

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. The sick always have a place in our community prayer.

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.

Masses for the week of December 31st, 2007 will be offered in St Joseph Church.

Saturday, December 29th, 2007 6:30 PM

Andrew & Jennie Lasak (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)

Sunday, December 30th, 2007 10:30 AM

Helen K. Gentile (Husband Charles)

Monday, 9am Parishioners

Monday, 6:30 pm Marie Contois Rooney

(Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Tuesday, 10:30am Rose & Michael Kozachiesion

(Ted & Joanne McLaughlin)

Wednesday, 9am Ramon Ornedo (Alfaro Family)

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Saturday, 9am Donors to the Parish Christmas Flowers Decorations Fund

Saturday, January 5th, 2008 6:30 PM

Andrew Benkovich (Bob & Stella Grubb)

Sunday, January 6th, 2008 10:30 AM

John & Julia Cirjak (Mary & Al Czirjak)

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Marie Reali, Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Joanne Krupansky, Bertha Amole, Helen Collins, Joseph Yankech, III, Joseph Salada, Joseph Dougherty, Chelsea Osborne, Steffie Levenite, Robert Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Mary Benkovich, Mimi Sushinski, Robert Shesko, Peter Michalski, Margaret Florian, Millie Harvey, Sheila Van Zanten, James Allen, Pauline Howell, Father Arthur Szela, Ron Bannister, Brenda McDonald, Lillian Turansky, Beth Starkman, Dorothy Puza, and William O'Hop.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Alyse Montgomery.

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 hand.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend confessions will be heard on Saturday, December 29th, immediately following the 6:30 Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 6th, immediately following the 10:30 Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Women's Club Christmas Party

This Sunday, January 30th 5:00 PM

Sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board in the Church Vestibule

New Year's Greetings

Father John Hagen, O.S.A., Father Joseph Hasieber, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Comboni Missionary Sisters join with Father John Oulds in extending to all parishioners best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year of Our Lord 2008. May every grace and blessing shower down abundantly from the gracious bounty of God who cherishes each and every one of us. Joy to the world!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Falling on a Tuesday this season, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is observed as a holy day of obligation on January 1st, 2008. For this Marian feast, Masses will be celebrated on New Year's Eve at 5:00 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and at 6:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. On New Year's Day, Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Part-Time Positions at PJPII School

Two part-time positions are available at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School to include light maintenance and housekeeping duties. Work hours are available in the morning and afternoon. If interested, please contact Father John at 610/384-0360.

Catholic Social Services

Do you recall that Baby Jesus had a foster father? Joseph protected Him, shared his carpentry skills, and came to recognize and value Jesus' need to be among the people. During this season of Advent, can you follow the example of Joseph and open up your heart and home to a child in need? Catholic Social Services is looking for families to care for children of all ages and races. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please contact Melissa or Pat at 215/587-3960. Remember, you can make a positive difference, a difference that will last a lifetime!

Shanahan Alumni Family Communion Breakfast

In honor of Bishop Shanahan High Schools's 50th Anniversary, there will be an Alumni Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday, January 13th, beginning with Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the Shanahan facility. Breakfast by Aquilante Caterers will immediately follow. Tickets are \$20.00 (age 10 and over) and \$10.00 (under age 10). Please contact Eileen Cornell at 610/343-6219 or at ecornell@shanahan.org to purchase tickets and reserve a table. (Special events are planned for children during the morning

Registration for our Regional Catholic Elementary School

Sister Helen Loretta, I.H.M., our Principal, announces the following information regarding student registration for enrollment at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, Academic Year 2008-2009:

January 10, 2008 – Call for an appointment for sibling registration;

January 15, 2008 – Open House at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.;

January 23, 2008 – Sibling Registration by appointment;

February 5, 2008 – Open Registration for the 2008-2009 Academic Year, 9:00 a.m. "til 12:00 noon.

At the time of both registrations (sibling and open), please have the following information with you:

- + Birth Certificate
- + Social Security Number of Child
- + Baptismal Certificate, if not baptized at one of the five sponsoring parish
- + Letter of Parish Membership issued by your Pastor
- + Immunization Record
- + If applying for Grades 2 to 8, a copy of the latest report card
- + \$100 non-refundable registration fee

Parents may also call the School (610/384-5961) to register for a tour of Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School.

Volunteer English Program in Chester County

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a three session, nine hour, training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be held at Keshet Israel Congregation, 1000 Pottstown Pike, West Chester, on Thursday, January 24th; Monday, January 28th; Thursday, January 31st, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Also a snow date of Monday, February 4th is scheduled.) For more information about this rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222)

Mass for Homeschooling Families

On Friday, January 4th, at 10:00 a.m., His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali is scheduled to celebrate Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, for Homeschooling Families. How appropriate it is that this day marks the Feast Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first canonized American-born Saint! All are welcome to attend. For additional information, please contact Peter Vink at 610/9423-4286.

PJPII Programs for Adults

"A Touch of Class" Adult Programming, conducted at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, will be offering classes for the new session beginning the week of January 7, 2008. The session runs for eight weeks and includes:

Cooking from Around the World on Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Italian Language on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

A Presentation of Yoga on Wednesdays, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Currently underway is a Men's Open Basketball League on Sundays, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

For more information, call Terry Altschuler at 610/384-5961, Extension 5410 or e-mail pjp2fac@aol.com

Registration forms may be downloaded from the web site: www.popejohnpaul2sch.org.

Sentimental Journey

Taking advantage of Villanova University's Holiday Break, Father John Hagen, O.S.A., our dedicated weekend priest-helper, has gone on a sentimental journey to Italy these three weeks. As a seminarian studying Theology, Father Hagen was assigned to an Augustinian Monastery in Rome years ago, and thus became familiar with many places of interest not only in the Eternal City, but in other significant cities and towns as well. One of the Highlights of Father Hagen's pilgrimage will be the final resting place of Saint Augustine, his religious community's patron. We wish him an enriching and uplifting travel experience, and look for his return on the weekend of January 19th-20th, 2008.

Retreat Program for Healing Sexual Abuse

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – Reclaiming the Gift of Sexual Dignity is a spiritual retreat program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. It is appropriate for anyone who has endured sexual abuse, rape, incest, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood, adolescence, or as an adult. It is also appropriate for those who have suffered from the psychological and spiritual trauma of clergy abuse.

The program will be held February 4-7, 2008 at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Aston, PA. This four-day experience offers a very unique process for helping victims of abuse to grieve the past and discover spiritual healing and transformation. Dr. Theresa Burke and Kevin Burk, MSS/LSW, who are the founders of Rachel's Vineyard – retreats for healing after abortion, created this new program and will serve as the facilitators for this retreat.

Visit www.griegtograce.org for more information. To request an application contact info@griegtograce.org or call 610/354-0555. Reserve your spot now as space is limited.

Women's Club News

Women's Club Christmas Party (Potluck)

All the women of the parish are invited to the Women's Club Christmas party on Sunday, December 30th at 5:00 p.m. It will be a "potluck dinner" with the club providing the main course of pot roast & mashed potatoes. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange (not required), we are also having a "Chinese Auction" of a \$10 value present (wrapped). There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule this week-end. Please indicate what you wish to bring – we will need appetizers,

desserts, drinks (including wine) and items for the meal to compliment the pot roast.

January 2008 Lottery

A few more days left to purchase your lottery tickets!!

See announcement below for details

The Women's Club is running a month-long Lottery in January 2008. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are based on the evening PA Lottery Number. Payouts are \$50 daily and \$100 on January 1st.

Please call Beth Ann Hackmeister 610/380-3505 or Ann Cigas 610/384-2955 for tickets.