

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 held in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, August 30th, 2008 6:30 PM

Henrietta Torma (Betty Dubinski)

Sunday, August 31st, 2008 10:30 AM

Rose Michnuk (Husband Bill)

Saturday, September 6th, 2008 6:30 PM

Max Sushinski (Wife Agnes & Family)

Sunday, September 7th, 2008 10:30 AM

John & Anna Saska (Anne & Bob Hamilton & Family)

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: 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, Father Arthur Szela, Ron Bannister, Brenda McDonald, Lillian Turansky, Dorothy Puza, William O'Hop, Patricia McAdams, Ollie Alfaro, John Hyland, Julia Lucci, Stella Grubb, Brian Babcock, and Baby Ava Webb.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Monsignor John Gillespie.

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 hands.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, August 31st, from 9:45 to 10:15 a. m. prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, September 6th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

Welcome to Father Nicholas Pagano!

This weekend, we welcome to Saint Joseph Church Father Nicholas Pagano who, commissioned by his Bishop, comes to solicit our good prayers and financial contributions in behalf of the American Home Mission Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. In this way, at the direction of the Archdiocesan Society of the Propagation of the Faith, we participate in the Annual Mission Co-op Appeal. Father Pagano is representing a very worthy cause, for which your generosity would be very much appreciated.

Parish CCD Registration

Our Parish Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program (CCD) will be conducting their 2008-2009 Registration for CCD Classes on three successive Sundays: September 7th-14th-21st, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Hall. If your child was not baptized in either St. Joseph Church or St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, please present a copy of his/her Baptism certificate at the time of registration. Be reminded that we are expecting to have the Sacrament of Confirmation administered to eligible candidates this coming Spring in our Parish Church. The CCD Class Year begins on September 28th at the usual hour: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., with the expectation that students and their families would embrace the habit of attending the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass together.

Special Collection Next Weekend

The Second Collection next weekend, September 6th-7th, is earmarked as the Annual Appeal in behalf of the Black and Indian Missions located in the United States. This was a cause close to the heart of Philadelphia's own St. Katharine Drexel

who founded a community of religious women, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, to labor tirelessly in this specific Apostolate Please be generous in helping to advance such a noble cause.

Vigil for Life

Join with the Most Reverend Robert P. Maginnis, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, as a volunteer Helper of God's Precious Infants in a Vigil for Life on Saturday, September 6th. The Vigil begins with an 8:00 a.m. Mass in St. Agnes Church, West Chester, after which a Rosary Pilgrimage is conducted to the local Planned Parenthood Facility. For additional information, contact Jack & Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

Annual Parish Weekend in Milmont Park

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Milmont Park, will be hosting their 2nd Annual Parish Weekend welcoming parishioners and friends, school parents and alumni. There are events planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 26th-28th. For complete information, call 610/534-0689 or e-mail deaskey1@yahoo.com.

Girl Scout Program

Calling all girls in Grades K thru 8! Discover the fun, friendship and capabilities of girls together in our Girl Scout Program. Girls and parents, please gather at 7:00 p.m. on September 15th in the Multi-Purpose Room of our new Regional Catholic School, to gain more information and to register (\$10.00 fee due at time of registration). If you are a parent or grandparent, ready to share an adventure with your favorite girl or an adult, female or male, looking to make a difference in a girl's life, there is something for you as well. We are currently in need of a leader for our Kindergarten Daisy Troup. No experience in Scouting is required, as all necessary training will be provided. Please contact Kathy Bowser at 610/857-1152 (evenings) with any questions.

Auditions for the Archdiocesan Boy Choir

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 thru 8. The choir performs extensively throughout the Delaware Valley and has toured in the U.S.A., Canada and Europe. Members are welcome from the Diocese, including Chester County. Auditions will be held on September 15th at St. Peter School, 5th Street and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia and at St. Charles Seminary, City Line & Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood on September 20th. At each location, the auditions are conducted from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For added information or to schedule an audition, please call Tom Windfelder at 215/425-6995. Visit us at www.archboychoir.org.

Religious Studies at the Seminary

Celebrate the Year of Saint Paul, designated by Pope Benedict XVI, by taking a class at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, this fall. The Religious Studies Division is currently accepting registrations for the Catechetical Institute non-credit adult catechesis classes and undergraduate courses. To register, go to www.scs.edu and click on "Religious Studies". Classes begin in September.

Bishop Shanahan High School News

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will open the 2008-2009 school year by welcoming the Class of 2012 on Wednesday, September 3rd for full day classes. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will report on September 4th for full day classes. All students will report on Friday, September 5th for full day classes.



Late Summer Festival

Sacred Heart Parish, 148 Church Street, Phoenixville, will conduct a Late Summer Festival on Saturday, September 6th from 12 Noon to 8:00 pm, featuring good ethnic and American foods, games of chance, children's games, silent auction, flea market, live musical entertainment (Slovak, Polish and American) and much more. Admission is free. All are welcome. For information, please call 610/933-3830.



