

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 September 9th, 2007 will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Saturday, 6:30 PM, September 8, 2007

Max Sushinski (3rd Anniversary) Wife Agnes & Family

Sunday, 10:30 AM, September 9, 2007

Andrew & Jennie Lasak (Mary Czirjak)

Monday 9 am Parishioners

Tuesday 9 am Helen K. Gentile (Husband Charles)

Wednesday 9 am Sue Dunlap (Denny & Pauline Howell)

Thursday 9 am Josephine Regener (St. Joseph Women's Club)

Friday 9 am Julia Esposito (St. Joseph Women's Club)

Saturday 9 am Holy Souls of Purgatory

Saturday, 6:30 PM, September 15, 2007

Joanne & Lynn Marie Proudfoot (Bob & Maryann Lasak)

Sunday, 10:30 AM, September 16, 2007

George & Blanche Mruskovic (Bob & Georgiann Watterson)

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. We also 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 8th, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 16th, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning 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, September 9th, and September 16th, 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.

Women's Club News

The Women's Club is sponsoring a "potluck" dinner to kick off the new year. All women of the parish are invited to attend. It will be held in the school hall on Sunday, September 23rd at 5:00 p.m. with a brief meeting to follow. The main meat course (yet to be determined) will be provided by the club and you are asked to bring either a dish to add to the dinner, a dessert, or an appetizer. A sign up sheet will be available in the church vestibule this week-end 9/8 & 9/9 and next week-end 9/15 & 9/16. If you have any questions or want more information – call Susan Sandoski at 610/383-5768 (home) or 610/212-2927 (cell phone).

We are very interested in involving some of our new parishioners and would welcome all new members to the club (no fee is required to join). So come out for some social fun and to meet other members of the church. We will discuss activities for the coming year at the meeting and elect the new officers, so come with some ideas that are of interest to you and/or your family. Susan Sandoski, Treasurer

100 Years of Faith, Hope and Love

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 13th, featuring the participation of Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia. A mailed invitation list is currently being compiled. If you or members of your family have past ties with St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and would like to receive an invitation providing full information, please contact the Rectory at 610/384-1172. A printed invitation will be forwarded to you shortly.

Special Collection

The Second Collection this weekend, September 8th-9th, is earmarked for the Annual Appeal to benefit the Black and Indian Missions in our own country. Not every missionary effort sends priests, Sisters and Brothers into foreign lands. The Church's work of evangelization is part of our American religious scene as well, especially in significant areas of the South and Southwest among the Black and Indian peoples. Your donation to the Second Collection this weekend will offer encouragement and support to the dedicated religious and priests engaged in this noble ministry. God love you.

Pope John Paul II Silent Auction

A Dream Come True Our 9th Annual Silent Auction to benefit Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will be held on Saturday evening, November 10th in the Gymnasium of our new school. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$30/Person or \$50/Couple. This includes bid number, butlered hors d'oeuvres and of course a good time. Call Jeannie @ 610/466-0830 to purchase tickets. Mr. Richard Bollinger is returning to personalize his prints purchased the evening of the Auction. As in the past, he graciously donates his time and half of his profits to Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School.

We are still in need of auction items. No donation is too big or too small. Such as: a themed basket, art supplies, gift certificates, tools, children/school age toys, anything you chose. Items also needed for the public auction; vacation rentals, tickets to sporting events, signed sports memorabilia. **DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION OF GIFTS AND ADS IN THE AUCTION BOOKLET; FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007.**

Please contact Kristen Donaldson @ 610/466-0550 with any questions or to donate.

Local Alpha Program

You are invited to dinner, movie and small group discussions which comprise Alpha (a program dealing with the basics of Christian belief) and Touching Jesus Through the Church (a program of practical insights into the basics of the Catholic faith). These programs are conducted in the St. Cecilia School Cafeteria on Tuesdays, September 18th – December 11th, from 6:45 until 9:15 pm. For more information, contact Ellen at 610/384-7160.

“Step Up For Life and Love” with Generation Life

Help raise funds for pro-life and chastity youth outreach by joining Generation Life for their 1st Annual “Step Up for Life & Love” Walk-A-Thon on Sunday, October 7th, at the Malvern Retreat House. Every registrant has the chance to win prizes! The Grand Prize is a one week stay on the beach block in Sea Isle City, New Jersey, and this will be awarded to the walker with the most funds raised. Registration/sign-in begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 1:00 p.m. The walk kicks off at 2:00 p.m.; Concert and BBQ begin at 3:00 p.m. Registration is \$50/Family, \$30/Adult, \$15/Student and includes event t-shirt, all food and beverages, as well as concert admission (family registration includes 2 t-shirts; additional shirts are \$5 each). For more information and sponsor forms, visit www.generationlife.org/news or call Helen Mazur at 215/885-4313.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of abortion. The weekend will help you experience the compassion of God, grieve your loss, and forgive yourself and others. It will be held in Immaculata, PA on October 12th, 13th, 14th. For more details, call 215/906-6337 or 610/399-0890. All contacts are strictly confidential. This upcoming Retreat is being sponsored by Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia.

An Invitation from our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist

A Retreat Day for Catholic Adults will be conducted on Sunday, October 28th, featuring Father Pio Mandato who will address the theme: “Living a Vibrant Spiritual Life.” The day includes conferences, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration and sharing with peers. For more information and registration, call 610/582-333.

Archdiocesan Boy Choir Auditions

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? The Archdiocesan Boy Choir of Philadelphia offers a rich musical and spiritual experience for boys in grades 2-8 that also benefits school and parish music programs. The choir performs extensively throughout the Delaware Valley and has toured in the U.S.A., Canada and Europe. Auditions for the choir will be held on September 15th and 22nd. For more information or to schedule an audition, please call Tom Windfelder at 215/425-6995 or Teresa Zubert at 610/326-7041.

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 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).

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 13th, 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 6th, if you are interested in attending the Information Night.

Instructions on the Catholic Faith (RCIA 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.

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 PJPPII 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.

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

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.