

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, April 25th, 2009 6:30 PM

Pauline Howell (Mrs. Nick Kousisis)

Sunday, April 26th, 2009 10:30 AM

Frances Weyman (Neff Family)

4/28 4:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal
(in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church)

Saturday, May 2nd, 2009 6:30 PM

Sharon E. Seese (Phyllis Gregor)

Sunday, May 3rd, 2009 10:30 AM

First Holy Communion Class

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, 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, Jacob Hally and Agnes Sushinski.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Brenda McDonald, Father Vito J. Carbone and John S. Przychodzien.

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, April 26th, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 2nd from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

Thank You To Our Donors!

Two collections are associated with the closing days of the Lenten Season. We are pleased to announce the following returns:

Catholic Shrines of the Holy Land \$514.00

Operation Rice Bowl \$816.00

Thank you to our kind contributors to these deserving causes. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity and concern.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

The Second Collection this weekend, April 25th-26th, is earmarked as the Annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal, dedicated to strengthening the Church here in our own country amidst rural, remote or deprived areas. Thank you for your compassionate support.

Correction to Last Week's Bulletin

Please note that the correct spelling of one of the 2009 Confirmation Class members is Hayley Gemma Christine Fisher.

Also, we have one additional class member picture:



Joseph Anthony Petras

Choir Practice

There will be no Choir practice for the Children's Choir this Monday, 4/27, but it will resume the following Monday, 5/4 at 6:45 pm to prepare to sing for Mass on 5/10. **Monday** night, 4/27, the Adult Choir practice will begin at **7:15** to prepare for 1st Holy Communion on May 3rd. The following Monday, 5/10, there will be no practice for the adults, only the children. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 610/212-2927.

Susan Sandoski, Choir Director

Our First Holy Communion Class

Next Sunday, May 3rd, at the 10:30 am Mass, our Parish Family will be given the joy of celebrating the very special occasion of First Holy Communion for a number of our younger parishioners. Our thoughts and prayers are with our first communicants-to-be as they experience the receiving of Jesus in His Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. May God bless the boys and girls of our First Holy Communion Class!

All You Can Eat Breakfast

The Auxiliary of the Polish American Citizens Club is hosting an All You Can Eat Breakfast, from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm, this Sunday, April 26th, in the Club's Banquet Hall at 15 Strode Avenue. Their table will be laden with the many delicious foods associated with the first meal of the day. The donation for adults is \$7.00 and for children, ages 5 – 10, is \$3.00. Come by and enjoy!

Vigil for Life

Join Father Denis Wilde, O.S.A. as a volunteer of God's Precious Infants in a Vigil for Life on Saturday, May 2nd. The Vigil opens with the 8:00 am Mass in St. Agnes Church, West Chester, and continues with a Rosary Pilgrimage to the Planned Parenthood facility in that locality. For additional information, contact Jack & Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

Bishop Shanahan News

Bishop Shanahan High School and Dr. Richard Fuller offer a summer learning experience in 4 areas: Algebra I Enrichment Program (grades 5 – 9); Math Programs in Algebra II, Geometry, PreCalculus and Calculus (grades 8-12); "Critical Thinking and Study Skills" Program (grades 8-12) and a PSAT/SAT Program (grades 8-12) (with a student ratio of 8:1). For more information, call Dr Fuller at 610/275-9660 or BSHS at 610/518-1300. All classes begin June 15th. The Fall SAT/PSAT classes start on September 14th.

St. Joseph Dinner Dance for Life

On Saturday, May 2nd, from 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight, the St. Joseph Dinner Dance for Life will be held in St. Isaac Jogues Parish Hall, 50 West Walker Road, Wayne. The evening features a catered buffet dinner, beverages and dessert, dancing to the music of DJ Jon Strate, door prizes and 50/50 raffle. Kindly wear cocktail attire. Cost is \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. To order tickets, call the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition at 610/692-4463. Pre-ordered tickets will be held at the door.

With The Cardinal's Endorsement

His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali submits the following endorsement: COURAGE ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. A weekly peer support group is offered to homosexual men and women who wish to live according to the teaching of the Catholic Church. Call 215/587-4505 and leave a message. The Archdiocesan Coordinator of the COURAGE Group will return your call. Confidentiality is assured.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2009



Catholic Charities Appeal has profound impact on our community, as approximately 250,000 people annually in the five counties of the Archdiocese are served in some way by the Appeal. Through the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the hungry are fed, the

sick and infirm cared for, and children in need of homes are placed with adoptive families, to name a few of the services that depend on the Catholic Charities Appeal. Last year, only 5 cents of every dollar raised by the Catholic Charities Appeal was spent on expenses and administrative costs. This figure is well above the national average and all independent standards set for charitable entities. As the kick-off of the 2009 Catholic Charities Appeal approaches, please prayerfully consider giving generously to our brothers and sisters in need.

Pope John Paul II Used Book Sale

Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will host a used book sale to kick-off the summer and keep the family reading throughout the school break. For sale will be gently used children and adult books, DVD's and CD's. Additionally, selected author signed books from student reading lists will be raffled off. The sale will begin Friday, May 15th from 6 – 9 pm and continue 8 am – 12 Noon Saturday, May 16th in the PJPII School multi-purpose room. The school is located at 2875 Manor Road, West Brandywine. The sale is open to the public and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Rachel's Vineyard of Philadelphia Ministries

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the compassion of God, grieve your loss, and forgive yourself and others. Held at the Spirituality Center in Frazer, PA on May 15, 16, 17, 2009. Call 215/906-6337 or 610/399-0890. All contacts are confidential. Visit them at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

2009 MS Walk

Dear Parishioners, with the economic times such as they are, I hesitated to ask you for your help this year in the upcoming MS campaign. However, when I considered what your help could possibly do for our daughter, our grandchildren and for all of those who suffer with this dreadful disease, I realized I could not turn my back on them. They must be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel and we must continue to work so that the doctors can one day find that light.

Therefore, my plea to all who hear this call is that no matter what the gift may be, you consider helping the "Shesko Family" in this year's "Walk for the Cure". Your contribution comes with our deepest and most sincere appreciation and gratitude. Hopefully, one day, we will find the cure and give all victims of this disease a reason to HOPE!

With much thanks, Harold and Mary Frances Johnson

Your contributions may be given directly to Christine Claypoole at church or Mary Frances Johnson, 1160 Hilltop Lane, Coatesville, PA 19320, 610/384-6427, at church or it can be done on-line at www.walk4MS.org.

Clothing Drive

The Archdiocesan Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17th Avenue, on May 9th and 10th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day, to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods (bed/bath linens, pots, 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.