

# 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 26th, 2007 will be offered at St. Joseph 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 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Requested by Her Family)*

Monday 9am	Parishioners
Tuesday, 9am	Josephine Regener (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)
Wednesday, 9am	Sue Dunlap (Raymond & Mary Sieracki)
Thursday, 9am	Julia Budzik (Andrea Levenite)
Friday, 9am	John Cisarik (St. Joseph's Women's Club)
Saturday, 9am	The well-being of our U.S. Military Serving In the Middle-East.

## Saturday, 6:30 PM, September 1, 2007

Michael Kozacheson (Beth, Steve, & Ashley Hamm)

## Sunday, September 2, 2007

Julia Budzik (Elena & Rebecca Kousisis)

## 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, and Dorothy Puza, Among the recently Deceased, we remember Rose Hudock.

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 Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

## Grateful Acknowledgement

In memory of ANDREW HAMARA, we gratefully acknowledge donations received from Helen and Phyllis Yankech and from the Henry J. Thomas Memorial VFW Post 845 in Downingtown. May he rest in peace.

## 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 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in the School Hall. Likewise, C.C.D. Registrations will be conducted on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in the School Hall. Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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

This weekend, there will be sign-up sheets in the church vestibule for both the adult choir and the children's choir. 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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**

This Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, a Picnic and Fun Outing is planned 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). Those attending are reminded of the good time that awaits them with food, fun and games. If you have any questions, contact Susan Sandoski, Choir Director, at 610/212-2927

### **Permanent Deacon Information Night**

Are you or someone you know interested in the Permanent Diaconate? The first step in the application process is attending an Information Night on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. with several presentations from the Permanent Diaconate Staff and Deacons about the life and mission of a deacon. Informal applications will be made available at the end of the evening. Please call the Office for Permanent Deacons (610/664-2213) by September 6<sup>th</sup>, if you are interested in attending the Information Night.

### **Family Life Office**

On Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, PA 4 Marriage will hold a workshop on the Pennsylvania Marriage Protection Amendment, in the College Auditorium of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. It will be held again on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the International Institute for Culture, 6331 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia. The workshop is free; all are welcome. It is hoped that Catholics in the Archdiocese will be made aware of the threats to marriage between one man and one woman. For more information, contact the Family Life Office at 215/587-5639 or e-mail [famlife@adphila.org](mailto:famlife@adphila.org).

### **Instructions on the Catholic Faith (RICA Program)**

The RCIA Program is a series of weekly sessions offering instruction in the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith for adults. The sessions themselves are friendly, informative and community-forming. It is the Church's way of making new Catholics which reaches its high point with the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. For full information, please call Father John at 610/384-0360. Our RCIA Program should be underway this autumn.

## **Our West End Twins's**

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, with whom we share a twinned arrangement under a single pastor, is celebrating their Centenary Year, having been founded in 1907. The solemn festivities are scheduled for Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, with a 4:00 p.m. Concelebrated Pontifical Mass offered by Cardinal Justin Rigali, followed by a Gala Centennial Banquet in our new regional Catholic elementary school. A most cordial invitation is extended to the parishioners of St. Joseph Church to join with our West End Twin Parish for this blessed occasion of theirs. A mailed invitation list is currently being compiled. If you would like to be on it, please contact St. Stanislaus Kostka Rectory at 610/384-1172. A printed invitation will be forwarded to you shortly. Your presence will double the joy.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.; Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. All students should report on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. On all three days, dismissal will take place at 2:45 p.m.

### **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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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

### **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 21<sup>st</sup>, St. Joseph, Downingtown, 7:00 p.m.
- August 28<sup>th</sup>, Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic School, 7:00 p.m.
- September 10<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Consolation, Parkesburg, 7:00 p.m.
- September 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.virtus.org). If you have any questions, call the Archdiocesan Office for Child and Youth Protection at 215/587-2466.

### **Outgrown Sale**

Sellers are needed for the Fall Outgrown Sale to be held at Holy Rosary Early Learning Center on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **Twelfth Annual**

### **Chester County Golf Classic**

#### **Proceeds to Benefit Catholic Services of Chester County**

The Chester County Family Service Center of Catholic Social Services will host it's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chester County Golf Classic at Whitford Country Club on Monday, September 24, 2007. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.; Lunch, at 11:30 a.m.; and golf shotgun tee off at 1:00 p.m. The cocktail reception is at 6:00 p.m. and the buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The proceeds from this event benefit those served by the Chester County Family Service Centers of Catholic Social Services. Every day, staff members of the service centers in Coatesville, West Chester and West Grove give hope to Chester County residents in need by providing emergency assistance such as food and clothing, compassionate counseling services, and supportive social services to help them become independent.

For information on reservations or ticket purchases, please phone 610/344-7028 or e-mail: [csschescogolf@chs-adphila.org](mailto:csschescogolf@chs-adphila.org).

Thank you for your support.