

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 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

Masses for the week of May 14th, 2006 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Saturday, May 20th, 2006, 6:30 PM

Joseph & Rose Hallman (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)

Euch. Minister Nesbett
Lector Patrick

Sunday, May 21st, 2006, 10:30 AM

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace & Children)

Euch. Ministers Lasak & Bugar
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, 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, Steffie

Levenite, Robert Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Elmer Dunn, Alexander Price, Stephen Jordan, Bunny Jordan, Mary Benkovich, Mimi Sushinski, Ollie Alfaro, Robert Shesko and Peter Michalski.. Among the recently Deceased: Arlene Zappacosta. 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, May 14th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 20th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Mother's Day Greetings

On this weekend of national observance honoring mothers, we extend prayerful best wishes to all our mothers and grandmothers, godmothers and foster mothers. May they be blessed by God, a divine parent figure, for the many sacrifices, acts of generosity, loving deeds and words of affirmation they daily shower upon their children. May their tireless devotion not go unrewarded both in time and in eternity. Happy Mother's Day!

Memorial Day Observance

Weather allowing, an outdoor Mass in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Waterworks Road, West Caln Township, will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m., on Monday, May 29th. The Mass site will be at the shrine of the Pieta in the upper left hand of the cemetery. Earlier, usually at 9:00 a.m., near the central Crucifix, Military Rites are conducted by the area veterans. All are cordially welcome to participate. Should the weather be against us the 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day Mass will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church for the happy repose of the souls of the war dead and all those at rest in our shared parish cemetery.

May Procession and Marian Tribute

Next Sunday, May 21st, the 10:30 a.m. mass will open with a May Procession and brief Marian Tribute highlighted by our crowning the image of Our Lady. We expect the children of our First Communion Class, in all their first communion finery, to participate in a very special way. The youngsters are requested to

report no later than 10:10 a.m. next Sunday, to Mrs. Beth Ann Hackmeister, for a bit of instruction regarding their part in the Procession and Tribute. They are to meet Mrs. Hackmeister in the church vestibule. Thank you for your kind cooperation in this regard!

2006 Catholic Charities Appeal

The annual campaign in behalf of the Catholic Charities Appeal is currently underway and continues throughout the month of May. What tremendous good your financial support of the Appeal provides for the people, young and old, who benefit from the human service programs of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! These various programs reflect our belief in the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the individual, and the central role of the family in life and society. Thank you for your enduring generosity, year after year, to a cause most worthy of your financial support. God love you!

Catholic Charities Report

May 6, 7 \$4,875.00 Collected
 32 Participants out of over 300 families!
Please open your heart to this worthy charity. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

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."

Building for Tomorrow

Catch our excitement! One of these pleasant Springtime days, jump into the car and travel north on Route 82 to the site of our new regional Catholic Elementary School. There, rising against the skyscape of Chester County, you will see a sight of great promise and much delight: a magnificent building worthy to bear the name of Pope John Paul II dramatically taking shape with roof nearly in place and walls ascending. Praise the Lord for His work in progress! The dream of more than a dozen years is coming true in behalf of Catholic education locally. We beg that your good prayer and generous contributions will continue, please.

Pray For Our Soldiers

The Archdiocese for the Military Services USA, which coordinates Catholic chaplaincy to GIs worldwide asks Americans to remember to pray for soldiers and consider sending a CARE package". The archdiocese offers the following prayer:
"Lord hold our troops in your living hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."

New School Fundraiser

The Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School is holding a fundraiser in Max & Erma's Restaurant Downingtown, on Monday, May 22nd, from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Come for lunch, dinner or take out. Coupons will be available in the back of church for presentation on the day of the fundraiser. Max & Erma's will donate 15% of your check to our parochial school. Hope to see you there. For complete details, contact Suzanne Schaefer at 610/384-5845.

All Are Invited To a Wine and Cheese Reception

Mark your calendar

Date: Tuesday, May 23rd
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Who: All Adults, parishioners, families and friends
Why: ALPHA sample evening

Topic: Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?
Where: St. Cecilia's lower church
Cost: Free will offering

No R.S.V.P. necessary – just come! ALPHA is Coming!

Who is ALPHA For?

It is especially geared to:

People wanting to deepen their faith, New Christians, Newcomers to the parish, people who want to brush up on the basics. Those finding it difficult to answer their children's questions about God. Couples preparing for marriage. Everyone!

Respect For Life *5th Sunday of Easter*

A single soul is a whole world in the sight of God. Jesus, Himself, stopped to preach to one woman (St. John Eudes)

