

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 29th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Kitty Magala (Ann & Alex Bratic)

Eucl. Minister Johnson
Lector Patrick

Sunday, April 30th, 2006, 10:30 AM

Susan Ornedo (the Alfaro Family)

Eucl. Ministers Lasak & Claypoole
Lector Kathleen

Masses the week of April 30th, 2006 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2006, 4:00 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal

Friday, May 5th, 2006, 9:30 AM

Success of the New Regional School Building Campaign

Saturday, May 6th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Nadimah Estephan (Carol Franciscus & Joe)

Eucl. Minister Bugar
Lector Sara

Sunday, May 7th, 2006, 10:30 AM

First Holly Communicants

Eucl. Ministers Hillman & Catanese
Lector First Communicants

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Kate Ohar, Janet Yost, Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Bertha Amole, Dylan Manning, Helen Collins, Joseph Yankech, III, Joseph Salada, Michael Kozacheson, Joseph Dougherty, Josephine Regener, Chelsea Osborne, Lisa Lucci, Steffie Levenite, Robert Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Elmer Dunn, Alexander Price, Stephen Jordan, Bunny Jordan, Mary Benkovich, Mimi Sushinski and Ollie Alfaro. Among the recently Deceased: Monsignor James McGrath, Alexander Kriston and Charles Buckley. Also, we pray for the well being of all our U.S. military currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially Mark Pike, son of our parishioners Mr. & Mrs. David Pike.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 30th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 6th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Special Collection This weekend

This weekend, Catholics across the nation are being asked to contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This annual appeal is dedicated to strengthening the Catholic Church here at home, from the Deep South to the Western Mountains and beyond. Your generosity to the Second Collection would be deeply appreciated.

2006 Catholic Charities Appeal

The Catholic Charities Appeal annually raises the financial resources necessary to fund the human service programs of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These programs serve persons, young and old, within the five counties that comprise the Archdiocese including our own Chester County. Agencies, institutions and programs funded by the Catholic Charities Appeal serve people of all faiths, regardless of race, gender, disability, national or ethnic origin, or ability to pay. The services that the Archdiocese provides reflect a belief in the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the individual, and the central role of the family in life and society.

Materials for this year's Campaign have been mailed to your homes in solicitation of your kind participation. Simply follow the stated directions and either drop your

gift in its provided envelope (with the completed return form) into the church collection basket next weekend or forward it to the Rectory by mail. Thank you for your enduring generosity year after year to a cause most worthy of your support. May God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, abundantly bless you for your charity to others! You may wish to note that the current Campaign continues throughout the month of May.

St. Agnes High School Celebration

St. Agnes High School graduates are invited to a May Celebration at 6:00 p.m. in Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, on Thursday, May 11th. Featured will be a Mass and a crowning to honor the Virgin Mary, light refreshments and entertainment provided by the BSHS Jazz Band. It will be a chance to reconnect with friends and guaranteed to be a wonderful evening. Please call Sister Helen Miriam, I.H.M. at 610/343-6223, if you did not receive an invitation.

Bishop Shanahan High School Baseball Camp

Bishop Shanahan High School will be running a Baseball Camp for all players, ages 8 through 15. The Baseball Camp will begin on Monday, June 19th, and run through Friday, June 23rd. The week-long Camp will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown. For more information, contact George Hadfield at 610/593-2674 or email gjad@epix.net.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps provides opportunities for men and women who are 50 years old or older to work two days a week with organizations that serve the poor throughout the Philadelphia region. In addition, opportunities are provided for volunteers to grow deeper in their Christian faith through a guided reflection process based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. You are invited to attend an upcoming Information Meeting regarding the Ignatian Volunteer Corps on Tuesday, May 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. Joseph University. For more information, please contact Joyce Lively at 215/923-1733 or by email Philadelphia@ilvc.org

Couples For Christ

Learn more about a life renewal program that has touched the lives of thousands of families worldwide. You are invited to a Christian Life Program Orientation for couples, single men and women, widows and widowers, divorced men and women, and single mothers and fathers. It will be held in St. Joseph School Hall on Sunday, May 21st, 12:00 to 2:30 p.m. (Lunch and Kids' Watch will be provided.) Please sign up on the posted form in the church vestibule. Any questions? Kindly call Alex and Enely at 610/466-0717.

Shanahan Open House

Bishop Shanahan High School, 220 Woodbine Road, Downingtown will host a Special Open House for all 6th and 7th graders on Monday, May 1st, at 7:00 p.m. Students and parents are welcome. Come and see all the wonderful opportunities Shanahan High School offers you. Please call 610/343-6238 and leave a message to RSVP or email mmorin@shanahan.org. Hope to see you there.

