

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, August 1st, 2009 6:30 PM

Havard & Agnes Franciscus (Kathleen & Havard Franciscus)

Eucharistic Minister: Bugar

Sunday, August 2nd, 2009 10:30 AM

Arthur Vellutato (Barbara & Richard Reczek)

Eucharistic Ministers: Swinty & J. Nesbitt

Saturday, August 8th, 2009 6:30 PM

Julia Vanderslice (John Mihalak)

Eucharistic Minister: Claypoole

Sunday, August 9th, 2009 10:30 AM

Pauline Howell (Susan Sandoski)

Eucharistic Ministers: Hillman & Johnson

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, James Allen, Father Arthur Szela, Dorothy Puza, William O'Hop, Ollie Alfaro, Stella Grubb, Sandra Reczek, Michael Harlow, Marie McBride, Father Francis Mulranen, Jim Davis, Kathy Popovich, Stephanie Roman, Priscilla Marshman, Laura Shesko, Helen Yankech, Devin Doyle, Jacob Hally, Agnes Sushinski, Barbara Hughes, Jane Wills and Mary Lou Burton.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Father John P. O'Connor.

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, August 2nd, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, August 8th, immediately following the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

Heritage of Faith – Vision of Hope: St. Joseph Church

Over the past week, an additional \$200.00 in pledges was raised for the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign, Heritage of Faith – Vision of Hope. The following is an update of our participation:

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| Parish Goal | \$190,000.00 |
| Raised to date: | \$127,550.00 |
| % of Goal | 65% |
| Number of Gifts: | 43 |
| Average Gift: | \$ 3,036.00 |



Just think, the goal that seemed so far away a few months ago now is within 35% of our grasp, as nearer and nearer we come to its fulfillment. Please help us to succeed.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and sacrificial contribution.

Words of Life

“Some claim that scientists who kill embryos for their stem cells are not actually depriving anyone of life because they are using ‘spare’ or unwanted embryos who will die anyway. This argument is simply invalid. Ultimately, each of us will die – but that gives no one a right to kill us.”

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, June 13, 2008

Thank You To Our Kind Donors

Calling by phone from just outside Lima, Peru, Father Jose-Maria Salazar wished to express his sincere appreciation to our parishioners for their very generous monetary donations in response to the Missionary Co-operative Appeal he conducted among us two weekends ago. Contributions amounted to \$802.00 in support of the expansive program of assistance (“A Light of Hope”) begun in the early 1990's by Father Salazar for the plight of the poor. He assures us that he will make every dollar count and be of benefit to his multi-faceted ministry. We all hold a place in his prayers and those of his congregants.

Bishop Shanahan High School Coaching Position



BSHS, Downingtown, is searching for a freshmen football coach. If interested, please contact Mr. Ted Torrance at 610/343-6246 or email at etorrance@shanahan.org.

Are You Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process employed by the Church for welcoming new Catholics within its fold. It is comprised of two components: religious instruction and sacramental celebration culminating in the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism (if not already baptized), Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. This is also the opportunity for those baptized Catholics who may not have received all the Sacraments of Initiation to “catch up” and complete their membership in the Church. Our RCIA Program is now forming for the fall, and those who are interested in joining our group of inquirers are invited to do so by contacting Father John at 610/384-0360. Do give it some thought and prayer.

Feast of Saint John Vianney on Tuesday



Tuesday, August 4th, marks the Feast of Saint John Vianney, the 19th century parish priest of Ars, France, who is given by the Church to priests as their special patron. One of his most outstanding priestly hallmarks was his availability as a confessor and counselor, dispensing the mercy of God in the

confessional daily for 11 hours in the winter, and for 16 hours in the summer. Prompted by the fact that 2009 is the 150th year since the death of Saint John Vianney, Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 2009 to June 2010 to be The Year of the Priest. It is a time to pray for priests that they may more closely follow in the holiness and dedication of the good Pastor of Ars. And, too, it is a time to pray that more young men will respond to Jesus' call to embrace the life of His priesthood.

