

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 this coming week will be offered in St. Joseph Church.

Saturday, January 12th, 2008 6:30 PM

Sue Dunlap (Andy & Ann Cigas)

Sunday, January 13th, 2008 10:30 AM

Rose Michnuk (Lenore Michnuk)

1/14 9am	Parishioners
1/15 9am	Helen K. Gentile (Husband Charles)
1/16 9am	Sue Dunlap (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)
1/17 9am	Rose Hudock (Richard & Barbara Reczek)
1/18 9am	Rica Wasko (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)

Saturday, January 19th, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Andrew Benkovich (Angelyn Cisarik)

Sunday, January 20th, 2008 at 10:30 AM

Joseph Wasko (Wife Eleanor and Children)

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 Father James Leary.

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, January 12th, immediately following the 6:30 pm Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 20th, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

CCD Classes

CCD Parents and Students: In the event of bad weather and you are wondering if CCD classes will be conducted, please call the rectory at 610/384-1172. There will be an announcement regarding classes being cancelled.

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.

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 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)

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 200th 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 17th Street – Room 530
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

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

Vocation Awareness Week

His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali has requested that all Parishes of the Archdiocese observe this week of January 12th-20th as a Week of Prayer for Vocation Awareness, humbly asking God for an increase in priestly vocations. Accordingly, a specially composed vocation prayer will be recited at all Masses during the week. In addition, Tuesday of this week, January 15th, will be an Archdiocesan Day of Eucharistic Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament exposed upon the altar immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, continuing throughout the entire day and concluding with a Holy Hour from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The site of this intensely prayerful day for our West End Parishes will be Saint Joseph Church, already designated as the location for this week’s daily Masses. Please plan to enter into the spirit of Vocation Awareness Week. Let us do as Jesus directed: “Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into His harvest.”

PJPII Spring Coaching Positions

Coaches are needed for the Spring Sports Season for boy’s baseball (V & JV). Girl’s softball (V & JV) and co-ed track. Anyone interested in coaching a team, please apply by sending a letter to the Athletic Board of Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, listing your qualifications and coaching experience. Past coaches for these sports need to reapply for their positions. No position is guaranteed.

In order to 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 into school to the attention of Dave Michell, Athletic Director, by Monday, February 4, 2008.

Spring Sports Sign-Ups

On Monday, February 4th, and Tuesday, February 5th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, Spring Sports sign-ups will be conducted for

Baseball and Softball

Open to boys and girls in grades 5 through 8 who attend PJPII or RREP/CCD;

Co-ed Track

Open to boys and girls in grades 4 thru 8 who attend PJPII or RREP/CCD.

No money is required at this time.

BSHS Fashion Show & Luncheon

The Parents Association of Bishop Shanahan High School invite you to their 2nd Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon on Sunday, February 10th, at 12:00 noon, in the Downingtown County Club. Local West Chester Boutiques will be featured. Tickets are \$25.00 per person (included lunch). A cash bar will be available. Tickets must be purchased by February 1st. Please send your name, number of tickets requested and check made payable to BSPA to:

Bishop Shanahan High School
220 Woodbine Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335

Attention: Parents Association

Your payment must accompany your reservation. Reserved tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event. Due to space limitations, however, tickets will not be sold that day. Questions? Visit shanahanfashionshow@yahoo.com.

Comboni Missionary Sisters

Last month's Advent Giving Tree Campaign, prior to Christmas, brought out a tremendous response of generosity from our participating donors, for which the Comboni Missionary Sisters are deeply grateful. These practical gifts go a long way to provide for the every day needs of the individuals and families who look to the Sisters for assistance. God bless you for such kindness! Be assured that all benefactors hold a place in the Sisters' daily prayers.

Chester County Pro-Life Coalition

There will be several opportunities for prayer and public witness to mark the 35th Anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy in the United States.

On Sunday, January 20th, at 2:30 p.m., the Chester County March for Life will be held in West Chester, gathering at St. Agnes Church and walking to the Chester County Courthouse for a program of prayer, music and speakers. Marchers are invited to the Knights of Columbus Hall following the march

for doughnuts and hot drinks. In case of inclement weather, the program will be conducted in St. Agnes Church.

On Tuesday, January 22nd, buses will leave from numerous locations around Chester county for those participating in the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. To locate a bus near you, call Coordinator Tom Bones at 610/993-0331. On the same day, a "Stand Up for Life Rally" will take place at 12:00 noon, at City Hall, Philadelphia, sponsored by the ProLife Union of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

On Thursday, January 24th, A Life Chain will be formed, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Chester County Courthouse, West Chester. Signs will be provided. Participants will stand in silent prayer along the sidewalk on High Street.

For more information on any of the above events, call 610/692-4463.

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

January Lottery Winners

1.4	Frank Lasak (Bazaar)
1.5	St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (ABC)
1.6	Unsold
1.7	Dennis Hagel (Steve Kocik)
1.8	Bob Leifholt (Mass)
1.9	Bill Parlamen (Susan Sandoski)
1.10	Harold Root (Susan Sandoski)

Congratulations to our Winners and thanks for their support.