

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, February 9th, 2008 6:30 PM

Augusta Saska (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Sunday, February 10th, 2008 10:30 AM

Andrew Shesko (Shesko Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)

2-11 9am	Parishioners
2-12 9am	Helen K. Gentile (Husband Charles)
2-12 7pm	Special Intention
2-13 9am	Andrew Benkovich (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)
2-14 9am	Rose Hudock (Connie & Max Sushinski)
2-15 9am	Andrew Hamara (Richard & Barbara Reczek)
2-16 9am	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 16th, 2008 6:30 PM

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace & Family)

Sunday, February 17th, 2008 10:30 AM

Rose Michnuk (Husband William)

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, 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, Patricia McAdams, Ollie Alfaro, John Hyland and Julia Lucci.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Crosia Pachesnik.

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, February 9th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard once again on Saturday, February 16th, immediately after the Evening Mass.

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

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.

Lenten Pierogies

Lent is traditionally Pierogie Season." Delicious pierogies will be available for sale, as the supply lasts, on Wednesdays: February 13th-20th-27th, 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 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.

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 7th-8th-9th. For full information, call 215/906-6337 or 610/399-0890. All contacts are strictly confidential. The national website is www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Bishop Shanahan High School CYO Basketball Shootout

On Saturday March 1st, 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 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 17th, 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.

A Need for Additional Altar Servers

We invite the eligible boys and girls of our Parish to join the ranks of our altar servers in assisting the priest at Mass and other sacred ceremonies. Candidates should be at least 4th grade students and have received First Holy Communion. In addition, they should be reliable, reverent, careful and generous with their time. Likewise, our candidate should have a sense of the honor it is in serving at the altar, as well as have the encouragement and support of their parents. The training sessions will be conducted by Mr. Vincent Krupansky on Sundays, immediately following the 10:30 Mass, for about an hour. Interested boys and girls are asked to meet with Mr. Krupansky for the first instruction on Sunday, February 24th. To sign-up or for more information, call Father John at 610/384-0360.

CCD

Please be advised that there will be no CCD Classes on February 17th. Classes will resume on the 24th.

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.

Lectors Needed

Lectors are needed for Sunday lector assignments. Approximately (1) weekend per month and on special occasions as needed.

Please contact Elaine Sabo, Lector Coordinator, at 610/380-1951 if you are interested .

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: p.m. – First Confession
Sunday, May 4th, at 10:30 a.m. – First Holy Communion

Mothers and fathers of our First Communion Class are requested to attend an initial Parents Sacramental Meeting, on Sunday, February 17th, at 7:00 p.m., in the school hall, at which various materials and important information will be distributed. We are grateful for your participation and cooperation.

A Touch of Class Adult Programming

Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School is running a series of adult programming in the evenings. Classes include cooking, yoga, and Italian language and culture. The Italian class will begin on February 13th and continue for eight weeks. All other classes will start their new session in the beginning of March. For more information, please contact our Facility Coordinator, Terry Altschuller, at 610/384-5961, ext. 5410 or at pjp2fac@aol.com. Information is also posted on their web page www.popejohnpaul2sch.org.

Summer Community Camp

Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will be hosting a Community Summer Camp Program for all families in the community. The camp will run for ten weeks and is open to all students who will be entering K-8 in September 2008. Weekly themes, cooking, science, sports, water play and more are some of the fun and exciting activities planned. Family discounts are available. For more information and to download a registration form, please go to www.popejohnpaul12sch.org and click on the facility icon. If you have questions, please contact Terry Altschuller at 610/384-5961, ext. 5410 or at pjp2fac@aol.com.

PJPII Longaberger Basket Bingo

On March 28, 2008 Pope John Paul Regional Catholic Elementary School will host the Second Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo. Last year's bingo was a huge success and a lot of fun for everyone. As many of you know, we sold out of tickets weeks before the event. This year we are offering tickets to our school families and parishioners before advertising elsewhere. The doors will open at 6:00 PM and games start at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, which includes cards, a door prize ticket and 20 games of regular bingo. There will be special games, raffles, 50/50 and extra bingo cards for sale. Come hungry!! There will be plenty of food and drinks for sale. All baskets will be generously filled.

Contact Christine McClure at 610-942-3871 or Candy Whitehead at 610/384-0685 with any questions or to purchase tickets.

MOM – Heart of the Home Day of Renewal

Moms, are you feeling frazzled from the holidays: Do you need some peace and quiet reflection to re-charge your batteries? On Saturday, March 15th, the Chester County Chapter of MOM – Heart of the Home will offer a day of renewal at Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Moms of all ages are invited to enjoy inspirational speakers individual reflection and the company of other moms. This day will give you time to reflect on your vocation of motherhood while replenishing your spirit. Registration is \$20.00 (\$25.00 March 7-14th) and includes a boxed lunch. Download a registration form from www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events, or contact your MOM – Heart of the Home Parish Rep. Colleen Gallagher at 610/269-0304 or at colpgal@comcast.net for details.

Women's Club News

Nut Rolls and Pierogies for Sale

The Women's Club is taking pre-orders for Nut Rolls and Pierogies.

Pick-up date will be Sunday, March 16th (Palm Sunday) at 12:30 p.m. in the School Hall.

Pierogies are \$6 per dozen – frozen only – Potato and Cheese.

Nut Rolls are \$10 each. You have your choice of Nuts only, Nuts and Raisins, and Poppy Seed.

If you are interested in placing an order, please call Lisa Hillman at 610/857-1549. If there is no answer, kindly leave your name, phone number and order.

Thanks in advance for your patronage

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“America, the ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then, America, defend life.”

Pope John Paul II