

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.

The 9:00 a.m. Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

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)

Tuesday, March 18th – 7:00 PM

John Sarnak (Mary Benkovich)

Special Schedule throughout the Paschal Triduum as noted elsewhere in this Parish Bulletin.

Saturday, March 22nd, 2008 7:30 PM

Parishioners

Sunday, March 23rd, 2008 10:30 AM

Mary Shesko

(Shesko Family: Children, Grandchildren
and Great Grandchildren)

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 William Stanton.

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 16th, from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m., prior to the morning Mass.

Please see the announcement, "Opportunities for Confession" appearing elsewhere in this bulletin, for the numerous times of confession on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week.

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

Special Seasonal Collections

Please remember the world's destitute, starving people during these closing days of the Lenten Season. Give to the Operation Rice Bowl Campaign. Donations received are entrusted to Catholic Relief Services specifically for securing food items. Your gift may be placed in the collection basket at Mass, using an envelope directed to the Rice Bowl Campaign. Thank you for your compassion.

Traditionally, the collection taken at the Good Friday Services is placed into the capable hands of the Franciscan Friars to support their work of caring for the many sacred Shrines

located in the Holy Land (Palestine and Israel). In addition, Friars have developed a compassionate outreach to the needy people of that war-weary part of the world. As your means allow, please contribute to the Good Friday Appeal. God love you!

Easter Collection

May we count on your generous support of St. Joseph Church this Easter? As at Christmas, the Easter Collection is an important financial appeal to meet our operational expenses and other monetary obligations. Just as you are faced with rising costs in these economic times, your Parish, too, is dealing with the same issues. Be assured that your generosity to this year's Easter Collection would be deeply appreciated. God bless you for your kindness!

Children's Easter Baskets Blessing

At the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, March 23rd, we invite the children of the Parish to bring their Easter baskets to the altar for a special blessing in honor of the Lord's Resurrection. As in the past, a little sweet treat will find its way into each basket, for sure!

Archdiocesan Boychoir

The Archdiocesan Boychoir of Philadelphia will be presenting a "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.

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.

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.

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.

Parking will be at Saint Joseph's University (entrance to parking lot is on 54th Street, below City Avenue.)

Shuttle buses will be available for transportation to/from the Seminary beginning at 6:30 PM (No parking will be available on the Seminary grounds.)

Candles will be provided at the Seminary (suggested offering - \$2.00 per candle/protector).

If you are planning to attend, please call Kathy Kelley at 215/965-8280 with the number expected to participate (for planning purposes).

Words of Life

No one has to have an abortion. To all of those in crisis pregnancies, I pledge our support and our financial help. Come to the Catholic Church. Let us walk with you through your time of trouble. Let us help you affirm life. Let us help you find a new life with your child, or let us help you place that child in a loving home. But please, I beg you: let us help you affirm life.

- Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien
- October 1, 2007 Installation Mass
- Baltimore, Maryland

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!

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