

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 follows:

Saturday, March 1st, 2008 6:30 PM

Mary Sandoski (Annivesary) (Family)

Sunday, March 2, 2008 10:30 AM

Rose Michnuk (First Anniversary) (Husband William)

Tuesday, March 4th, 7:00 PM

Josephine D'Innocenzo (Michele & A.J. Turbin)

Saturday, March 8th, 2008 6:30 PM

Michael & Mary Shesko (Daughter-in-Law Laura Shesko)

Sunday, March 9th, 2008 10:30 AM

Mary & Pete Michinok (Richard & Maryanne Michinok)

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Marie Reali, Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Joanne Krupansky, 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.

Among the Deceased, we remember Bertha Amole.

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, March 2nd, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 8th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening 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.

Celebration of First Penance (Confession)

The boys and girls of our First Communion Class are requested to gather at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6th, in the Parish Church, for the Celebration of First Penance (Confession). Parents and other family members, too, are welcome to participate on this blessed occasion of Jesus' forgiveness.

Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Masses for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, with Cardinal Justin Rigali as Celebrant, will be held on Sunday, May 4th, in the Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia. Couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage from Chester County, as well as couples celebrating 25 or more years of marriage from all counties are invited to attend the 2:30 p.m. Mass. It is a celebration of the gift of God's blessing on the couples and their generous response to the universal call to holiness. Do come and enjoy this beautiful, prayerful witness to married love and family life.

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 concludes this Sunday, March 2nd, with a Solemn Service at 4:00 p.m., comprised of prayer, sacred scripture, song, procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Following this ceremony, a hearty Lenten Supper of salad, soups, bread and dessert will be served to all participants in the school Hall. Prompted by love and gratitude, let us adore the Christ of the Holy Eucharist. Please join us at His table.

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.

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

A training session for new altar servers will be conducted immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, March 9th, for about an hour. Those boys and girls are asked to gather in the front pews after Mass where either Father Oulds or Mr. Krupansky will meet them. Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm.

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.

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

Reminder

Pre-ordered Nut Rolls and Pierogies need to be picked up after Mass on Palm Sunday, March 16th in the School Hall.

If you have not placed your orders at yet, you can still do so by calling Lisa Hillman at 610-857-1549 or Susan Sandoski at 610/212-2927.

Lenten Supper

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend the Lenten Supper, sponsored by the Women’s Club following our Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion this Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Susan Sandoski, President/Treasurer.

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.