

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. Stanislaus Kostka Church .

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

Saturday, May 17th, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Andrew F. Cigas (Anne Reshey)

Sunday, May 18th, 2008 – 10:30 A.M.

Sue Dunlap (Rose Hudock)

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.

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.

Words of Life

“A society unable to accept its suffering members, and incapable of helping to share their suffering, and to bear it inwardly through compassion is a cruel and inhuman society.” –Pope Benedict XVI

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 11th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 17th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the evening Mass. . As always the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Mother's Day Greetings

This Sunday, May 11th, a grateful Nation honors all mothers whose selfless love for their children lies at the very heart of the family. We sincerely wish “Happy Mother’s Day” to all mothers and grandmothers, godmothers and foster mothers of our Parish Family. May the care, affection and loyalty they shower upon their children be returned to them many times over. God bless them abundantly!

Floral Donation

A beautiful arrangement of fresh flowers has been placed before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary in loving memory of Steffie Levenite and Helen Horenci. This thoughtful floral donation was made by the Levenite and Kousisis Family, for which we are indeed appreciative. May Steffie and Helen rest in peace.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul: Local Conference

As previously announced, the four Catholic Parishes of Coatesville have banded together to form a local Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society, in order to assist people in genuine need from our community. Although in many instances various avenues of assistance are explored other than monetary, there are times when the Conference must make full or partial payments for utilities, rent and other necessities. At

our Masses next weekend, May 17th – 18th, representatives Pam & Vince Krupansky will deliver a brief informative message about our local Conference, after which a collection will be taken up to benefit this work of compassion. Thank you for your anticipated kind response!

Our Memorial Day Observance

Weather allowing, a spirited outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m., on Memorial Day, May 26th, in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Waterworks Road, West Caln Township. This Mass will be especially offered for the happy repose of the souls of all those buried in the cemetery. Prior to Mass, at approximately 9:00 a.m., the Military Veterans of our area will conduct their solemn rites. Participants are asked to bring their own folding chair. Plan to join us that morning.

Rainforest Adventure

Swing into a RAINFOREST ADVENTURE!
Explore God's Wondrous Love in the Tree Top Canopy
Please join us for St. Joseph's Vacation School

Monday, June 23rd through Friday, June 27th
6:15 pm to 8:30 pm
St. Joseph School Hall

We are in need of both adult and teenage volunteers! We will also need donations of drinks and snacks. Contact Lisa Hillman @ 610/857-1549 for more information.

The first registration will take place this Sunday, May 11th after the 10:30 am Mass. You may also register by contacting Lisa at the number listed above. Children ages 4 and up are invited to participate.

More information to follow....

Thank you in advance for your support!

Lisa

Bishop Shanahan High School Summer Programs

Bishop Shanahan High School and Dr. Richard Fuller offers a summer learning experience in four areas: Algebra I enrichment program (grades 5 – 9); Math Programs: Algebra 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus & Calculus (grades 8 – 12); "Critical Thinking and Study Skills" program (grades 8 – 12); and a PSAT/SAT Program (grades 8 – 12) (with a student teacher ratio of 8:1). For more information call Dr. Fuller 610-275-9660 or BSHS 610-518-1300. All classes begin June 16, 2008. Fall SAT/PSAT classes start September 15, 2008.

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.

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.

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.

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 Touch 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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