

# 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, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, 6:30 PM**

*Vera & George Lahm (Gerry & Lew Branson)*

*Euch. Minister      Bugar  
Lector                Phyllis*

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:30 AM**

*Anna, John & Augusta Saska  
(Bob & Ann Hamilton Family)*

*Euch. Ministers      Claypoole & Johnson  
Lector                Kathy*

Masses for the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 will be offered in St. Joseph Church.

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| Monday    | 9 am | Parishioners                                    |
| Tuesday   | 9 am | Parishioners                                    |
|           | 4 pm | Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal |
| Wednesday | 9 am | Parishioners                                    |
| Thursday  | 9 am | Parishioners                                    |
| Friday    | 9 am | Parishioners                                    |
| Saturday  | 9 am | Parishioners                                    |

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:30 PM**

*John Yankech (Mother & Sister Phyllis)*

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, 10:30 AM**

*Frank Popovich, Sr. (Wife Helen)*

## 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, Bertha Amole, 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, Mary Benkovich, Mimi Sushinski, Robert Shesko, Peter Michalski, Margaret Florian, Michelle Maher, John Rider, Sue Dunlap, John Cisarik, Millie Harvey and Father Francis Mulranen, Pastor of St. Cecilia church. Among the recently Deceased: Father John Fala and Benjamin Stoyak. Also, we pray for the well being of our U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. May God hold them safely in the palm of His hand.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, October 1st, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

## Special Second Collection This Weekend

In response to the American Bishops' request, the Second Collection this weekend is being directed to the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Biloxi, so severely victimized by Hurricane Katrina last year. These two dioceses continue to struggle in order to restore churches and schools for worship and education, not to mention all other diocesan works of charity. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated. God love you for your assistance in their rebuilding efforts!

## Chester County Buddy Walk

On Sunday, October 1, 2006, the Lasak family will participate in the Sixth Annual Chester County Buddy Walk. It will take place in West Goshen Community Park, West Chester. The walk is sponsored by the Chester County Down Syndrome Interest Group. The purpose of the one-mile walk and afternoon of activities is to promote support and understanding for individuals with Down Syndrome and for their families. (We also have a lot of fun!) Jan is serving on the Buddy Walk planning committee. Jennie will work as a volunteer for the event, and the whole family will be walking.

As a special treat this year, Chris Burke and his band will be performing at the event. Chris Burke is an actor who has Down Syndrome. You may remember him as the character "Corky" from the television show, "Life Goes On."

If anyone of the St. Joseph's family would like to be a part of Catherine's Crew by sponsoring Catherine, volunteering for the event, or by walking, please contact Jan or Frank at (610) 869-4841. Thank you.

## Search For CACES Coaches

The Athletic Association of Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School is looking for coaches for all grade school sports. If you are interested, please send in a letter of interest to John Lafferty, c/o Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School, 605 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320. If you have already done so, please accept our thanks.

## Coupon Savings Book

Kidstuff Coupon Savings Books for 2006-2007 are now available! CACES Home and School Association will be offering the books for sale after the Masses on the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> for only \$25.00. The savings rendered pay for the books after just a few uses. It is a perfect family gift for the approaching holidays! Feel free to pre-order for delivery on the above dates by calling Kathy Bowser at 610/857-1152 (evenings) or just stop by and pick one up the day of the sale. Thanks for your support!

## Tree Planting Challenge: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

In the past 15 years, the five county area of the Archdiocese has lost 5 million trees. In an effort to address this issue and to improve water quality in the White Clay Creek, a tree-planting project will take place in Jennersville near the intersection of Route 1 and 796, on land owned by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese. This project is under the guidance of Stroud Water Research Center located in Southern Chester County. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** No experience necessary. The dates are October 14<sup>th</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and October 28<sup>th</sup>, on each of those days work will be done between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. if you wish to participate, please contact Christina Medved at [cmmedved@stroudcenter.org](mailto:cmmedved@stroudcenter.org) or 610/268-2153, ext 258. Visit: <http://www.stroudcenter.org> OR <http://www.stroudcenter.org/treevitalize.htm> for a map to the planting location.

## Car Raffle Coming Soon

The local Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Car Raffle, the proceeds of which will benefit the construction of Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. Donated by Angelo and Angela Gazzilla, the car is a beautiful 2006 Ford Fusion and will be displayed at all five parishes. A limited number of raffle tickets will be sold for \$25.00 each or 5 tickets for \$100.00. Coming soon!

