

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, May 6th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Nadimah Estephan (Carol Franciscus & Joe)

Euch. Minister Bugar
Lector Sara

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

First Holy Communicants

Euch. Ministers Hillman & Catanese
Lector First Communicants

Masses for the week of May 7th, 2006 will be offered in St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Alexander Kriston (Kathleen & Havard Franciscus)
	4 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal
Wednesday	9 am	Amelia A. Hutton (Steve & Kristi Haiko)
Thursday	9 am	Alexander Kriston (Frank & Mary Jane "Winki" Lasak)
Friday	9 am	Parishioners
Saturday	9 am	Bonafacio Suh (Vivian Suh)

Saturday, May 13th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Tillie Frantz (Melvin & Rosemarie Neff)

Lector Elaine

Sunday, May 14th, 2006, 10:30 AM

Frank Reczek (Richard & Barbara Reczek)

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, 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, Ollie Alfaro and Robert Shesko. Among the recently Deceased: Sylvia Halenar. 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 Saturday, May 6th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 14th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Congratulations To Our First Communicants!

At this Sunday's morning Mass, we happily welcome to the Table of the Lord our First communion Class:

Charles Armstrong	Timothy Johnson
Stone Babcock	Joseph Marcoux
Erin Bowser	Melissa McCormack
Scott Buchovecky	Kyle Miller
Molly Clifford	Taylor Monahan
Carley Davis	Donald Myers, Jr.
Colin Dunlap	Dean Patro
Matthew Eells	Hope Sabin
Tanner Hart	Carolyn Smith
Brooke Hartshaw	Hunter Stiebritz
Coulson Hearn	Jonathan Tinoco
Alyson Hinfey	Caitlyn Toomey
Katlin Jamison	Anthony Turpin

They accept Jesus' invitation to take and eat His Body, thus becoming more like Him who comes as the Shepherd of our souls. May the joy of this sacred meeting accompany every reception of the Holy

Eucharist, which our first communicants will experience in the years ahead

2006 Catholic Charities Appeal

Today is Catholic Charities Sunday

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 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 gjhad@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.

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.

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.

A Presentation By Molly Kelly

Well-known public speaker and author on teen issues Molly Kelly will be delivering her message on the topic of Chastity in St. Joseph Church, 338 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, on Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Her empowering message is recommended for 7th thru 12th grade students, young adults, parents and grandparents. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Julie Wiant at 610/269-8294. One participant is stated as saying: "Molly Kelly delivered one of the most memorable talks I have ever attended."

An Invitation To The Arts

The Fine Arts Department of Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will present its annual Spring Concert and Art Exhibit on Friday, May 12th, at 8:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited, and a free will offering will be accepted.

Our Student Scholars At Shanahan High

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the Third Quarter Report issued by Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Among those earning second honors were the following students from St. Joseph Parish: Samantha Davis '06, Rebecca Kousisis '07, Lynn Rhoades '07, Kristina Weinrich '07, Brian Hart '09 and Jeffery Schaefer '09. Three cheers for our young scholars for their significant achievement! Heartiest congratulations to all.

Respect For Life

4th Sunday of Easter

Raising families according to the splendor of Christ's truth is a sharing in God's work of creation. It lies at the heart of the call to promote a civilization of love (Pope John Paul II, Address to the Australian Bishops, March 26, 2004)

