

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.

AMusic 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.

The daily 9:00 a.m. Masses of this coming week will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church:

Saturday, April 26th, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Andrew Benkovich (Maryanne & Frank Rever)

Sunday, April 27th, 2008 – 10:30 A.M.

August & Helen Horenci (Bob & Steffe Levenite)

Wednesday, April 30th, 2008 – 7:00 PM

Steffe Levenite (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)

Saturday, May 3rd, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Andrew F. Cigas (Arvay Family)

Sunday, May 4th, 2008 – 10:30 A.M.

(First Holy Communion Class and Their Families)

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Marie Reali, Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Joanne Krupansky, Joseph Yankech, III, Joseph Salada, Joseph Dougherty, Robert

Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Mary Benkovich, Mimi Sushinski, 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, William O'Hop, Patricia McAdams, Ollie Alfaro, John Hyland, Julia Lucci, Michael Hennessy, Stella Grubb and Richard Michinok.

Among the recently deceased, we remember Father Edward Koob, Frances Woyma and Katherine Dray.

Also, we pray for those U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. May God keep them safe in the palm of His almighty hand.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 27th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 3rd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Thank you!!

We would like to acknowledge your monetary contributions to the following Special Collections:

Easter Collection - \$13,732.00

Easter Flowers - \$1,151.00

Rice Bowl - \$827.00

Palestine - \$528.00

Eastern European Churches - \$485.00

Aged & Infirm Priests - \$858.00

Churches of Africa - \$325.00

Slovak Federation - \$300.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God Bless You!!

Choir Practice

There will be no choir practice for the Children's Choir this Monday, April 28th. The Adult Choir practice has been changed to 7:00 PM instead of 7:30. This will be the last practice prior to First Holy Communion on Sunday 5/4.

Practice will resume for the children on Monday, 5/5 at the usual time of 6:45 p.m. in preparation to sing at the 10:30 Mass on 5/11 for Mother's Day.

Susan Sandoski, Choir Director

Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension: May 1st

Forty days following His resurrection from the dead, after numerous appearances to His disciples, Jesus returns to the glory of the Father. This very significant event is commemorated on the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension, a holy day of obligation, which is celebrated this year on Thursday, May 1st. To fulfill one's Mass obligation for this feast, Mass will be offered in St. Joseph Church on Wednesday, April 30th, at 7:00 p.m., and in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on the Holy Day itself, May 1st, at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Rejoice with the heavens that the risen Christ reigns in splendor for ever and ever!

Parish Celebration of First Holy Communion

Much gladness is ours next Sunday, May 4th, as we celebrate with a number of our younger parishioners and their families the beautiful occasion of First Holy Communion in the Parish at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Soon these youngsters will experience their initial reception of the Lord Jesus' Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the first communicants-to-be as they take their place at the Table of Life.

This Weekend's Second Collection

Thank you, in advance, for your generous support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the Second Collection this weekend. In this way, you assist in strengthening the presence and work of the Church in the rugged mission areas of our own country. God love you!

Catholic Charities Appeal

The 2008 Catholic Charities Appeal is conducted throughout the month of May in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Appropriate materials regarding this most worthy cause should have reached our parishioners' mailboxes recently. Using the envelope provided, please place your generous gift inside and return it to the Parish by either the collection basket or the mail. Know that your gift is important and means much to the approximately 250,000 people who benefit from the Catholic Charities Appeal. God love you for your kindness!

If, for some reason, you did not receive Catholic Charities materials in the mail, kindly use a plain envelope with your name, address and telephone number noted on the envelope.

Longaberger Basket Bingo

Don't miss out on the fun and excitement, the delights and thrills of our Women's Cub Longaberger Basket Bingo this Sunday, April 27th, with doors to open at 12:00 Noon. The event is being conducted in the Multipurpose Room of the beautiful, new Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic

Elementary School, West Brandywine. The Women's Club promises that everything will be in place to guarantee a really good time.

Tickets for our May Lottery will be on sale at the Basket Bingo. Tickets are \$5.00 each to play for the entire month of May, and are based on the daily PA nightly lottery number, with a minimum payout of \$50.00 awarded. Put your luck to the test for a good cause! Returns should be made to Ann Cigas by April 30th.

Thank you for your support.

Vigil for Life

Join with Father Kevin McCabe as a volunteer Helper of God's Precious Infants in a Vigil for Life on Saturday, May 3rd, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, in St. Agnes Church, West Chester, followed by a Rosary Pilgrimage to the local Planned Parenthood facility. This undertaking is a Catholic initiative promoting the sanctity of life. For full information, contact Jack & Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

Special Happening at Shanahan High

The Fine Arts Department of Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will be presenting their Annual Spring Concert and Art Exhibit on Friday, May 9th, at 8:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited. A free-will offering will gratefully be accepted.

Aid for Friends

Aid for Friends is in great need of people willing to drop off meals to shut-ins in the City of Coatesville once a week. There is no necessity to prepare the meals. You determine the time. If you are able and wish more information, please call Ellen at 610/384-7160 or email ecerritelli@comcast.

Healing Retreat at Malvern

In His Sign Network is sponsoring a Healing Retreat over the weekend of May 30th through June 1st at the Malvern Retreat House. Featured presenters are Kathleen McCarthy and Father Jose Maniyangat, Pastor, St. Mary Catholic Church, Macclenny, Florida. The Retreat will focus on physical, spiritual and emotional healing, as well as forgiveness through God's mercy. Come, experience God's love and gift of healing. For cost and full information, please call 610/527-2906.

