

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.

Masses for the week of August 19th, 2007 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, 6:30 PM, August 18, 2007

Steve & Mary Repak (Daughter Agnes Sushinski)

Sunday, 10:30 AM August 19, 2007

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace & Family)

Tuesday, 4PM Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church)

Saturday, 6:30 PM, August 25, 2007

Deceased Vanderslice Family Members (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)

Sunday, 10:30 AM, August 26, 2007

Agnes Sushinski on her 85th Birthday (Requested by Her Family)

Your Prayers are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Marie Reali, Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Joanne Krupansky, Bertha Amole, Helen Collins, Joseph Yankech, III, Joseph Salada, Joseph Dougherty, Chelsea Osborne, Steffie Levenite, Robert Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Mary Benkovich, Mimi Sushinski, Robert Shesko, Peter Michalski, Margaret Florian, Millie Harvey, Sheila Van Zanten, James Allen, Pauline Howell, Father Arthur Szela, Ron Bannister, Brenda McDonald, Lillian Turansky, Beth Starkman, Dorothy Puza and Rose Hudock. Among the recently Deceased, we remember Mary Matuson. 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 Sunday, August 19th from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, August 25th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Parish C.C.D. Program

Our Parish C.C.D. Program (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) exists to assist our parents in fulfilling their responsibility of providing appropriate instruction for their children in the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Faith. The Program addresses itself to children from Pre-Kindergarten to Sixth Grade age, on Sunday mornings, from 9:15 to 10:15, in the nearby St. Joseph School Building. It is hoped that, after the weekly class, children and parents, as a family, will participate in the 10:30 Mass together.

Would you care to give of your time and talent to the Program? Volunteers in any capacity – catechist, classroom aid, etc. – are most welcome. Please call Mrs. Leslie Hoopes, the Program Co-ordinator, at 610/857-4224 to lend your hands to this most important effort.

C.C.D. Registrations will be conducted on Sunday, August 26th, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in the School Hall. Likewise, C.C.D. Registrations will be conducted on Sunday, September 9th, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in the School Hall. Sunday, September 23rd, will be the first class day for this academic year 2007-2008.

Candlelight Prayer Vigil

The Annual Summer Candlelight Prayer Vigil, invoking God for the scourge of abortion to be lifted from our land, will be held on Friday, August 24th, from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m., in front of Planned Parenthood, 8 South Wayne Street, West Chester. The Prayer Vigil will be preceded by a Mass celebrated by Father James Shea, Sch.P. at 8:00 p.m. in St. Agnes Chapel, 231 West Gay Street. Please join us for part or all of this peaceful night of prayer and reparation for an end to abortion. Similar vigils will be held simultaneously at other locations around the Philadelphia area. For more information, please contact Pat or Jack O'Brien at 610/692-2122.

Choir News

There will be sign-up sheets in the church vestibule for both the adult choir and the children's choir for the next two weeks. Please make sure that you include a daytime phone number where you can be reached in the case of changes to practice during the year. Please sign the roster even if you are a returning choir member.

Practice for both choirs will remain on Monday, with the children's choir beginning at 6:45 p.m. and the adult choir to follow immediately at 7:30 p.m. The plan is to start practice for both choirs on Monday, September 10th. Any new members are welcome and encouraged to join. No prior singing experience or the ability to read music is required. The range of age for the children's choir is 5 to 13

years old. Any teenagers from the parish are welcome to join the adult choir. We would also be interested in adding some instruments to the choir, so anyone in the parish who plays an instrument would be a refreshing addition.

If you have any questions or would like any information, please contact me. Susan Sandoski, Choir Director, 610-212-2927 (cell), 610-383-5768 (home).

Children's Choir Picnic and Fun at Hibernia Park

Sunday, August 26th, we are planning a picnic and fun outing for the members of our children's choir and their families to be held at Hibernia Park beginning at 2:00 p.m. (rain or shine). We will be supplying the hamburgers and hotdogs but ask for volunteers for the remaining items. Please call me with the number attending and what you will be bringing. We will need plates, napkins, cups, flatware, ice, drinks (soda, iced tea, juice, water, etc.), chips, salads (potato, macaroni, etc). condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish, etc.), pretzels, watermelon, and other items you wish to bring (rolls are already being supplied by Beth Ann Hackmeister). We could also use some large coolers with ice for storage. There will be games for all ages and a fun time will be had by all, so please join us. Directions and parking for the pavilion will be available before the event.

Please contact me by August 24th at 610-383-5768 (leave a message) or my cell at 610-212-2927. Susan Sandoski, Choir Director

Pope John Paul II Athletic Association

Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, through its Athletic Association, has begun practice for the fall sports of volleyball (grades 5-8), soccer (grades 5-8) and field hockey (grades 4-8). Any student who attends PJPII or is enrolled in the CCD/RREP Program may participate. If interested in playing, please call Athletic Director Dave Michell at 610-384-6477 for information on the practice times and locations.

Bishop Shanahan High School News

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will welcome students for the 2007-08 school year as follows: Freshman on Wednesday, September 5th, at 8:00 a.m.; Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors on Thursday, September 6th, at 8:00 a.m. All students should report on Friday, September 7th, at 8:00 a.m. On all three days, dismissal will take place at 2:45 p.m.