Solemnity of Mary's Assumption, August 15th

The glorious Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption into Heaven, popularly called “Mary's Easter”, falls on August 15th. Normally a holy day of obligation, because it falls on a Saturday this year, this Marian Feast does not have the force of obligation to attend Mass in 2009. It is hoped, however, that devotion to the Holy Mother of God and the beautiful meaning of the Feast itself will prompt many of our parishioners to commemorate the Assumption by participating at Mass. Two masses have been scheduled for this purpose, both to be offered in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church and featuring the lovely custom of the blessing and distribution of flowers: on Friday, August 14th, at 5:00 pm, and on Saturday, August 15th, at 9:00 am. Come; let us join in celebrating “Mary's Easter”, her arrival body and soul into the glory of Heaven. What she is now, so we shall be one day!

Quo Vadis Camp: August 16th – 20th



Attention all Catholic young men ages 14 to 17! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the First Annual Quo Vadis Camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. The Quo Vadis Camp is led by seminarians and priests of the Archdiocese, and is supported by the Archdiocesan Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood. The Quo Vadis Camp

will be conducted from August 16th to 20th at Diamond Ridge Camp and Conference Center in Jamison, PA. The cost of the experience is \$100.00. If you are interested, please contact Father Chris Rogers at 610/667-5778 or visit his website: www.HeedTheCall.org.



A Day of Reflection with Dr. Scott Hahn

On Saturday, September 19th, A Day of Reflection with Dr. Scott Hahn will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. Dr. Hahn is Professor of Theology and Scripture at Franciscan University of Steubenville, and is the author of over ten books. A convert to Catholicism, he is an exceptionally popular teacher and speaker, and has delivered talks internationally. In addition, Cardinal Justin Rigali will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass concluding the day, with the Archdiocesan Boy's Choir providing the music. Lunch will be served. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$40 (\$15 for full-time high school and college students). For more info, call 215/247-2585.

Action Alert! Federal Stimulus Dollars for PA's Education Budget



Pennsylvania will receive millions of dollars through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Under the governor's proposed budget, some of these Stimulus dollars will be used to support a proposed 5.7% increase in the public school state subsidy. State government leaders say they are committed to adequate support for the programs that are an essential investment in our future. Although funding for public schools is proposed to increase, deep cuts are proposed for the few education budget line items that benefit nonpublic school students. An 11.8% cut is proposed for textbooks, materials and equipment, and services to nonpublic schools. The line items that benefit nonpublic students are minor in the overall scheme of the budget - just .02% of the \$5.8 billion basic education subsidy. But the textbooks, materials, equipment and services they provide mean a lot to nonpublic schoolchildren and their parents. The federal stimulus dollars are available to cover these line items, too. Parents of nonpublic school students understand that tough economic times require us to make the most of limited resources, but we agree that supporting a child's education now is an investment in tomorrow's economy. Visit, call, write, fax or send an email message to your state elected officials asking for fair consideration for nonpublic schools in the education budget at www.voterveice.net/groups.pacc.

Fall Seminary Courses

Is God calling you to a deeper knowledge of Himself? Take a theology class at one of the best seminaries in the country, right here in our own Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This fall, consider a class on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Sacred Scripture in the Liturgy, The Life and Thought of Benedict XVI, the History of Black Catholics in the United States, or Spiritual Gifts of African Americans. Can't travel to the Seminary each week? Consider an online course on An Introduction to Catholic Theology, The Psalms, or the History of Black Catholics in the United States. Classes start August 31st. Register today at www.StudyCatholicTheology.com.

Special Learning Program at Shanahan High

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, and Dr. Richard Fuller are offering a comprehensive 35-hour training/learning experience in a PSAT/SAT Program. The student/teacher ratio in math is 8:1. For more information, call Dr. Fuller at 610/275-9660 or BSHS at 610/518-1300. Classes begin September 14, 2009. Similar winter classes start January 20, 2010.