

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. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

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)

Saturday, April 5th, 2008 6:30 PM

Robert Watterson (Georgianne & Bob Watterson)

Sunday, April 6th, 2008 10:30 AM

Sue Dunlap (Senior Choir)

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 recently Deceased, we remember John T. Murphy.

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 30th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 5th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass.

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

A Word of Appreciation

Words alone are insufficient in conveying our sincere appreciation to all, young and old, who contributed their time and talent, enthusiasm and energy into fashioning a beautiful, enriching experience of Holy Week and Easter in our Parish. The music, the decorations and the various ministries, together with the participation of our parishioners and guests, made for a joyous, uplifting celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. To everyone involved, thank you very much!

Practice for New Altar Servers

New altar servers are reminded that Mr. Vincent Krupansky will be conducting practice for new altar servers this 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.

Vigil for Life

Join Father Hans Brouwers as a Volunteer Helper of God's Precious Infants in a Vigil for Life on Saturday, April 5th, 2008 at St. Agnes Church, West Chester. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., followed by a Rosary Pilgrimage to the local Planned Parenthood facility. For more information, kindly contact Jack & Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

Day of Prayer and Remembrance

The Terri Schindler Schiavo Foundation, in collaboration with Priests for Life, announces the "International Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Terri Schindler Schiavo and All of Our Vulnerable Brothers and Sisters," which will be annually observed on March 31st, the anniversary of her death.

In keeping with this observance, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated in St., Anastasia Church, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, on Monday, March 31st, at 8:00 p.m. The Rosary will be recited at 7:45 p.m. For more information, please call Jo Christof at 610/942-3571.

Words of Life

The right to life is the greatest civil rights issue of our time. This is the issue that will determine whether America remains a hospitable society – committed to caring for women in crisis and their unborn children, committed to caring for those with special needs, committed to caring for the elderly and the dying – or whether America betrays our heritage and the truths on which its Founders staked their claim to independence.

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

Archdiocesan Observance of Divine Mercy Sunday

This 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."

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.

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.

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.

Save the Date" Newlywed Retreat at Malvern by the Family Life Office

The Family Life Office is hosting a Newlywed Retreat (for couples who have been married from approximately 0.5 to 7 years), titled "Experiencing Christ's Love Through Your Spouse," from 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 27, to noon on Sunday, June 29, 2008. It will be at the Family Life Center at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA (see <http://www.malvernretreat.com/directions.htm> for directions). This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with your spouse in a meaningful and prayerful way, while being encouraged and strengthened for the rest of your life's journey together in the vocation of marriage. Cost is \$350, which includes comfortable and air-conditioned lodging, all meals, excellent talks, and plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful and peaceful Malvern Retreat House grounds. For more information and/or to register, please call 215/587-3516 or e-mail tseyfer@adphilia.org.

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 are available by contacting Beth Ann Hackmeister at 610/380-3505 or Ann Cigas at 610-384-2955. If you are able to sell tickets for us, please contact Beth Ann.

Payouts are \$100 on May 1st and \$50 daily.

Thank you in advance for your support of this current fundraiser

Beth Ann Hackmeister
Chairpers Save the Date: Newlywed Retreat at Malvern by the Family Life Office