Girls' Field Hockey, Grades 4 – 8

Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will be forming a field hockey team this year. Any girl entering Grades 4 through 8 in September, who attends PJPII or CCD/REEP, is welcome to play. If interested, please contact Tracy Hickey at 610/715-5809 or e-mail her at 10TMSHickey@comcast.net

27th Annual MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour

Last year Team Rocky joined over 6,000 cyclists that participated in the National MS Society's 150 mile City to Shore Bike Tour from Cherry Hill to Ocean City and back. Your generous support helped us raise over \$6,000 in donations for the MS Society. This year we are pleased to welcome Mike Armstrong, Ronda Bailey, Craig Pierre, (little) Joe Kandler and Leah Rossi to the team. On September 29th,

they will join (big) Joe Kandler, Michelle Maher, Joe Buccella, Ellen Zadoff and myself as we ride in this year's event.

For 27 years, cyclists have ridden from the city to the shore to start to finish MS. As a result the Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the National MS Society has been at the forefront of providing help and hope through promising MS research. In addition to making ground breaking research possible, your support also allows people with MS to live more independently by providing:

- Information & resource center
- Home care
- Physical/occupational therapy programs
- Care management
- Transportation
- Medical equipment
- Personal care supplies
- Financial assistance
- Employment services

With lower than average administrative and fundraising costs, the National MS Society is committed to ensuring that the maximum amount of money raised funds research and provides direct services for local people living with MS.

To learn more about MS, meet the team and make a pledge to Team Rocky in the 27th Annual MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour go to www.teamrocky.info. If you'd like to help but don't have access to the Internet, you can also make a check out to "National MS Society" and mail it to Craig Cigas, 325 Brookwood Drive, Downingtown PA 19335. I'll be happy to fill out a pledge card for you and forward it to the MS Society.

Many thanks in advance for your generous support.

Craig Cigas
Organist/Cantor
St. Joseph's Church in Coatesville

Holy Rosary Early Learning Center

Openings are going quickly, but are still available for Fall 2007 at Holy Rosary Early Learning Center. Pre-School hours are 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. This is a great social and academic learning experience for the children. There is also half-day daycare (less than five hours) and full-daycare (over five hours). Daycare opens from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Children from ages two to five (potty trained) are welcome. For more information, please call Carol Moyer at 610-380-0277.

Safe Environment Program

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People introduced the Safe Environment Program to ensure that the Church is doing all that we can to keep our youths safe. If you plan to volunteer in any of our parish programs serving children, you will need to obtain the required background checks and attend the Safe Environment training.

All priests and deacons, as well as parish staff and volunteers (over the age of 18), who will have regular contact with children, are required to obtain and submit the PA State Police Criminal Background Check and the PA Child Abuse History Clearance. The forms for these documents are available from our Rectory Office.

In addition to the background checks, all adults in ministry and service to minors must attend a Protecting God's children Awareness

Session for Adults. These training sessions provide information about child sexual abuse, the dynamics of child molesters and what adults can do to protect children from harm. Upcoming sessions in our locality are the following:

- August 21st, St. Joseph, Downingtown, 7:00 p.m.
- August 28th, Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic School, 7:00 p.m.
- September 10th, Our Lady of Consolation, Parkesburg, 7:00 p.m.
- September 20th, SS. Philip & James Parish, Exton, 6:30 p.m.
- October 15th, St. Maximilliam Kolbe Parish, West Chester, 7:00 p.m.

Those with internet access can register to attend a training session at www.virtus.org. If you have any questions, call the Archdiocesan Office for Child and Youth Protection at 215/587-2466.

Red Brick Players Perform

“Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?”

The YMCA Red Brick Players will be performing the hilarious musical “Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?” by John R. Powers. It is a parody of life in Catholic School during the 1950’s, complete with Dancing Nuns and Catechism and Confession and Saints and Adolescent Sins and, of course, Purgatory. This is a really funny play.

Performance Dates: September 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at West Fallowfield Community Center (Octorara YMCA) in Cochranville. Show Times: Friday and Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 3 PM. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors. Please call 610/593-YMCA, extension 440 to reserve a seat.

“The audience ... was beside itself with glee.”---Philadelphia Daily News. “A divine comedy.” Main Line Times. “Crisp and snappy.”---Catholic Standard and Times. “You don’t have to be Catholic to enjoy it.”---Jewish Times. Don’t Miss It!

Camilla Hall Nursing Home

Located in Frazer near Immaculata University Camilla Hall is a Convent home/infirmary for the IHM Sisters. We have the following positions available:

- **RNs/LPNs** 3pm – 11pm FT/PT/Pool
- **CNAs/Nas** 7am – 3pm/3pm-11pm FT/PT/Pool
- **Housekeeping** 7am – 3pm FT

Camilla Hall is a beautiful facility with smaller patient ratios and a peace-filled, quiet environment. Competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package are offered. Contact Human Resources at camillahallhr@yahoo.com, Fax 610-695-0691 or call 610-386-2017 EOE

Mazowsze Dancers Performance

The internationally known Polish folk dance group, Mazowsze, will be performing on Saturday, November 24, 2007, at the Kimmel Center, 260 S. Broad Street, in center city Philadelphia.

Group-rate tickets for the Mazowsze are available at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum. Kindly call Theresa

Romanowski at 215/922-1700 and an order form will be mailed to you. Order forms are also available on the museum website: www.PolishAmericanCenter.org.

Outgrown Sale

Sellers are needed for the Fall Outgrown Sale to be held at Holy Rosary Early Learning Center on Saturday, September 29th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more information, call Carol Moyer at 610-380-0277.

Pre-School Teacher Needed

The sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are looking for a pre-school teacher to fill a part-time position at IHM Family Literacy Center in Coatesville. The pre-school operates on a morning schedule with no more than 15 students. If interested, please call Sister Bernadette Mary, I.H.M. at 484-288-8780.