

# 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.*

The following Masses will be offered in St. Joseph Church

### Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 6:30 PM

Andrew Benkovich (Bob & Stella Grubb)

### Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 10:30 AM

John & Julia Cirjak (Mary & Al Czirjak)

### Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 6:30 PM

Sue Dunlap (Andy & Ann Cigas)

### Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 10:30 AM

Rose Michnuk (Lenore Michnuk)

Masses for the week beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

1/08 4 pm Eucharistic Hour of Reparation and Renewal  
(in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church)

## 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.

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 Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, immediately **following** the 10:30 Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, immediately **following** the 6:30 Evening Mass.

## A Sincere Thank You

Father John wishes to express his sincere appreciation to all those thoughtful parishioners who sent such attractive Christmas cards and other kind remembrances to him at the holidays. What upliftment and joy they brought to this blessed Season of the Savior's birth! Thank you very much

## A Note of Appreciation

Where would our Parish Family be at Christmas without the generous, energized and talented folks who create the look and texture of this great holiday for us? They do a fantastic job each year in physically preparing and handsomely decorating our Church to mark the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Certainly, our sincerest appreciation reaches out to them for all they put of themselves into the task.

Similarly, we thank all those who so kindly fulfilled various ministries at Christmastime: members of the adult and children's choirs, ushers, altar servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. The personal contribution of each one guarantees the beauty and orderliness of the Sacred Liturgy at this special season.

God bless all our good-hearted volunteers, young and old!

## Multiple Thanks To Our Hard Working Ladies

Last Sunday evening, at the Women's Club Christmas Party and Potluck Supper, Susan Sandoski, President/Treasurer, presented Father John with a check for Five thousand dollars as a contribution to Saint Joseph Church. This very significant amount represented the dedicated fund-raising efforts of the ladies over recent months, especially from the highly successful Christmas Bazaar in November. With grateful hearts, we recognize such a handsome financial gift and the hard work that lies behind it. These monies will be appropriately applied to the varied expenses associated with the operation of our Parish. Thank you, Women's Club members, very much . . . and God bless you for your goodness to 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.

## Shanahan Alumni Family Communion Breakfast

In honor of Bishop Shanahan High Schools's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, there will be an Alumni Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup>; Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Also a snow date of Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> is scheduled.) For more information about this rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222)

## 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](mailto:pjp2fac@aol.com)

Registration forms may be downloaded from the web site: [www.popejohnpaul2sch.org](http://www.popejohnpaul2sch.org).

## 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.griegtorgrace.org](http://www.griegtorgrace.org) for more information. To request an application contact [info@griegtorgrace.org](mailto:info@griegtorgrace.org) or call 610/354-0555. Reserve your spot now as space is limited.

## Christ Our Hope:

### An Apostolic Journey of Pope Benedict XVI To the United States

At a Papal Mass to be celebrated in Yankee Stadium on Sunday, April 20, 2008, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI will commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the four Dioceses that were established from the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1808, including the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Archdiocese has reserved a limited number of tickets for this Festive Mass. Those parishioners of Saint Joseph Church, who are interested in participating in this historic event, are asked to contact Father John Oulds at 610/384-0360, or send your full name, address, phone number, e-mail address and name of your Parish to:

Papal Mass  
C/o Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
222 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street – Room 530  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

The deadline for ticket requests is Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Information concerning bus transportation and other details about the Papal Mass will be provided later.

## Choir Practice

There will be practice for the children's choir at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> to prepare to sing at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no practice for the adult choir until the following Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Susan Sandoski, Choir Director

## Women's Club News

The next meeting for the Women's Club will be held on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to make plans for the various functions for the new year.

Many thanks to the women that attended the Christmas party/potluck dinner on Sunday 12/30 and to the ones that helped with the set-up, decorating and clean-up after the party. A fun time was had by all and there were many imaginative gifts exchanged and some scrumptious desserts. I particularly enjoyed the singing session while cleaning up and the fellowship of the event.

I wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR and may it be a safe and healthy one for all. I also ask for your continued support for any of the Women's club events that may be scheduled for this year.

SUSAN SANDOSKI  
President/Treasurer

## January Lottery Winners

1/01/2008	Janet McGraw	\$100
1/02/2008	Anne Reshey	\$50
1/03/2008	Charles C. Fernald	\$50

Congratulations to our Winners and thanks for their support.