. It's intense, instructional and most importantly fun! For information, please contact Katie Gardler or Eileen Brown at 610/660-1710.

Search For Former Students

The 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School, Philadelphia, which opened in 1908, is quickly approaching. To prepare for this joyful event, your help is needed in locating former students and families who attended the school. Please forward any information to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center at 215/473-1669 or email: dbaker.oll@verizon.net. Thank you for your help in making this historic event a success.

Clothing Drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 80 South 17th Avenue, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on the weekend of May 14th – 15th, 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 and pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys, books and small appliances in good working order). You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the parking lot of the Church. Tax receipts are available upon request. The Society also offers pick-up service for furniture, large appliances and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215/288-8160. Thank you for helping to help others.

Shoe Drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a Shoe Drive at our own St. Joseph Parish, West End, on the weekend of May 14th – 15th, in conjunction with the evening and morning Masses. There will be a bin located in the vestibule of the Church to receive your donations of gently used footwear (all types). Kindly pair, box or tie shoes together if possible. Any questions? Call Theresa at 215/288-9540. Thank you for helping to help others.

Second Collection Next Weekend

The Second Collection next weekend, April 23rd – 24th, is earmarked as the Annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which supports missions here in our own homeland. There are many places in America – Appalachia, the Deep South, the Southwest, the Rocky Mountain states – where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open and to educate children in faith. Your contribution next weekend will aid in strengthening our parish communities with few or no resources of their own in the United States. Our kindness would be deeply appreciated.