

# 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. Stanislaus Kostka Church, except as noted:

### Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Mary & Joseph Nedzia (Bob & Maryann Lasak)

### Sunday, February 3, 2008 at 10:30 AM

Sue Dunlap (Bob & Steffe Levenite)

2-06 6:30am Ash Wednesday Prayer Service  
2-06 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

### Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 6:30 PM

Augusta Saska (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

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

Andrew Shesko (Shesko Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)

## 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.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Alfred Shultz.

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

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

## Blessing of Throats

The Feast of Saint Blasé, bishop and martyr of the early Christian Church, brings with it the venerable custom of blessing throats through his intercession. This year, the Saint's Feast (February 3<sup>rd</sup>) falls this Sunday, inviting your individual reception of the traditional blessing at the Masses of the weekend.

## Second Collection This Weekend

The Second Collection this weekend 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, as we provide for them in their advanced age or their prohibitive ailments. Thank you for your generous response!

## A Note of Thanks

Wilbur (Bud") Adams, Chairperson of Operation Thanksgiving/Operation Christmas 2007, wishes to convey sincere appreciation for our recent support.

"It is because of people like yourselves that the poor and overlooked families of the Coatesville area had an enjoyable holiday observance, despite their personal situations." Over 400 families were provided with complete food baskets and 165 individuals with cooked, delivered meals. God love you!

## Ash Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

The Holy Season of Lent is inaugurated early this year; Ash Wednesday falls this week on February 6<sup>th</sup>. 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

## Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium

The number of requests for tickets for the Papal Mass with Pope Benedict XVI at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, April 20, 2008 was overwhelming and edifying. Unfortunately, the requests surpass the number of tickets that the Archdiocese of New York has given to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. As a result, the Philadelphia delegation will be formed from a few representatives from each of the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese that had people make ticket requests. Regrettably, this is official notification that, unless you receive parish notification, the ticket requests made through parish sign ups, mail, or the Internet are not able to be granted. We apologize for the shared disappointment. To celebrate the close of our Bicentennial Year, all are encouraged to participate locally in the Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 4 PM at Villanova University.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm – First Confession  
Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am – First Holy Communion

Mothers and fathers of our First Communion Class are requested to attend an initial Parents' Sacramental Meeting on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, in the School Hall, at which various materials and important information will be distributed. We are grateful for your participation and cooperation.

## Lenten Pierogies

Lent is traditionally Pierogie Season." Delicious pierogies will be available for sale, as the supply lasts, on Wednesdays: February 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm, in the St. Stanislaus Kostka School Hall on North Church Street. Phone orders will likewise be accepted by calling Paula at 610/384-1172 (Rectory Office). Happy eating!

## Lenten Dinner

The Coatesville Area Senior Center will be serving a Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard, 107 South 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the compassion of God, grieve your loss, and forgive yourself and others. The next Retreat will be held in Immaculata, PA, on March 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. For full information, call 215/906-6337 or 610/399-0890. All contacts are strictly confidential. The national website is [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

## Building A Culture of Life

In a special document issued in November, our bishops once again echoed the longstanding teaching of the Church that good Christians are called to be good citizens. The bishops wrote, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world." This Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, many states are holding their primaries and caucuses for the Presidential race. Let us pray that all citizens will exercise their duty to vote and that they will do so as people informed of the positions of the candidates and their parties. Also, we pray that our Catholic people will be informed of the teachings of the Faith about the responsibilities of public officials.

## **Bishop Shanahan High School CYO Basketball Shootout**

On Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, from 8:00am until ?, will host a 3 vs 3 Tournament for girls and boys in grades 7-8, and a Skills Challenge for girls and boys in grades 5-6. The cost is \$10.00 per player for the Skills Challenge and \$60.00 per team for the 3 on 3 Tournament. All participants receive a tee shirt. Registration is due by February 13, 2008. Contact your local CYO coach or e-mail Andy Parsons at [andyparsons01@gmail.com](mailto:andyparsons01@gmail.com) for details.

## **Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

The four parishes of Coatesville have recently organized a local Conference of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul. The society's goal is to serve anyone in physical and/or spiritual need within the four parishes and the City of Coatesville. We are in the process of learning the need within our community and how we can best serve those in need. We would appreciate any financial support in helping the conference in its work. We will let you know how we are progressing and share with you ways that you may be able to help us in our ministry. Most of all, we ask for your prayers for the success of our new conference. If you have a need, or know someone in need, please contact us at 484/905-2166.

## **Regional Bishop's Pastoral Visit**

On Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, we are expecting the Pastoral Visit of the Most Reverend Robert P. Maginnis, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and Regional Bishop for our Chester County Vicariate. Bishop Maginnis will be celebrating the 10:30 a.m. Mass that day, at which he will likewise be homilist. Immediately after Mass, everyone is warmly invited to attend a modest reception in the School Hall, providing Bishop Maginnis with the opportunity of meeting the parishioners of Saint Joseph Church. Please plan to join us for both Mass and the Reception.

## **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.

## **Spring Sports Sign-Ups**

On Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **BHS Fashion Show & Luncheon**

The Parents Association of Bishop Shanahan High School invite you to their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon on

**Chairperson: Beth Ann Hackmeister**

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:shanahanfashionshow@yahoo.com).

## **Women's Club News**

### **Women's Club Meeting**

Due to the Super Bowl this Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Women's Club meeting will be held immediately after the 10:30 Mass in the School Hall. Arrangements have been made to provide a sitter (Stephanie Trumpelman) and some activities for the children if you would like to bring them to the meeting. Light refreshments will be served and the meeting will be as brief as possible. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to get involved with the club.

If you have any questions about joining the club or about the various upcoming events that the Club is planning, please feel free to call me at 610/212-2927.

Susan Sandoski  
President/Treasurer

## **January Lottery Winners**

1-25 #513	M. Narducci (Steve Kocik)
1-26 #282	Ann Romanoski (Helen Reynolds)
1-27 #646	Unsold
1-28 #342	Dean Hart (Steve Kocik)
1-29 #669	Betty Pyle (Ann Cigas)
1-30 #725	Andrea Fuller (Bazaar)
1-31 #306	Kathleen Franciscus (Kathleen)

*Congratulation to our Winners and Thank You All For Your Continued Support of the Activities of the Women's Club.*