

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 1 month prior to the christening date and at least 6 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 should contact Susan Sandoski (610/383-5768) or Andy Levenite (610/384-4665).

The daily 9:00 a.m. Mass, Monday through Saturday, will be celebrated in Saint Joseph Church this week.

Saturday, February 18, 2012, 6:30 pm

Mrs. Mary Louise Himes (Mary Lou Burton)

Lector: Elaine

Sunday, February 19, 2012, 10:30 am

Anthony Frederick (The Kousisis Family)

Lector: Joey

Eucharistic Ministers: Claypoole & Johnson

02/20 9:00 am Catherine Orr (Jean & David Grace)

02/21 9:00 am Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012

6:30 am Prayer Service

9:00 am Return of Those Lapsed from the Practice
of the Faith

7:00 pm Mary Czirjak (Maryann & Frank Rever)

02/23 9:00 am Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

02/24 9:00 am Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

02/25 9:00 am Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

Saturday, February 25, 2012, 6:30 pm

Nick Kousisis, Anniv. (Stamate & Cindy Kousisis & Family)

Lector: Sara

Eucharistic Minister: Hughes

Sunday, February 26, 2012, 10:30 am

Catherine McInerney (Melvin & Rose Marie Neff)

Lector: Kathy

Eucharistic Ministers: Bugar & Hoopes

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Dorothy Bodnar, Joseph Yankech III, Mimi Sushinski, Dorothy Puza, Ollie Alfaro, Marie McBride, Kathy Popovich, Laura Shesko, Helen Yankech, Jacob Hally, Mary Lou Burton, Richard Shaw, Abigail Rose Burch, Michelle Burch, Bud Johnson, Crystal Bryan, Carl Burton, George Chenger, Anthony Bonanno, Frank Sabo, Louise Sabo, Betty Hracho, Cy Reali, Brian Denny, Scott Klika, Jennifer Dunmoyer, Donna DeFernando, Peter Michalski, Peggy Copeland, Lori Gannon, Robert Watterson, Elaine Fiorillo, Margaret Toth, Linda Elliott, Tom Denny, Frank Lasak, Jr., George Reynolds, Joanne Krupansky, Anne Reshey, Denny Howell, Father Joseph Hasieber, Betty O'Hop, Father Harry Romano, and Gabe Milanese.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Monsignor Francis Barszcewski, Edward Wallace and J. Frederic Longenecker.

Also, we pray for those U.S. military personnel serving in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Middle East. May God keep them safe and out of harm's way.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 18th, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 26th, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Additional Opportunity for Confession During Lent

On the Wednesday evenings throughout the Lenten Season, beginning February 29th, a priest will be available in Saint Joseph Church for the hearing of confessions from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Please give serious thought to using this opportunity for meeting the Christ of Forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the Feast of Easter.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

The Penitential Season of Lent opens this week on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. On that day, ashes will be blessed and distributed on the following occasions:

6:30 am Prayer Service in Saint Joseph Church

9:00 am Holy Mass in Saint Joseph Church

12:05 pm Prayer Service in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church

5:30 pm Holy Mass in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church

7:00 pm Holy Mass in Saint Joseph Church

“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel!”

(Ash Wednesday Liturgy)

Lenten Fast and Abstinence 2012

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

Lenten Highlights

Throughout the Lenten Season, mid-week Evening Masses are offered on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Saint Joseph Church, and on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church. An appropriate homily will be delivered at the respective Masses.

Immediately following the 9:00 am Mass on Saturdays, the Stations of the Cross Devotion is conducted. This moving exercise has us recall those final hours of Our Savior's Passion and Death.

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

All the faithful are encouraged to undertake spiritual reading, especially Sacred Scripture during Lent. To this end, copies of the booklet Daily Reflections for Lent: Not by Bread Alone 2012 are being made available to carry you through this holy season with day-to-day enrichment based on the Mass readings.

Christ Jesus make the most of you over the course of these forty days!

PJPII Kids' Outgrown Sale

PJPII Kids' Outgrown Sale will take place on Saturday, March 10th, at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. The sale will run from 9:00 am to Noon with a Half-Price Sale from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Shop for children's and teen's spring and summer clothing, Easter outfits, girls' purses and accessories, baby and kid furniture, toys, video games, sports equipment, bicycles, skates, children's books, CD's, DVD's, maternity clothing and more! Proceeds from this Sale benefit the students of our regional parochial sale, located at 2875 Manor Road, West Brandywine. For more information, please contact the PJPII Development Office at 610/384-5961, ext. 5408.

