

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 daily 9:00 a.m. Masses of this coming week will be offered in St. Joseph Church.

Saturday, March 22nd, 2008 7:30 PM

Parishioners

Sunday, March 23rd, 2008 10:30 AM

Mary Shesko

(Shesko Family: Children, Grandchildren
and Great Grandchildren

Mon. 3/24	Suzanne Dunlap (Pape Kousisis)
Tues. 3/25	Andrew Benkovich (Joshus & Adrianna Gordon)
Wed. 3/26	Michael & Rose Kozecheson (Ted & Joanne McLaughlin)
Thurs. 3/27	Alfred Schultz (Ann & Bob Hamilton)
Fri. 3/28	George & Vera Lahm (Branson Family)
Sat. 3/29	Donors to the Easter Flowers and Decorations Fund

Saturday, March 29th, 2008 6:30 PM

For God's Blessings upon Joseph & Karen Ramos on the Occasion of their Tenth Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, March 30th, 2008 10:30 AM

Robert Watterson, Sr.
(Georgiana & Bob Watterson)

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.

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

Next weekend, March 29th-30th, confessions will be heard on Sunday, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the morning Mass. .

As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Easter Greetings

Father John Hagen, O.S.A., Father Joseph Hasieber, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Comboni Missionary Sisters join with Father John Oulds in wishing you and your loved ones much peace and hope, every grace and blessing from the risen Savior. May all be caught up in the wondrous joy that marks the Day of Jesus' resurrection. Hold fast to that unflinching love by which every one of our woeful crosses becomes as an unfading crown. **Happy Easter**

Blessing of Homes During Eastertime

O God of Easter glory, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death; by rising from the tomb to new life He gives us new hope and promise. Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the Paschal Lamb, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Practice for New Altar Servers

New altar servers are reminded that Mr. Vincent Krupansky will be conducting practice for new altar servers next Sunday, March 30th, for about an hour immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We are grateful for the interest and enthusiasm that our candidates have displayed thus far, and hope they will persevere in this period of training.

Archdiocesan Observance of Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday, March 30th, at 3:00 p.m., Cardinal Justin Rigali will offer a Concelebrated Mass in the Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia, in observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. All of the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to participate. Prior to the Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be conducted beginning at 12:00 noon; confessions will be heard from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; the chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at 2:30 p.m.; Eucharistic Benediction will take place at 2:50 p.m. On that day, the collective prayer will arise: "Jesus, I trust in You."

Marriage Protection Amendment Correction

We recently ran a bulletin announcement about the Pennsylvania Marriage Protection Amendment that contained an error. We had been provided with an incorrect web address. Now more than ever, the marriage protection effort needs your help. Senate Bill 1250 goes before the Senate Judiciary Committee in March. Your state representative and state senator need to hear from you that marriage makes a difference. Log on to www.pacatholic.org to send a message telling your legislators to support the marriage amendment, and to explore www.PA4marriage.org for more ideas about how you can get involved in the effort to protect and preserve marriage.

PJPII PACES Walk-a-Thon

The 6th Annual PACES Walk-A-Thon will be held on Sunday, April 20th, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown. Last year was a great success, with over \$40,000.00 being raised for our beautiful new Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. Please check out our awesome website; www.paceswalkathon.com

for information on how to sponsor a student, how to volunteer your time at the Walk, and how to donate prizes or baked goods. There are also opportunities for advertising your business and becoming a member of the "Grand" Parent Club. Feel free to contact Candy Whitehead at 610/384-0685 for more information.

PJPII Cheerleading Tryouts

Those girls who are entering grades 5 through 8 for the school year 2008-09 and are interested in tryouts for Cheerleading at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School are asked to report to the school's gym, along with a parent (this is mandatory), on Saturday, April 12th, at 9:00 a.m. There will be practice for tryouts on April 12th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and on April 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Junior Varsity tryouts will be conducted on April 14th and Varsity tryouts on April 15th from 3:00 to 5:00 a.m. on both days. Candidates must be enrolled in Pope John Paul Regional Catholic Elementary School or in the RREP/CCD Program. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Ellen Doyle at 610/384-6248.

BSHS 50th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing to commemorate fifty years of Catholic secondary education in Chester County at the Bishop Shanahan High School Golden Anniversary Celebration Gala and Silent Auction on April 26th, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Ticket price is \$100.00 per guest. Black tie is optional. For reservations, kindly contact the High School at 610/343-6238.

Local Spaghetti Dinner

A delicious Spaghetti Dinner will be hosted by the Coatesville Area Senior Center on April 2nd, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 107 South 17th Avenue. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance; \$10.00 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the activities of the Senior Center.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is another way by which we are truly Easter people! As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box (soon to be installed), know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy. If you know someone in need of assistance, please contact our Helpline at 484/905-2133. Thank you!

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.

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

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

