

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 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, March 28th, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas (School Community)

Sunday, March 29th, 2009 10:30 AM

Rose Michnuk (Steve Michnuk)

Tuesday, March 31st, 7:00 PM

Parishioners

Wednesday, April 1st, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Hearing of Confessions

Saturday, April 4th, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew F. Cigas (School Community)

Sunday, April 5th, 2009 10:45 AM

Edward & Mary Reardon (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Joseph Yankech III, Joseph Salada, Joseph Dougherty, Robert Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Mimi Sushinski, Peter Michalski, Millie Harvey, Sheila Van Zanten, James Allen, Father Arthur Szela, Brenda McDonald, Dorothy Puza, William O'Hop, Ollie Alfaro, Stella Grubb, Brian Babcock, Sandra Reczek, Michael Harlow, Marie McBride, Father Francis Mulranen, Jim Davis, Kathy Popovich, Stephanie Roman, John Dudas, Priscilla Marshman, Laura Shesko, Helen Yankech, Devin Doyle, Margaret Simpson, Jacob Hally and Agnes Sushinski.

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 held on Sunday, March 29th, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 4th, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

Additional Hours of Confession in Preparation for Easter

In preparation for Holy Week and Easter, confessions will be heard at the following hours:

Monday, April 6th

8:15 to 8:50 am in St. Joseph Church (prior to Mass)
7:00 to 8:00 pm in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

Tuesday, April 7th

8:15 to 8:50 am in St. Joseph Church (prior to Mass)
6:15 to 6:50 pm in St. Joseph Church (prior to Mass)

Wednesday, April 8th

8:15 to 8:50 am in St. Joseph Church (prior to Mass)
4:45 to 5:20 pm in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (prior to Mass)
7:00 to 8:00 pm in St. Joseph Church

The Sacrament of Reconciliation should be one of the highlights of your experience of Lent. "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel", we were mandated on Ash Wednesday. Bring that mandate to fulfillment by going to confession prior to Easter.

Choir Practice

There will be no Choir practice for the Children's Choir for the next few weeks. **Monday** night, March 30th, the Adult Choir practice will begin at 6:45 to prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Since Confirmation is on April 19th, the Sunday after Easter, we will also have early practice for the Adult Choir on Easter Monday, April 13th at 6:45. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 610/212-2927. Susan Sandoski, Choir Director

Special Collection Next Weekend

The Second Collection next weekend, April 4th-5th, will benefit the Solidarity Fund for the Catholic Churches in Africa. Over recent years, membership in the Catholic Church has been increasing rapidly over the continent of Africa. Sadly, however, so much of Africa must deal with staggering poverty. Next weekend's appeal brings financial support to the work of the Church in various African Dioceses in need. Your kindness to this worthy cause would be appreciated.

C.A.S.H. Senior Accepted to St. Charles Seminary

Joseph Rodgers, a member of the graduating class of 2009 from Coatesville Area Senior High School, has been accepted to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Joseph is a member of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Most significantly, Joe is the FIRST graduate in the history of Coatesville Area Senior High School to be accepted to the seminary. Joe and his family are very excited about the wonderful opportunity he has been given to heed the call of the Lord! God bless Joe in his pursuit of the cloth!

Women's Club News

March 2009 Lottery Winners

3/20/09	#519	\$100	Leonard Sabocsik (Mary Sabocsik)
3/21/09	#332		Unsold
3/22/09	#348	\$100	Eleanor Graboswki (Mary Benkovich)
3/23/09	#263	\$100	Steve Kocik, Jr. (Steve Kocik)
3/24/09	#478	\$100	Brian Manning (Ann B. Cigas)
3/25/09	#280	\$100	Steve Kocik (Steve Kocik)
3/26/09	#210	\$100	St. Joseph Church (Ann B. Cigas)

Congratulations to our winners!

50th Class Reunion

The Class of 1959 from Notre Dame Girls' High School, Moylan, will be holding their 50th Reunion at The Drexelbrook on Friday, June 5, 2009. For complete details, email ndmoylan59@live.com or send your name and address to ND Alumnae Association, PO Box 642, Drexel Hill, PA 19026, Attn: '59 Reunion.

Words of Life

A Pro-Life Prayer for Our President and Public Officials

Lord God, Author of Life and Source of Eternal Life,

Move the hearts of all our public officials and especially our President to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well to all those entrusted to their care.

Help them in their special leadership roles, to extend the mantle of protection to the most vulnerable, especially the defenseless unborn whose lives are threatened with extermination by an indifferent society.

Guide all public officials by your wisdom and grace to cease supporting any law that fails to protect the fundamental good that is human life itself, which is a gift from God and parents.

