

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, September 13th, 2008 6:30 PM

Rose Michnuk (Husband Bill)

Sunday, September 14th, 2008 10:30 AM

Joanne & Lynne Marie Proudfoot (Bob & Maryanne Lasak)

Saturday, September 20th, 2008 6:30 PM

Frank Popovich (Wife Helen and Family)

Sunday, September 21st, 2008 10:30 AM

Blanche Mruskovic (Georgianne & Bob Watterson)

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 James McInerney, Mary Ann Abdala, Genevieve Kosinski and Mary Coszella.

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, September 14th, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will likewise be heard on Sunday, September 21st, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

Vocation Discernment

Are you between the ages of 16 and 24? Have you ever thought about being a priest? Does the thought interest you? Heed the call. Come and join others for a weekend October 17th-18th-19th at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to explore the call. For more information, please visit our website www.HeedTheCall.org or call 610/667-5778. Registration is required.



HEED THE CALL
VOCAATION OFFICE FOR
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Retreat Day

Cardinal Justin Rigali will celebrate Mass on October 18th at the MOM-Heart of the Home Archdiocesan Day of Renewal in St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The theme of the day is "The Light of God Surrounds Us". Moms of all ages are invited to the day of renewal to pray and to replenish their spirits. Registration is open now through October 3rd. The cost is \$20.00 and the fee includes lunch. Bus transportation is being organized. Please contact Colleen Gallagher, your local representative, for details by calling 610/269-0304, or colpgal@comcast.net. Visit www.momheartofthehome.org for on-line registration. PayPal is accepted.



MOM - HEART of the HOME



Cathedral Basilica Ambassadors

Do you have an interest in art, architecture, history? Do you have an interest in speaking to small groups, sharing information about our Faith and our beautiful Cathedral? Are you interested in giving some of your time to the Mother Church of our Archdiocese? Or, are you simply curious about what being an ambassador is all about?

If so, please contact dbgeninfo@dibruno.com to find out more information and to sign up for an initial information and organizational meeting on this new opportunity for service at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul. The meeting, with light refreshments, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at Di Bruno Brothers, 1730 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

We are hoping to enlist the assistance of many people who are willing to give 4 hours of their time, once or twice a month, welcoming and answering the questions of our many thousands of visitors. We look forward to seeing you!



40 Days for Life

Pro-lifers around Chester County will be embarking on their second 40 Days for Life Campaign of prayer, fasting and public witness this fall. All are invited to a Kick-Off Rally on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00 pm on the steps of the Chester County Courthouse, located at High & Market Streets in West Chester. The program will include local clergy, business and pro-life leaders. Music will be provided by Susan Piper. Following the rally at the Courthouse, there will be a brief Prayer Service in front of Planned Parenthood, West

Market & South Wayne Streets. The Chester County campaign will be just one of 170 in 45 States around the country – the largest simultaneous pro-life event in history. For more info, visit www.40daysforlife.com/chestercounty or call the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition at 610/692-4463.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

The Chester County Conferences (ours included) of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul are planning a Friends of the Poor Walk, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at nearby Hibernia Park, on Saturday, September 27th. All are invited to participate. Bring the family and a picnic lunch; enjoy the day from our home base at Pavilion #5. If able, you are welcome to participate in the 5K Walk. Donations will be accepted for Friends of the Poor and will assist the needy in our area. Any questions? Please contact Mary Horner at 484/947-4757.



Cub Scout Program

Now is the time to join the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting. A Registration Night will be held on September 15th at 7:00 pm, in the Multi-Purpose Room of Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. A fee is required at the time of registration. Designed for boys in Grades 1 thru 5, Cub Scouting combines outdoor activities, sports, academics and more in a fun and exciting program that helps families teach ideals such as honesty, good citizenship and respect. We are currently in need of a Leader for our 1st Grade Tiger Troop. If you are a parent or grandparent ready to share in the adventures of scouting, please contact Linda O'Neill at 610/383-6814 (evenings) with any questions. No experience in Scouting is required, as we provide all of the training.



P.A.C.C. Women & Ladies Auxiliary Members

A special meeting will be held on Sunday, September 21st at 2:00 pm, for P.A.C.C. Women Members and Ladies Auxiliary Members in the P.A.C.C. Club facilities on Strode Avenue. It is a meeting of significant purpose, dealing with the future of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Parish CCD Registration

Our Parish Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program (CCD) will be conducting their 2008-2009 Registration for CCD Classes on two successive Sundays: September 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.

If you need an option to the Sunday Classes, kindly be aware of the Regional Religious Education Program at our new parochial school. Their classes meet on Tuesdays in the late afternoon, and on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the early evening. Contact Father John for full details.

A Citizen Referendum on Human Life

This Sunday, September 14th, Parishioner Walter Gies will be on hand to solicit your signature on a citizen referendum on human life, in support of a proposed Constitutional Amendment. The proposal upholds the paramount right to life vested in every human being from their respective moment of fertilization, without regard to any condition of dependency or ability to function. It is an urgent cause, worthy of your prayer, study and reflection.

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.



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.



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

Women's Club News

There will be a Women's Club meeting & dinner held Sunday, September 21st in the school hall at 5:00 pm. We will get back to work after having the summer off and start making plans for our baking sessions for the Holiday Bazaar scheduled for Sunday, November 23rd. We will also be looking for suggestions for other activities for the club at this meeting, along with welcoming back our returning officers who have graciously agreed to serve another year. All the women of the parish are invited to come for a social evening and see what the club is all about. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the church this weekend for attendance to the dinner, so please let me know how many people will be attending by signing the roster. Rather than having the "potluck" dinner this year, a few of us will be preparing the meal. I do need a few volunteers to bring an appetizer or a dessert, but I don't want too many, as we had tons left over from our last dinner. If you have any questions, or would like more information about the club, please contact Susan Sandoski, President and Treasurer, at 610/212-2927.

Choir Practice – CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

Choir practice for the youth choir has been temporarily rescheduled for TUESDAY nights beginning at 6:45 pm in the choir loft. Practice for the adult choir has also been temporarily changed from Monday night to TUESDAY nights immediately following the youth choir at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions or need further info, please call Susan Sandoski 610/212-2927.