Attention: Prayerful Single Men!

The Capuchins in Philadelphia, Legionaries of Christ in Thornwood, NY and the St. Mary Benedictine Monastery in Morristown, NJ are hosting exciting, live-in Vocational Retreats soon. Dates include May 23rd-26th, June 20th-22nd, July 2nd-6th and August 8th-10th. Pray and work with the community, and hear the informative vocational talks. These

Retreats are very popular, so make your reservations soon. There is no cost, but space is limited. If you take a bus or plane to the nearest major city, the sponsoring group will pick you up. Call 1/800/221-1807 for more dates and information.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Movement is more than hopeful that a married couple's weekend experience with them will make a good marriage even better. Their next scheduled weekend falls on June 20th thru June 22nd. For more information, kindly call 1-800-456-8330.

Summer Course Offerings at the Seminary

The Religious Studies Division of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, announces its Summer 2008 course offerings and Catechetical Institute. There is something for everyone at the Seminary, hosting classes in the Catholic faith at all levels of education, from catechesis to graduate. For complete information, call 610/785-6287 or visit the website: www.scs.edu. Please apply by June 1st.

Vocation Discernment Gatherings

The Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood sponsors regular monthly gatherings to pray, discuss and explore the priestly call of Christ. These gatherings are conducted on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month (concluding in May) at 7:00 p.m. in the Archdiocesan Building, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, Room 1301. For more information and to register, please contact Father Christopher Rogers at 610/667-5778 or email: frcrogers@adphila.org. Visit the web page: www.heedthecall.org for a full presentation.

Catholic Cruise to the Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a seven night Catholic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Victor Chaupetta, M.S., September 6th-14th, on the Carnival Miracle out of New York City. Ports of Call include San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, USVI, Tortola, BVI. Prices begin at \$1,366.86 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50.00 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860/399-7776 or, after hours and weekends, contact Terri at 704-888-6050.

Help Needed for RREP Special Needs Class

The RREP (Regional Religious Education Program) class for children with special needs is in need of a teacher for next school year. The class currently has three students, and all students attend with their own aide (frequently, the aide is a parent). You do not need to be a special education teacher. If you have a love of these children, this may be the ministry for

you! Please call the RREP Office at 610/384-3145 for more information. It would be great to have those interested visit the class at the Pope John Paul II School this spring!

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you to experience the compassion of God, grieve your loss and forgive yourself and others. Held in Immaculata, PA, the next Retreat is scheduled for May 16th-17th-18th. Call 215/906-6337 or 610/399-0809 for details. All contacts are confidential. Visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Clothing Drive

The society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 80 South 17th Avenue, on Saturday and Sunday, May 17th-18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to conduct a Clothing Drive. They will be accepting donations of usable men's women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods: beds and bath linens, pots and pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys, books and small appliances in good working order. You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the Church parking lot. Tax receipts are available upon request. The Society also offers pick-up service for furniture, large appliances and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215-288-8160. Thank you for helping us help others.

CCD

Volunteers for CCD are needed for next year. If you can help out in any way, please call Leslie Hoopes, at 610/857-4224.

MS Walk at West Goshen Park

The MS walk will take place on April 27, 2008 at West Goshen Park. Our fight to find a cure for this dreaded disease continues for Christine and all who have the misfortune of having this disease. Our hope is that through these walks and the collection of much needed funds, a cure can be found. That is my prayer constantly. If anyone wishes to make a contribution they may give it to Christine Claypoole, Mary Frances Johnson or you may contribute on line at www.nationalMSsociety.org. We are listed under the "Shesko Family" and please mention Christine's name so that you will be honoring her while making your contribution. All contributions are welcomed and appreciated but your prayers mean more. Thank you to all!!! Sincerely, Mary Frances Johnson

“Save the Date” Newlywed Retreat at Malvern by the Family Life Office

The Family Life Office is hosting a Newlywed Retreat (for couples who have been married from approximately 0.5 to 7 years), titled “Experiencing Christ’s Love Through Your Spouse,” from 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 27, to noon on Sunday, June 29, 2008. It will be at the Family Life Center at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA (see <http://www.malvernretreat.com/directions.htm> for directions). This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with your spouse in a meaningful and prayerful way, while being encouraged and strengthened for the rest of your life’s journey together in the vocation of marriage. Cost is \$350, which includes comfortable and air-conditioned lodging, all meals, excellent talks, and plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful and peaceful Malvern Retreat House grounds. For more information and/or to register, please call 215/587-3516 or e-mail tseyfer@adphilia.org.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, Troop 4475 and Troop 4708 would like to volunteer to do gardening and yard clean up work for any elderly parishioners that would be in need of some help. If you would like their help, please call Leslie Hoopes at 610/857-4224.

Words of Life

“The new frontiers reached in bioethics do not require us to choose between science and morality. Rather, they oblige us to a moral use of science.”

- Pope Benedict XVI on January 7, 2008

Women’s Club News

Women’s Club Longaberger Basket Bingo

When: Sunday, April 27th, 2008

Time: Doors Open at 12 Noon

Where: Pope John Paul II Multipurpose Room

Words of Life

“No woman should feel she must have an abortion. We can find a better way. We can build a society in which every woman and child can find the support and care they deserve. We can build a culture of life. We can give hope to every woman and every child.”

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Knights of Columbus