You are the Protector and Defender of the lives of the innocent unborn. Change the hearts of those who compromise the call to protect and defend life. Bring our nation to the values that have made us a great nation, a society that upholds the value of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Mary, the Mother of the living, help us to bear witness to the Gospel of Life with our lives and our laws, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

St. Joseph's Preparatory High School Summer Enrichment Program

Seventh grade boys and girls can still register for the Practice Test to be held on Saturday, April 18th at 8:30 am, and for the Pre-8th Grade Summer Enrichment Program that runs June 22nd thru July 22nd. Applications are available online at www.sjprep.org/pre8. For additional information, please call 215/978-1954.

Slight Change of Mass Time on Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 5th, our Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 10:45 am, fifteen minutes later than the usual time. This slight change allows for Father John's participation in the festive Masses of both West End Churches opening Holy Week 2009. Thank you for the accommodation.

The children of St. Joseph Parish are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday procession, thus adding to the significance of the liturgical occasion. We ask that the youngsters gather at 10:25 am that day in the rear of the church to receive instructions for the procession. Mrs. Leslie Hoopes and helpers will be on hand to shepherd our young participants.

Vocation Discernment

What is God asking of me? How do I want to spend the rest of my life? Come and join other young women between 18 and 35 who share your questions for a weekend of Liturgy, communal and private prayer, Eucharistic adoration,

presentations on the consecrated life, Q & A sessions, relaxation and fun. The weekend will be conducted by the Missionary Sisters of the Most Blessed Trinity from Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm to Sunday, April 5th, at 1:00 pm, in the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Northeast Philadelphia. For more information, please call Sister Olivia or Sister Mary Kay, MSBT, at 215/335-7534 or email voc@msbt.org.

Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross

Cardinal Justin Rigali will lead the Stations of the Cross Devotion on Good Friday, April 10th, on the grounds of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood. All are invited to participate. Parking will be at St. Joseph University, entering on 54th Street below City Avenue. Shuttle buses will be available for transportation to/from the Seminary grounds. Candles will be provided at the Seminary (the suggested offering is \$2.00 per candle/protector). If you are planning to attend, please call Kathy Kelley at 215/965-8280 with the number expected to participate.

Summer Enrichment Program

Thinking about a summer conference or spiritual retreat? St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is offering a new summer program that combines learning the faith with spiritual reflection. Summer Academic Retreats begin in July. To learn and download a registration form, visit www.StudyCatholicTheology.com. Undergraduate certificates and a Master of Arts in Theology program are also available. Apply now for the summer session.

Operation Rice Bowl

The Lenten Operation Rice Bowl Program is an outreach of the Catholic Relief Services in an attempt to feed the hungry of the world. By placing aside a few dollars each week through eating a bit less, by the end of Lent you have a sacrificial gift for this most worthy cause. An offering envelope will be provided.

John Michael Talbot Concert

Internationally renowned Christian musician John Michael Talbot will be in concert on Friday, April 24th at 7:00 pm, in St. Madeline Church, Morton Avenue & Penn Street, Ridley Park. John Michael's concert ministry has blessed hundreds of thousands over the past thirty years, transforming many lives. General admission to the concert is \$20. Please contact 800/965-9324 or visit www.iTickets.com for tickets or more information.

Bishop Shanahan 6th & 7th Grades Open House

Calling all 6th & 7th graders! Come and see Bishop Shanahan High School Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm. Shanahan faculty and students will be on hand to offer tours and provide information. If you are interested in attending, contact Sister Helen Miriam Toner at 610/343-6223 or htoner@shanahan.org. Please include the name of the student

and parents attending. Come be an Eagle! We hope to see you there!

PJPII Cheerleading Tryouts

Cheerleading tryouts for the 2009 – 2010 school year for any girl entering 5th to 8th grades in September 2009 and attending PJPII or CCD/RREP will be held on the following dates:

Saturday, April 4th – 9:00 to 11:00 am
Sunday, April 5th – 1:00 to 2:30 pm
Monday, April 6th – 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Tryouts will take place in the PJPII gym. Please wear shorts or sweatpants (no jeans or jean shorts), tee shirt and sneakers. Girls must attend 2 out of 3 tryouts to be eligible. There is a **mandatory meeting for parents** on Saturday, April 4th. Any questions, please call Mrs. Ellen Doyle 610/384-6248.

Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Annual 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Masses with Cardinal Justin F. Rigali will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3rd, in the Cathedral-Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, 18th Street & Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia at:

11:00 am for couples married 50 or more years from Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties

2:30 pm for couples married 50 or more years from Bucks, Chester and Delaware Counties

2:30 pm also for couples married 25 or more years from all counties

Family members and friends are most welcome, and will be seated with the anniversary couple. For more information, call the Family Life Office at 215/587-3516 or email famlife@adphila.org.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Set in the rugged and majestic Discovery Canyon, the Vacation Bible School has something for everyone! This week of adventure will have kids crafting away in Cavern Crafts, running and jumping and playing in Gully Games, singing a new set of tunes that ROCK, and hearing the Good News echo off the canyon walls!

This is the VBS you don't want to miss! It's all about connecting with others, learning and having fun, of course!

We are in need of Adult and Teenage volunteers. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Lisa Hillman 610/857-1549 or via email at lisahillman@comcast.net