

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, 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)

3-10 9am	Suzanne Dunlap (Birthday) (Andy Levenite)
3-11 9am	Helen K. Gentile (Husband Charles)
7pm	Charles Kopanski (Todd & Shelli Hamilton)
3-12 9am	Julia Budzik (Steffe & Bob Levenite)
3-13 9am	Joseph & Anna Hasiber (Father Joe)
3-14 9am	Andrew Benkovich (Nathan & Matthew DeLuca)
3-15 9am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:30 am	Parish Stations of the Cross Devotion

Saturday, March 15th, 2008 6:30 PM

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace & Family)

Sunday, March 16th, 2008 10:30 AM

Deceased Members of the Orsag, Saska, & Hamilton Families
(Bob & Ann Hamilton Family)

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Marie Reali, Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Joanne Krupansky, Joseph Yankech, III, Joseph Salada, Joseph Dougherty, 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, Andrew Cigas and Stella Grubb.

Among the Deceased, we remember Father Joseph Denny, Steffie Levenite, Daniel Kimes and Helen Collins.

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, March 8th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 16th, from 9:45 to 10:30 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.

Mass on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, March 16th

Next Sunday, March 16th, our Solemn Palm Sunday Mass of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated at 10:45 a.m., fifteen minutes later than the usual time, to allow for Father John's participation after his completing a similar Liturgy at our neighboring twin church. Please remember this time adjustment.

In current years, we have always counted on our school-aged children of our Parish to participate in the Procession of Palms which is part of next Sunday's Solemn Mass, thus adding to this festive celebration. Prior to this Mass our children are requested to meet with either Mrs. Hoopes or Mrs. Hackmeister no later than 10:25 a.m. in the rear of church. There they will receive instructions on their role in the procession. All our youngsters are welcome to honor Jesus, the King of Glory.

Archdiocesan Boychoir

The Archdiocesan Boychoir of Philadelphia will be presenting a "PALM SUNDAY CONCERT" featuring sacred Holy Week Music and an Easter play from the 12th century "The visit to the Sepulcher" on Sunday, March 16th, 2008 at 3:00 PM at the Villanova University, St. Mary Chapel at 800 Lancaster Avenue in Villanova, PA.

Tickets - Adults \$15.00, Seniors \$13.00 and Students \$10.00. This program is recommended for children over 6 years of age.

Three members of the Boychoir are from our own St. Joseph Parish.

Call 215/957-6048 for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Visit the website at www.archboychoir.org and sample the music.

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 7:00 p.m. and continuing on March 10th-11th-12th at 12:15 p.m. or 7:00 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.

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.

Bishop Shanahan High School

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown announces that registration is now open for those students entering 9th Grade

in September 2008. For more information, please call Mrs. Carol Dale at 610-343-6206.

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 this 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.

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.

Choir Practice

There will be no practice for the Children's choir this Monday, 3/10 or Holy Week 3/17. The adult choir will have practice on Monday at 7:00 PM and again on Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Susan Sandoski
Choir Director
610-212-2927

Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday, March 21st, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to participate in the enactment of the Stations of the Cross on the grounds of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood. Especially are the young adults and high school students encouraged to be part of this solemn devotion of prayer and reflection. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Words of Life

In addressing these issues of life over the past four decades, the Catholic Bishops of the United States have not-repeat, not-made "sectarian arguments". The bishops have made moral arguments that can be known by anyone willing to think through the first principles of justice. It is worse than a tragedy, it is a scandal, that too many of our fellow-citizens, including our Catholic fellow-citizens, seem not to have grasped these first principles of Justice or have turned their backs on them.

-Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, Oct. 1, 2007 Installation
Mass. Baltimore, Md.

PJPII Longaberger Basket Bingo

The Home & School Association of Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School are pleased to announce that their March 28th Longaberger Basket Bingo is completely sold out. Tickets for this popular fundraiser are no longer available, thanks to the kind and prompt response of so many patrons. Thank you!

Local Living Stations

The Living Stations of the Cross, a dramatic, prayerful presentation of the traditional Lenten Devotion, will be conducted by the Life Teen Group of our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17th Avenue. The program will be presented at 7:30 p.m., on Friday March 14th. All are invited to attend.

Women's Club News

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.

May 2008 Lottery

The Women's Club will again be running a monthly Lottery during the month of May.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be distributed shortly.

Beth Ann Hackmeister
Chairperson