Jericho March

The May 6th Prayer Vigil for Helpers of God's Precious Infants will include a Jericho March around the block where the Planned Parenthood facilities are located in West Chester. The event will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m. in St. Agnes Church, 331 West Market Street. The rosary will be prayed during the march for mothers at risk and babies threatened by abortion. It will be peaceful and prayerful. Plenty of parking will be available. For more information, contact the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition at 610/692-4463.

You'll Go Bananas For Son Treasure Island!!

We're excited about St. Joseph's Vacation Bible School to be held June 26-30 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This year's program is Son Treasure Island, a week of treasure hunting adventure in the Caribbean Islands! Through their adventures children will discover that God's Love is Giving, God's Love is Kind, God's Love is Caring, God's Love is Forgiving and God's Love is Forever! We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks –all of the things that make Vacation Bible school so much fun for children. On top of that, we will be helping children learn about God's amazing love. So mark your calendars today! Registration will take place on 5/14/06 and 5/21/06 or by calling Beth Ann Hackmeister at 610/380-3505. Adult volunteers are needed!!!!

Chester County Hospital May Festival

Funnel Cake Booth

For the third year in a row, the Funnel Cake Booth at the Chester County Hospital May Festival is being manned by parishioners of St. Joseph Church on Sunday, May 21st from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers during the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Andy Levenite at 610/431-5269 or 610/384-4665. Hope to hear from you!

Special Book Drive: May 1st – 14th

A Special Book Drive is being conducted as an Eagle Scout Project by a member of Troop 125 Thorndale. It will benefit the Chester County Head Start Intermediate Unit in Coatesville. Needed are new books or used books in good condition for young readers, ages 3 to 5

years. From May 1st thru 14th, the collection box will be located in the church vestibule. Contact person is Frank Leaf at 610/384-6584 or email fandeleaf@verizon.net.

MS Walk

Mary Francis Johnson and her family will be participating in the MS Walk on Sunday, April 30th.

If anyone is interested in making a gift for this worthy cause, please contact Mary Frances at 610/384-6427. Be assured that she will see that your gift will be delivered to the proper authorities.

Thank you in advance for your support.

National Day of Prayer

Chester County will mark the National Day of prayer on Thursday, May 4, 2006 with a public gathering in front of the Chester County Courthouse, 2 N. High Street, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. It will be a day for people of all faiths to unite in a common mission of prayer. Nine pastors and leaders will lead the community in prayer with a variety of Christian music throughout the program. Area Pastors will stand “shoulder to shoulder” praying for repentance and revival for individuals and for our nation. All are invited.

A Baby Shower For You and Yours

Catholic Social Services of Chester County invites you to a Baby Shower to celebrate you and your baby. If you are pregnant or have had a baby in the past year, please plan on joining us May 10, 2006 from 2 to 4 PM at St. Cecilia’s Church Hall, 99 N. 6th Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320. Come meet our staff, enjoy refreshments, receive gifts, and learn tips to keep your baby safe. Call 610/344-7028 for more information and to let us know that you can join us.

Bishop Shanahan Ice Hockey Club

There will be a Player Preview for the 2006-2007 Season of the Bishop Shanahan Ice Hockey Club at the Ice Line facilities. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your time in order to present your \$25.00 fee and to complete the required paperwork. Current 4th to 7th graders attending a Catholic feeder school to Shanahan should report on Wednesday and Thursday, May 17th – 18th, from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. Current 8th to 11th graders who will be attending Shanahan in the Fall 2006 should report on Wednesday and Thursday, May 17th – 18th, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Any questions? Call Barb at 610/436-6676 or Donna at 610/269-2461.

Bishop Shanahan High School Golf Outing

Come, enjoy the camaraderie on Monday, May 15th, at the Downingtown Country Club in Downingtown for Bishop Shanahan High School’s 19th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. The player fee is \$150.00.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please call 610/343-6206 for full information or check the website at www.shanahan.org.

Stewardship

Third Sunday of Easter

“Answer when I call, my saving God. In my troubles, you cleared a way, show me favor, hear my prayer.”
Psalms 4:2

Our trust in God as stewards need to be carried out and demonstrated over the course of a lifetime.

Respect For Life

3rd Sunday of Easter

“Poverty is the quality of the heart which makes us relate to life not as property to be defended but as a gift to be shared.” (Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Aging: The fulfillment of Life*)

Family Perspective

3rd Sunday of Easter

The family is called to witness to the world that Jesus has been raised from the dead and has saved us from sin. Is Jesus made known “to all the nations” by the way we follow his call to repentance and forgiveness?