Upcoming Casino Trip

As promised, another Bus Trip to the Casinos will take place on September 10th, hosted by Joseph "The Bagel Man" Pancari, with proceeds directed to the Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. Cost is \$25.00. Bus leaves the St. Peter Church parking lot at 9:00 am and returns at approximately 8:00 pm. A \$5.00 food voucher and a \$20.00 Casino cash voucher are included in the cost. Make checks payable to Joe Pancari. Payment is due at the time of reservation. Contact Joe Pancari at 610/942-9693 for questions and reservations.

Special Conference at the Seminary

A special conference on "Where Pope Benedict XVI is Leading Us With the Gospels and With St. Paul" will be conducted on Saturday, September 20th, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The featured speaker is Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., Director of the Office for Spiritual Development, Archdiocese of New York and popular EWTN television speaker. The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, will be the principal concelebrant and homilist at the Mass concluding the day, at 4:00 pm, in St. Martin Chapel. The Archdiocesan Boy Choir will sing at this Mass. Lunch will be served. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$40.00; full time high school and college students \$15.00. Please send fee to St. John Neumann Chapter, CUF, 183 Hillcrest Ave., Phila., PA 19118-2621. For more info, call 215/247-2585.



Choir Sign-Up

Sign-up sheets for both the adult and children's choir will be in the church vestibule for Masses this weekend (8/16-8/17) and next weekend (8/23-8/24). The first practice for the adult choir will be held on Monday, 9/8 at 7:00 pm. The first practice for the children will be held the following Monday, 9/15 in the church choir loft at 6:45 pm. Beginning on Monday, 9/15, we will go on a weekly Monday night schedule with the children starting at 6:45 pm and the adults immediately after the children's practice at 7:30 pm.

New members are welcome and encouraged to join. The children's choir ranges in age from 5 – 13 years old. There is no age limit for the adult choir. Experience or the ability to read music is not required, just the desire to sing.

If you are a returning member of either choir, please sign the current roster and include your contact phone number. All new members for the children's choir must also list the parent name(s), along with a daytime contact phone number.

If you have any questions, I will be available after Sunday Mass or I can be reached at 610/212-2927.

Susan Sandoski, Choir Director

A Note of Appreciation

We are sincerely grateful to those thoughtful parishioners who sustain their weekly contributions to our Parish, even though they may have been away on vacation on holiday. Their "catching up" upon return is a wonderful help to St. Joseph Church and its financial responsibilities. Thank you very much!

Holy Rosary Early Learning Center

Openings are going quickly but are still available for Fall 2008 at Holy Rosary Learning Center. Pre-School hours are from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., offering great social and academic learning experience for the children. Also available are half-day daycare (Less than 5 hours) and full-day daycare (over 5 hours). The Daycare Program is conducted from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Children from age 2 to 5 (potty trained) are

welcome. For more information contact Carol Moyer at 610/380-0277.

The Early Learning Center is looking for a warm, nurturing person who would be interested in joining their growing Daycare Program. If you are interested in working a part-time position, call Carol (phone given above).

Regional Parochial School News

Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will re-open on September 3rd. Uniform dress code is effective as of September 3rd. Buses will be available. Coatesville School District will mail a post card at the end of August with your bus #, place of pick-up and time. Other School Districts, please contact your district office.

September 3rd dismissal will be 11:00 am

September 4th and 5th will be full day sessions beginning at 8:15 am with dismissal at 2:45 pm for Grades 1 through 8.

September 4th – Kindergarten Open House for parents and students will be at 9:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Room.

September 5th – First Friday Mass at St. Peter 9:30 am.

September 8th – All Kindergarten students will report for a full day session from 8:15 am to 2:45 pm.

Back to School Nights in the Multi-Purpose Room:

September 8th Grades 1 – 2 6:30 pm

Grades 3 – 4 7:15 pm

September 9th Grades 5 – 6 6:30 pm

Grades 7 – 8 7:15 pm

September 12th – Home and School Ice Cream Social at 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Pope John Paul II



Church Ministry Institute

Are you interested in a little more background in your faith? Do you want to fill in some learning gaps for personal reasons or to enable you to volunteer your services with confidence? Then consider attending the Church Ministry Institute, a three-year certificate program offered by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. There are no papers to write or tests to take. Meet committed faculty and enjoy excellent texts. For a brochure, call 215/587-0551 or e-mail srmedieh@adphila.org. The most convenient Course Site for Chester County is Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown. Act today!



Outgrown Sale

If you are looking to sell or purchase children's clothes, toys, books and related items, take part in the Outgrown Sale at Holy Rosary Early Learning Center, South 17th Avenue, on Saturday, October 4th. For more information, kindly call Carol Moyer at 610/380-0277

Words of Life

Scientists have been able to convert ordinary skin cells directly into stem cells that have all of the important properties of embryonic stem cells. Thus, scientists who claimed that embryonic stem cells offered the "best" or the "only" hope for patients have been proved wrong by science itself.

Maureen Condic, PH.D., "Stem Cells and Hope for Patients,"
Respect Life Program 2008