

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, May 9th, 2009 6:30 PM

Margaret Simpson (Mr. & Mrs. Luke Cisarik, Jr.)

Sunday, May 10th, 2009 10:30 AM

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace & Family)

Saturday, May 16th, 2009 6:30 PM

Agnes & Havard Franciscus (Kathleen & Havard Franciscus Family)

Sunday, May 17th, 2009 10:30 AM

Andrew & Jennie Lasak (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, 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 Doris Swinty.

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, May 10th, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 16th, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

2009 MS Walk Shesko Family Update

It is with hearts filled with hope, love and thanks that I tell you about the 2009 MS Walk. The "Shesko Family", alias "Christine's Crusaders", walked as a group of ten, with children leading our way to the most successful walk since we began over five years ago.

Because of your contributions, we were able to collect over \$3,000 this year. I was truly taken back by your kindness and concern. People that I knew could not afford to give me anything extended their hands and hearts to help. I certainly did not expect this to happen, especially with the recession hitting all of us so hard.

How can we begin to say "thank you"? These two words seem so inadequate to express our gratitude for your sacrifice and generosity. Our daughter, along with all of those afflicted with this disease, now can see a glimmer of the light that you have provided them through your contributions and prayers. Research is the key to finding a cure for MS and you have given them the means to drive forward with courage and hope.

Please continue to keep our daughter and all MS victims in your prayers. With God's help and that of the researchers, a cure may be found soon. Thank you and may God Bless you all!

Harold and Mary Frances Johnson

Mother's Day Greetings

On this Mother's Day, we extend to all of the mothers and grandmothers, foster mothers and Godmothers of the Parish our heartiest best wishes for happiness, peace and love. Mothers are a special gift from God to reveal His tender, nurturing and caring nature. May God abundantly shower upon our mothers every grace and blessing!

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 2009 Catholic Charities Appeal is now officially underway, please prayerfully consider giving generously to our brothers and sisters in need.

By now, all registered households should have received a brochure, donor card, return envelope and Cardinal's letter, urging participation in the 2009 Appeal, from Catholic Charities headquarters. It is requested that donations be submitted directly to our Parish either by mail or the collection basket. The entire month of May is given over to this most worthy cause. Thank you for your kind gift.

Comboni Missionary Sisters

For well over a dozen years, the Comboni Missionary Sisters have lovingly served as an outreach of the Catholic Church into our local community at large, as well as engaged in a ministry to our four Parishes in Coatesville. With a diminishing availability of Sisters, however, and other pressing issues to be addressed, the Comboni Missionary Sisters can no longer staff their mission in Coatesville. Their Provincial Sister will be with us next Sunday, May 17th, to speak at the 10:30 am Mass, extending gratification of the Sisters for the support we have given them and the affection with which we have embraced them over these years. May 31st is scheduled as the Comboni Missionary Sisters' final day among us.

Ascension Thursday, May 21st

After forty days of assuring His followers that He had been victorious over the ancient enemy of death, Jesus returned gloriously to the right hand of the Father in heaven. This singular event is commemorated by the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension, which this year falls on Thursday, May 21st. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On the Vigil of the Holy Day, May 20th, a 7:00 pm Mass will be offered at St. Joseph Church. On the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension itself, Masses will be offered at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it, alleluia!"

Memorial Day Outdoor Mass

St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery on Waterworks Road, West Caln, serves as the final resting place for parishioners of our twinned West End Churches. On Memorial Day, May 25th, at 9:30 am, an outdoor Mass will be celebrated in the cemetery for all those buried there. We will assemble at the Pieta Shrine on the upper left side – please bring a folding chair and dress comfortably. Usually our local Veterans Group conducts Military Rites that morning at 9:00 by the center cross, which you are likewise invited to attend. Should the weather conditions not be favorable, the 9:30 am Mass will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Do join us for this meaningful observance of the national holiday.

Our Recent Sacramental Celebrations

In recent weeks, we were given the joy of celebrating the sacramental occasions of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Forty of our younger parishioners were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit on April 19th, and sixteen of our boys and girls received Jesus, the Bread of Life, for the very first time on May 3rd. Certainly, our sincere congratulations go out to them all. And our sincere appreciation is extended to those dedicated catechists responsible for the preparation and execution of these twin special occasions: Leslie Hoopes and Kathy Fisher for Confirmation; Beth Ann Hackmeister and Lisa Hillman for First Holy Communion. Their efforts and energies blossomed forth in the wonderful, prayerful response of our

enthusiastic children. Thank you, Leslie and Kathy, Beth Ann and Lisa! God Bless you! We all pray that the youngsters will live the Holy Sacraments they have received.

May Procession and Crowning of Mary's Image

Next Sunday, May 17th, the 10:30 am Mass will open with a Tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which includes song, prayer and the crowning of Mary's image. Especially featured will be the participation of the children of our First Holy Communion Class. Dressed in their First Holy Communion attire, these children are asked to report to Mrs. Hackmeister and Mrs. Hillman next Sunday at 10:10 am in the back of the Church to be given instructions on their part in the Marian Tribute. Flowers will be available for the first communicants to carry in procession and present to the Blessed Mother. We are eager for their loving participation.

Bishop Shanahan Book Fair

Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Main Street at Exton is sponsoring an all day Book Fair supporting Bishop Shanahan High School on Friday, May 29th; Saturday, May 30th; Sunday, May 31st. The Book Fair will be showcasing Bishop Shanahan's selection of books, DVD's, or CD's at the Book Fair, prior to purchase. Please mention Bishop Shanahan High School and give ID #354613 to the cashier. Thank you for your support of Bishop Shanahan High School.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Make a good marriage even better by treating yourselves to a couple's experience at a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next scheduled Weekend will be conducted on June 19th-20th-21st, 2009. For more information, call 1-800-456-8330.

Women's Club News

A Women's Club meeting is scheduled in the school hall immediately after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 17th. This will be the last meeting held prior to the summer break. We need to discuss new officers and get some suggestions for events to sponsor for the remainder of the year. We also need to finalize arrangements for the picnic in June. Susan Sandoski, President & Treasurer

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.

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.