

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 23rd, 6:00 PM

Joseph Arvay (Arvay Family)

Sunday, February 24th, 2008 10:30 AM

Sue Dunlap (Elana & Rebecca Kousisis)

2/25 9am	Parishioners
2/26 9am	Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
2-26 7pm	Well Being of our Military Serving in the Middle East
2-27 9am	Peace in the World, Our Neighborhood and Our Hearts
2-28 9am	All Volunteers in Service to our Parish Family
2-29 9am	All Police Officers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel in our Community
3-01 9am	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 1st, 2008 6:30 PM

Mary Sandoski (Annivesary) (Family)

Sunday, March 2, 2008 10:30 AM

Rose Michnuk (First Anniversary) (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, Julia Lucci, and Stella Grubb.

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 23rd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 2nd, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass.

On the Wednesdays of Lent (except March 12th), from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., confessions will be heard in St. Joseph Church, in compliance with the Archdiocesan Pardon and Peace Program.

On Thursday, March 13th, a Lenten Penance Service will be conducted for the five Parishes of our Cluster, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in St. Peter Church, West Brandywine Township. An ample number of priests will be available for the individual hearing of confessions.

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

Special Second Collection

The Second Collection this weekend is earmarked as the **Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. Please refer to our Cardinal-Archbishop's appeal letter reprinted in this Parish Bulletin. An appropriate envelope for your contribution may be found in the boxed set of offering envelopes issued by our Parish. If you failed to notice it, you may wish to put it to use for your gift next weekend, placing it in the regular basket collection. Thank you!

Thank You Very Much All!

What a wonderful, spirited and memorable Pastoral Visit we had with Bishop Robert Maginnis, our Regional Bishop, last Sunday! Thank you to all who participated in various ways to extend a warm welcome and the hand of friendship to the Bishop. He was genuinely grateful for our hospitality and graciousness.

Local Parish Mission

St. Cecilia Church, 99 North 6th Avenue, welcomes you to attend their Parish Mission on March 9th at 7:15 p.m. and continuing on March 10th-11th-12th at 12:15 p.m. or 7:15 p.m. The theme of the Mission is "Divine Wisdom of Sexuality," based on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. For complete information, call the Rectory at 610/384-0422. Please come!

Lenten Stations of the Cross Devotion

On Saturday mornings, immediately following the 9 o'clock Mass, the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted in the Church where the Mass was offered. Focusing on the final torturous hour of Jesus' life, this prayerful devotion lends itself well to the spirit of the Lenten Season.

Weekday Masses in Lent

Monday through Saturday, Mass is offered every morning at 9 o'clock, alternating weekly between St. Joseph Church and St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

A mid-week Evening Mass is offered on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church.

A mid-week Evening Mass is offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Operation Rice Bowl

Almsgiving has traditionally been viewed as a component of an individual's Lenten practice. All are encouraged to

participate in Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer and sacrifice on behalf of the hungry throughout our nation and our world. Appropriate materials for Operation Rice Bowl (home calendar guide, rice bowl and donation envelope) may be found on a table in the rear of the Church.

Annual Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

Our Annual Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion will be conducted on February 29th, March 1st and March 2nd, a three day period during which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for our adoration. On each day, the Exposition takes place at the conclusion of the morning Mass and continues until a 5:00 p.m. brief Prayer Service on Friday; a Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the Evening Mass on Saturday; a 4:00 p.m. Solemn Concluding Service on Sunday. Following Sunday's ceremonies, a hearty Lenten Supper of soups, bread and dessert will be served to all participants in the School Hall. "Come, keep watch with Me in prayer," Jesus beckons us during these three days. Prompted by love and gratitude, let us heed His invitation.

Lenten Day of Recollection I

St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson will host a Lenten Day of Recollection on Wednesday, March 5th. The program opens with registration at 9:00 a.m. and the first conference at 10:00 a.m. The cost of \$25.00 per person includes Lunch. Seize this opportunity for spiritual enrichment during this holy season of repentance. For full details and pre-registration, call 610/942-4166.

Lenten Day of Recollection II

The St. John Neumann Chapter, Catholics United for the Faith, is offering a Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, under the spiritual direction of Father Augustine M. Esposito, O.S.A. The day begins with Mass celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Chapel, and will include conferences, Eucharistic adoration and confession. Lunch will be served. The fee for the event is \$25.00 per person, \$15.00 per student. For reservations, please send fee to: St. John Neumann Chapter, CUF, 183 Hillcrest Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118. For more information, call 215/247-2585.

Archdiocesan Bicentennial Celebration

The entire Archdiocesan Family is invited to join Cardinal Justin Regali in celebrating the close of our Bicentennial Year at a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, April 13th, at 4:00 p.m., in The Pavilion at Villanova University. This Mass, highlighting the importance of the family, will be an opportunity for our Church to gather in thanksgiving to God for all that has been accomplished over two centuries, and to

recommit ourselves to service to God and to the Church. To sign-up to be a part of our parish delegation for this historic event, please contact the Rectory at 610/384-0360. For the convenience of our participants, we plan on providing a bus for transportation to and from The Pavilion.

Chronicle of Faith: A Conference Celebrating A 200 Year Legacy

Immaculata University will host a historical conference with paper presentations from academic scholars addressing Church History and significant contributions of the Church of Philadelphia including: Religious Orders, Nativeism, The Church in Public Policy and Philadelphia Saints. This day-long conference on April 4th opens with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., includes lunch and concludes with a Closing Session at 3:15 p.m. For complete information, please visit the website at www.immaculata.edu/chronicleoffaith.

Tuition Assistance at Bishop Shanahan High School

Tuition Assistance Applications (BLOCS and TAP) for the 2008-2009 scholastic year are now available. The deadlines for submission of these applications are March 14, 2008 (BLOCS) and April 15, 2008 (TAP). Please call Bishop Shanahan High School at 610/518-1300, ext. 6253 for copies, or pick them up in the Main Office at Shanahan.

Lourdes Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

In observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Marian Apparitions, a National Pilgrimage to Lourdes is being organized for June 29th thru July 8th by Father Joseph P. Allen of the Dominican Fathers. The pilgrimage group will be accompanied by clergy, medical staff and volunteers to assist the needs of the pilgrims. For full details, contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office 301/740-9332 or toll free at 1/877-276-7279. Visit the website at www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com. Early reservations are a must.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 .

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.

PJPPII 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.

Building A Culture of Life

“Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.” Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Women's Club News

Nut Roll Making Sessions

Friday, February 29th @ 6:00 PM

This Session will be a prep session for the nut roll session on Saturday, March 1st. We will be making the nut roll dough, grinding the nuts, making the nut mixture and setting up for the Saturday morning session. No previous experience is necessary. We are in need of large food scales for weighing the dough and fillings. If you have a scale at home that we can borrow for the night, please bring it along.

Saturday, March 1st @ 8:00 AM

This session will be the making and baking of the nut rolls. No previous experience is necessary.

Both sessions will take place in the School Hall.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Hillman @ 610/857-1549. Also to place an order for nut rolls @ \$10.00, please call the same number.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Women's Club Longaberger Basket Bingo

When: Sunday, April 27th, 2008

Time: Doors Open at 12 Noon

**Where: Pope John Paul II
Multipurpose Room**

The Women's Club will be hosting a Longaberger Basket Bingo on Sunday, April 27th. To make this event a huge success and help defray the cost, we are asking for Basket Sponsors. The cost is only \$40.

If you do not wish to sponsor a Basket, but would rather make a monetary donation, please feel free to do so. This money will be used for filling the baskets, door prizes, and other expenses.

Please make all checks payable to **Women's Club of St. Joseph's Church**, and deposit in the box in the rear of the Church, or give to Tricia Swinty, Susan Sandoski, or Maria Scarfo.

More information about the Basket Bingo to come at a later date. So, please mark your calendars.