

St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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Sunday, February 3, 2008 at 10:30 AM

Sue Dunlap (Bob & Steffe Levenite)

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 26th, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Andrew Benkovich (Michelle Benkovich)

Sunday, January 27th, 2008 at 10:30 AM

Joseph Wasko (Wife Eleanor and Children)

1-28 9am	Parishioners
1-29 9am	Andrew Benkovich (Anne Reshey)
1-30 9am	Lillian Prange (Bob & Stella Grubb)
1-31 9am	Albert Fuller (Barbara & Richard Reczek)
2-01 9am	Rose Hudock (Maryanne & Frank Rever)
2-02 9am	Benefactors of Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School

Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Mary & Joseph Nedzia (Bob & Maryann Lasak)

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, William O'Hop, and Patricia McAdams.

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 26th, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 3rd, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass.

As always the sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Blessing of Throats

The Feast of St. Blasé, Bishop and Martyr of the early Christian Church, brings with it the venerable custom of blessing throats through his intercession. Observed on February 3rd, the Saint's Feast this year falls on a Sunday. The traditional blessing of throats will take place at the Masses of next weekend, February 2nd-3rd, invoking God's good gift of deliverance from "ailments of the throat and from every other evil."

Looking Ahead to Ash Wednesday

Governed by the date of Easter, Ash Wednesday this year arrives fairly early: February 6th, less than three weeks away, initiating the Season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and imposed that day in accord with the following schedule:

6:30 a.m. Prayer Service (outside of Mass) in St. Joseph Church

8:00 a.m.	Mass of the Day (in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church)
12:05 noon	Prayer Service (outside of Mass) in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
5:30 p.m.	Mass of the Day in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
7:00 p.m.	Mass of the day in St. Joseph Church

We provide you with this information now with the hope that it will be helpful for your planning ahead. Make it a good Lent!

Special Collection Next Weekend

The Second Collection next weekend, February 2nd-3rd, is earmarked as the Annual Collection for the Care of Aging and Ill Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This appeal is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude for the many blessings received through the ministry of priests over the years. Please refer to our Cardinal-Archbishop's letter appearing elsewhere in this Parish Bulletin.

First Confession and First Holy Communion

We are pleased to announce that the Celebration of First Sacraments for those children who are eligible will take place on the following dates:

Thursday, March 6th, at 7:00 pm – First Confession
 Sunday, May 4th, at 10:30 am – First Holy Communion

Shortly, the date for our initial Parents' Sacramental Meeting will be published, at which additional materials and information will be dispensed. We are grateful for our parents' participation and cooperation.

Lenten Dinner

The Coatesville Area Senior Center will be serving a Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, February 13th, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard, 107 South 17th Avenue. The menu includes soup, tilapia, stewed tomatoes, macaroni and cheese, and desserts. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door, and \$3.50 for a child. All are welcome. For full information, call the Center at 610/383-6900.

Archdiocesan Boy Choir

The Archdiocesan Boy Choir of Philadelphia will be holding auditions for new members on Saturday, February 2nd. This is open to boys, 2nd grade through 6th grade. Contact Tom Windfelder, Choir Director, at 215/425-6995 to schedule a time. Auditions will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood. Also visit www.archboychoir.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Husbands and wives, would you wish to make a good marriage even better? Then look into the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Program for married couples. The next couples' experience will be conducted on the weekend of May 2nd-4th. For more information, call 1-800-456-8330.

Lenten Seminar Program

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 East Main Street, Birdsboro, will host a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Friday, February 22nd (doors open at 6:30 pm) and on Saturday, February 23rd (doors open at 8:30 am). The Seminar presenter will be Father Larry Hess, Liaison for Charismatic Renewal, Diocese of Allentown. The suggested donation for this program is \$30.00. Register today at 610/582-3333 or olme@olme.org

The Church in the Public Arena

As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, the principal focus of her interventions in the public arena is the protection and promotion of the dignity of the person, and she is thereby consciously drawing particular attention to principles which are not negotiable. Among these, the following emerge clearly today: protection of life in all its stages, from the first moment of conception until natural death; recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage; the protection of the right of parents to educate their children. These principles are not truths of faith, even though they receive further light and confirmation from faith; they are inscribed in human nature itself and therefore they are common to all humanity. (Pope Benedict XVI, March 30, 2006)

Job Fair and Training for Certified Nursing Assistants

St. Martha Manor, 470 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, is recruiting certified nursing assistants. A special Job Fair will be held on January 30th-31st from 10:00 a.m., to 6:00 p.m., at St. Martha Manor. For those who are interested in becoming a CNA, St. Martha offers training classes on a regular basis. Great benefits and career advancement opportunities are available. The Job Fair will feature fantastic door prizes. Transportation arrangements may be had by calling 610/873-8490. No appointment is needed, just stop by!

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.

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:

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.

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 Country 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.

January Lottery Winners

- 1.18 Chad & Jen Lease (Elaine Sabo)
- 1.19 Kathryn Trumpelman (Kathryn Trumpelman)
- 1.20 Arsenia Dela Rosa (Mass)
- 1.21 Bill McDevitt (Mass)
- 1.22 Catherine Terpack (Mass)
- 1.23 Eleanor H. Grick (Bazaar)
- 1.24 Dave Leitch (Mass)

Congratulations to our Winners and thanks for their support