## National Life Chain

October 1<sup>st</sup> is National Respect Life Sunday. In observance of that, a Life Chain will be formed next Sunday, from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m., in front of the St. Cecilia School Building, 605 East Lincoln Highway. All ages are encouraged to attend; strollers and lawn chairs are welcome. The social time with refreshments following the Life Chain last year worked out especially well, so we will be having that time again. Questions! Contact Nancy Lanigan at 610/384-0592.

Another post Life Chain event is a Spaghetti Dinner with all the trimmings to be served beginning at 4:00 p.m. in St. Joseph School Cafeteria, Downingtown, on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$8.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child with a maximum of \$25.00 per family. This dinner is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 7028, with proceeds to benefit Birthright of West Chester.

## College Fair

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will host their First Annual College Fair on September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. All students and parents are welcome to attend. Over 20 colleges and universities will be represented. For more information, please contact Mrs. Marie Weyback at 610/343-6242.

## Discerning A Religious Vocation

Thinking of a religious vocation? Is God calling you? Young women, come and join with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for an evening of prayer and picnic at the IHM Motherhouse in Immaculata on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, kindly contact Sister Carmen Teresa at [ihmvoc@aol.com](mailto:ihmvoc@aol.com) or 610/647-2160.

## International Dinner

Join the Coatesville Area Senior Center for their first International Dinner on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Center, 22 North Fifth Avenue. Admission is \$7:00 per adult, \$3.50 per child (3 to 10 years old) and no charge for children under 3 years old. Questions? Call 610/383-6900.

## Respect For Life

### *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

May all who strive to bring the message of Christ into the world not be discouraged by the lack of compassion and understanding exhibited by their families and closest friends.

## Benefit West End Firehouse

Pierogies & Kielbasa Lunch  
Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
11:00 – 3:00 PM

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
392 Charles Street  
Coatesville, PA

\$10 adults - \$5 children

Take-Out includes:  
Pierogies, Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, Applesauce, Roll & Drink  
Desserts Available

For Tickets Call 610/383-5453  
Tickets also available in clubroom at firehouse.

# **We Are Strangers No Longer**

On January 23, 2003, the fourth anniversary of Pope John Paul II's apostolic exhortation *The Church in America (Ecclesia in America)*, the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States released a historic pastoral letter on migration, *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*.

The Bishops' letter provides a Catholic framework for responding to the ongoing migration phenomenon in the U.S. and Mexico. Catholics are involved in all aspects of the phenomenon – as pastors, parish staff, and social service providers who give support to migrants; as public officials and law enforcement personnel who enforce the civil law; and as migrants themselves. The Church, the Bishops say, must bring these parties together to help reform immigration laws in both the United States and Mexico. Below are excerpts that summarize the Bishops' recommendations.

## **Catholic Social Teaching and Migration**

“All persons have the right to find in their own countries the economic, political, and social opportunities to live in dignity and achieve a full life through use of their God given gifts.” (Catholic Bishops of the United States and Mexico, *Strangers No longer*, paragraph no. 34)

“The Church recognizes that all goods of the earth belong to all people. When persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves and their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive. Sovereign nations should provide ways to accommodate this right.” (No. 35)

“The Church recognizes the right of sovereign nations to control their territories but rejects such control merely for the purpose of acquiring additional wealth. More powerful economic nations, which have the ability to protect and feed their residents, have a stronger obligation to accommodate migration flow.” (No. 36)

“A properly constructed worker program would reduce the number of undocumented persons migrating from Mexico to the U.S., lessening the calls for border enforcement and the demand for the services of unscrupulous smugglers.” (No. 76)

## **Together on The Journey of Hope**

“We stand in solidarity with you, our migrant brothers and sisters, and we will continue to advocate on your behalf for just and fair migration policies.” (No. 106)

“We commit ourselves to animate communities of Christ's disciples on both sides of the border to accompany you and your journey so that yours will truly be a journey of hope, not of despair, and so that, at the point of arrival, you will experience that you are strangers no longer and instead members of God's household.” (No. 106)

## **Five Principles for Migration from Catholic Social Teaching:**

1. Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland.
2. Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families.
3. Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders.
4. Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.
5. The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected.