

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. Joseph Church.

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)

5/18 9:00 am William Oleszek (Todd & Shelli Hamilton)
5/19 9:00 am Joseph Hallman (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)
5/20 9:00 am Vera & George Lahm (Branson Family)
5/20 7:00 pm Pauline Howell (Joseph Sandoski)
5/21 Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension
(Refer to the Holy Day announcement)
5/22 9:00 am Steve Kocik (Ed & Janet Levenite)
5/23 9:00 am Parishioners

Saturday, May 23^d, 2009 6:30 PM

William Oleszek (Winnie Brown)

Sunday, May 24th, 2009 10:30 AM

Father Ponisciak (Parishioners)

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.

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 Saturday, May 16th, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 24th, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

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. **As of this date, we have collected \$5,505.00.** Thank you for your kind gifts.

Congratulations to Confirmands Rebecca and Molly Clifford!

Unable to participate in our recent Confirmation Celebration (April 19th) due to longstanding family plans, Rebecca and Molly Clifford, our youthful parishioners, will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit on Monday, May 18th, at the administration of Confirmation in Our Lady of the Rosary Church. We are grateful to Father Thomas Brennan for this gracious accommodation. Be assured, Rebecca and Molly, that you are in the thoughts and prayers of your Parish Family as you experience this very special sacramental event. It is your personal Pentecost, showering down upon you the many gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit as happened with the Apostles nearly 2000 years ago. Heartiest congratulations!

Honoring Sister Helen Loretta, I.H.M.

In appreciation for Sister Helen Loretta's 12 years of dedicated service at Coatesville Area Catholic and PJPII Regional Catholic Elementary Schools, you are cordially invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, May 29th, at 9:30 am in St. Peter Church, West Brandywine. A Reception will follow in the school gymnasium for family and friends. Please call Cindy at 610/384-7568 or Kristen at 610/466-0550 by May 21st if you plan to attend the Reception.

Weekend Healing Retreat

In His Sign Network is sponsoring a Weekend Healing Retreat at the Malvern Retreat House on May 29th-31st. Directed by Kathleen McCarthy, Fr. Bill Halbing and Fr. John McFadden, this powerful retreat is entitled "In The Name of Jesus, the Nazarene, Rise Up and Walk." The weekend will include inspirational life-changing talks, healing services, Holy Scripture, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. For additional information, please contact 610/527-2906.

National Foster Care Month

May is National Foster Care Month, a time when we look to individuals and communities to come forward and make a positive difference in the life of a child. At present, there are over 4,000 children in foster care in Philadelphia in need of safe, temporary homes. Catholic Social Services is looking for single or married adults to become foster parents to children of all ages and races. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please contact Melissa at 215/587-2458. Remember, you can make a difference, a difference that will last a lifetime!

Our Local Devon Prep Scholars

Recently, Devon Preparatory School announced the 2008-2009 Third Quarter Honor Roll, on which we have the pride and joy of finding two of our young parishioners:

Distinguished Honors (average of 3.80 or above)

Anthony J. Petras '09 and Joseph P. Petras '15

Congratulations, Anthony and Joseph, on your outstanding academic achievement!

PPJII Regional Catholic Elementary School Athletic Association News

Coaching Positions 2009-2010

Head coaches and assistant coaches are needed for the athletic season 2009-2010. Anyone interested in coaching soccer, field hockey, volleyball, girl's or boy's basketball, cheerleading, track, softball or baseball, please apply by sending a letter to the Athletic Board, listing your qualifications and coaching experience. Past coaches for these sports need to reapply for their positions. No position is guaranteed. In order to be a head coach or an assistant coach, you need to have a State Police clearance, Child Abuse clearance, and have attended (or will attend) the class on "Protecting God's Children - Safe Environment". Please send your letter to PJPII Athletic Association, Attn: Dave Michell, Athletic Director, 2875 Manor Road, West Brandywine, PA, 19320, by **Monday, June 8, 2009**

Registration for Fall Sports 2009

Co-Ed Soccer, Girl's Field Hockey, Girl's Volleyball

Registration for Fall sports will open on May 18, 2009. Any student who will be in Grades 5 - 8 in September and attends PJPII or actively participates in RREP and wants to try out for CYO Co-ed Soccer, Girl's Field Hockey or Girl's Volleyball must do the following: Go to www.wagdogs.com and create an account by clicking on BECOME A MEMBER (this is free and only requires that you have an email address). Click on REGISTER FOR AN ACTIVITY - click on Pope John Paul II, West Brandywine and complete the registration form. Registration closes on **August 1, 2009**. No payment is due at this time. When teams are finalized by

the coaches, payment of \$85 will be due before uniforms can be distributed and games played.

Comboni Missionary Sisters

For well over twelve years, the Comboni Missionary Sisters have lovingly served as an outreach of the Catholic Church into our local community, 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 is with us this Sunday, May 17th, to speak at the 10:30 am Mass, extending the gratitude 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. Our local Veterans Group is conducting Military Rites that morning at 9:00 by the center cross, which you are likewise invited to attend. If it is bad weather, the 9:30 am Mass will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Bishop Shanahan Book Fair

Barnes and Noble at Main Street at Exton is sponsoring an all day Book Fair supporting BSHS on Friday, May 29th; Saturday, May 30th; Sunday, May 31st. Please mention BSHS and give ID #354613 to the cashier. Thank you for your support of BSHS.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Make a good marriage even better by treating yourselves to a couple's experience at a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next session 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 this 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

BSHS 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.