Malvern Retreat House

Father Ben Cameron, a Father of Mercy, will direct a Divine Mercy Weekend, April 13th-15th, for men, women and teens, with the assistance of Father Kevin McGoldrich and Steve DeLacy. This powerful weekend includes Mass, Eucharistic adoration, spiritual conferences and confession – all infused by the devotions revealed to Saint Faustina. For information, call 610/644-0400 or go to MalvernRetreat.com.

Men's Spirituality Conference

On Saturday, March 3rd, at Archbishop Ryan High School, Northeast Philadelphia, the men of our Parish are invited to join Catholic men from throughout the Archdiocese for the Annual Men's Spirituality Conference, "Strengthen One Another". Speakers include Rwandan Genocide survivor Ilibagiza, Musician Tony Melendez, Evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Catholic Answers Apologist Tim Staples and Priest-Author Father J. Brian Bransfield. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. For more information and to register, go to the website www.manuphillly.com.

Urgent: Please Contact Your Legislators in Support of School Choice

If a school voucher program had been in place 15 or even 10 years ago, the recent school restructuring to ensure sustainability would not have been so drastic. We need to channel our energy into this effort so that Pennsylvania's education system will be more just and equitable. Please visit www.pacatholic.org to contact your legislators and ask them to support school choice. The legislature needs to know that you care about vouchers and EITC.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

In keeping with their mission to serve those in need, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society asks for your support. They seek gently used clothing and furniture to benefit the less fortunate. Please call 215/288-8160 to speak to a representative regarding free household pick-up. Visit the website at www.svdp-phila.info for their store information. Thank you!

PACES Walkathon 2012

Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will hold their Annual PACES Walkathon on Sunday, April 22nd. It is a major fund-raising event for our school, for which Family Sponsorships are currently being solicited. Family Sponsorships are an opportunity for you and your children, as a family, to sponsor a portion of the Walkathon (not including the pledges obtained by the students). Any family who sponsors a portion of the costs of the Walkathon (for a minimum of \$100) will receive their name in the "Summary of Event and Awards Letter" which will be sent home in May with each child, on the Walkathon Website and in the VBE. In addition, a Walkathon 2012 Sponsors plaque will be displayed in the hallway of our regional parochial school with your family name permanently engraved on it as a sponsor of the event. To learn more about being a PJPII Family Sponsor, contact Christine Robb at 484/883-5663 or ccrothgale@comcast.net. Thank you!

Parish Club News

Sunday, February 26th - Family BINGO: After the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Admission for adults will be \$3, children under 12 are free. Each adult will receive 2 packs of 20 game cards while each child will receive one pack of game cards. Adults may also get an additional card with the donation of a canned good(s) or other non-perishable item. All food collected will be donated to the Coatesville Food Cupboard. Refreshments will be available for purchase, and we will also have baskets to chance off and will sell tickets for a 50-50 chance to win. The doors will open after the end of Mass and Bingo will begin promptly at 12:30.

Donations of Baskets: To support the Family Bingo, donations of baskets and other gift items, such as gift cards, are needed. If you would like to donate a basket or door prize, please contact Kathy Barnes at 610-383-6997. Deadline for the donations would be Sunday, February 19th.

Sunday, March 18th – Ethnic Food Dinner: The Parish club will be sponsoring an event to celebrate the diversity of our members on Sunday, March 18th when we will host a "pot-luck" ethnic dinner at the close of our Forty Hours devotion at 4:00 pm and in celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph. We will be asking for parishioners to bring a favorite dish from their ethnic background to share. To help us plan the event, please contact Ann Hamilton at 610/384-1062 to let us know what dish you will be sharing.

The next meeting of the Parish Club will be on Sunday, March 4th.

Dates & Events to Remember

Registration for PJPII Regional Catholic Elementary School – for Grades K - 8th Grade, February 28th, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. PreK Registration by appt. only – 610/384-5961 ext 5405. For more info, www.popejohnpaul2sch.org/about/admissionregistration.html

Pennsylvanians for Human Life annual Celebrate Life Banquet Sunday, 2/26, at the Springfield Country Club. Individual tickets are \$50, students \$25. Call PHL at 610/696-0780 for reservations.

Lenten Fish Dinner - The Coatesville Area Senior Center, 22 North 5th Avenue, will host a Lenten Fish Dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Please call 610/383-6900 for your tickets, which are \$8 a piece.