

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.

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.

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

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)

Monday, May 5th – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners)

Tuesday, May 6th – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners)

Wednesday, May 7th – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners)

Thursday, May 8th – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners)

Friday, May 9th – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners)

Saturday, May 10th – 9:00 a.m.

Steffe Levenite (The Dunlap Children)

Saturday, May 10th, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Andrew F. Cigas (Mary Benkovich)

Sunday, May 11th, 2008 – 10:30 A.M.

Mothers of the Parish, Living & Deceased

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, 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 William Cox and Robert Montgomery.

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 Saturday, May 3rd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 11th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Parish Celebration of First Holy Communion

Much gladness is ours this 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. Now 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 as they take their place at the Table of Life.

Heartiest Congratulations to:

Bryn Angela Casagrande
Kaitlyn Sandra Chronowski

*John Joseph Clifford III
Matthew Jeffrey Coakley
Edwar Nestor Eduarte-Pinto
James Dean Franciotti-Gorman
Jonathan Dane Franciotti-Gorman
Leo Gabriel Anthony Gies
Joseph David Grant
Casey John Hammond
Jake Matthew Hinfey
Camille Renee Logic
Ashley Marie Leon Guerrero
Briana Nicole Smith
Sean Patrick Taylor
Alex Michael Wilson*

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Community Summer Camp

PJPII Regional School is offering a Community Summer Camp for 10 weeks this summer. Camp will be held rain or shine in our climate controlled facility. Activities for the weeks will be based on the weekly themes. Activities include sports, cooking, science, art, music and so much more. We are family friendly and affordable. Choose days and times that suit your family's needs. Extended care available from 7 – 9 am and 3-5:30 p.m. For more information and weekly themes, go to our web site www.popejohnpaul2sch.org or contact Terry Altschuler at pjp2fac@aol.com or call 610/384-5961 Ext. 5410.

Adult Tour of Class Programs

Pope John Paul II Regional School will be offering adult programs throughout the summer. Yoga – 2 six week sessions, May 21 – June 25th and July 24th – August 27th.

Italian Society and Culture – 4 weeks – May 7 to May 28th
Men's Open Basketball League – May 4th – June 22nd and June 29th – August 3rd.

Visit our web page for registration forms. Contact Terry Altschuler for more information, or email pjp2fac@aol.com.

Depression Documentary

The PBS documentary DEPRESSION: Out of the Shadows will air on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 9:00 PM (Eastern) followed by a panel discussion with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) medical director Ken Duckworth moderated by broadcast journalist Jane Pauley. Watch a preview on PBS "Take One Step" public health campaign Web site.

Camp Overbrook: A Summer Day Camp for Children Who Are Deaf/Hard of Hearing

July 14 – 25, 2008

Sponsored by The Deaf Apostolate Archdiocese of Philadelphia

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CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for the children's choir will be held on Monday, May 5th in preparation to sing at Mass on Sunday, May 11th for Mother's Day. Practice will be at 6:45 pm but may last a little longer than our usual 7:30 time so we can go over some new songs.

There will be no practice for the adult choir.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Our May lottery has begun and I wish to thank all who have purchased tickets. Winning tickets will be paid by check and mailed to your home address. Good Luck to all!

The Longaberger Basket Bingo held recently at Pope John Paul II school was a success and everyone seemed to have a great time. I would like to thank all of our sponsors of baskets and anyone who made a monetary donation or donated gift certificates or items for use in the baskets or as a door prize. I especially want to thank Trish Swinty who organized the event and went shopping and filled all the baskets, along with Bill Swinty who was responsible for gathering the company donations & sponsorships. I also want to thank everyone who helped in the kitchen, and the other volunteers who sold tickets, or helped in other ways during the event.

Susan Sandoski
President & Treasurer
Women's Club of St. Joseph