

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, April 5th, 2008 6:30 PM

Robert Watterson (Georgianne & Bob Watterson)

Sunday, April 6th, 2008 10:30 AM

Sue Dunlap (Senior Choir)

Monday, April 7th 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Tuesday, April 8th 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

In Thanksgiving for the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese

Wednesday, April 9th 2008 – 8:30 a.m.

Marshall & Jenny Esworthy (John Mihalik)

Thursday, April 10th 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

Rica Wasco (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)

Friday, April 11th 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 12th 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

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Saturday, April 12th, 2008 6:30 p.m.

Rose Michnuk (Steve Michnuk)

Sunday, April 13th, 2008 – 10:30 a.m.

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace and 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, Michael Hennessy 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

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 5th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 13th, from 9:45 to 10:15 p.m., prior to the Morning Mass.

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

Archdiocesan Bicentennial Celebration

Those who have signed-up to represent our Parish at the historic Archdiocesan Bicentennial Mass of Thanksgiving in Villanova University's Pavilion next Sunday, April 13th, will be contacted by Father John with full details concerning times, bus transportation and other points of information. We are truly grateful to the members of our delegation for their loyalty and enthusiasm in having St. Joseph Church take a place at this glorious, singular event.

Golden Congratulations to Sister Helen!

This Saturday, April 5th, marks the festive celebration of the Fifty Anniversary of Sister Helen Loretta McAdams as Sister, Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sister Helen has been a true blessing to us as the accomplished Principal of Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, which replaced the former consolidated Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School, of which Sister Helen was also principal in its concluding days. Through years of challenge in fashioning a dream into reality, Sister Helen has been enthusiastically engaged with us in bringing about our outstanding regional school. As a mother is the heart of her

family, Sister Helen clearly fulfills a similar role for the school community, especially the children. We are most grateful that, by God's Providence, Sister Helen Loretta is among us with the zeal, dedication and perseverance that are hallmarks of her commitment to the Lord and His Church. Happy Golden Jubilee, Sister! God love you! Sincerest congratulations from us all!

Clothing Drive

The society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 80 South 17th Avenue, on Saturday and Sunday, May 17th-18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to conduct a Clothing Drive. They will be accepting donations of usable men's women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods: beds and bath linens, pots and pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys, books and small appliances in good working order. You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the Church parking lot. Tax receipts are available upon request. The Society also offers pick-up service for furniture, large appliances and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215-288-8160. Thank you for helping us help others.

Sacred Heart Elementary All School Reunion

Calling all former students, grades 1-8, from Sacred Heart Elementary School in Clifton Heights! If you would be interested in having your name put on an information list about a possible reunion, call the Rectory at 610-623-0409 during regular business hours or email shc316@aol.com with your name, address and phone number. If a good response is forthcoming for this reunion, it would be a great way to celebrate the Parish's upcoming 100th Anniversary. Let others know about these reunion plans. Visit the website: sacredheart-cliftonheights.net.

28th Annual CCR Conference

Join others of like heart from the Archdiocese for the Annual Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference to be held on Saturday, April 19th, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia. It will be a special day of dynamic teachings from internationally known speakers: Father Bruce Neili, C.S.P. and Maria Vadia. Also featured are Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation and a Healing Service. Ticket price of \$50.00 includes all sessions, breakfast and lunch. Your advance registration is required. For more information, kindly call 215-535-2962, ext. 424 or email: phillyspirit@smt.org.

Attention, Prayerful Single Men!

The famous Gethsemani Trappist Abbey in Trappist, Kentucky (home of the late Thomas Merton) will be hosting free live-in Vocational Retreats on May 9th-16th, June 2nd-9th,

June 9th-16th and July 4th-11th. Weekend dates are also available. Work and pray with the monks on their 2000 acre farm, and hear the vocational talks. For additional dates and information, call toll free 1-800-221-1807.

By Special Engagement

You are invited to the Spring Conference being given by Father Benedict Groeschel, popular EWTN speaker, on Saturday, April 26th, at 7:30 p.m., and on the following day at 9:00 a.m. (within Mass). These twin events are being hosted by Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 East Main Street, Birdsboro, PA. To register, please call 610-582-3333. Or email: olme@olme.org.

MS Walk at West Goshen Park

The MS walk will take place on April 27, 2008 at West Goshen Park. Our fight to find a cure for this dreaded disease continues for Christine and all who have the misfortune of having this disease. Our hope is that through these walks and the collection of much needed funds, a cure can be found. That is my prayer constantly. If anyone wishes to make a contribution they may give it to Christine Claypoole, Mary Frances Johnson or you may contribute on line at www.nationalMSsociety.org. We are listed under the "Shesko Family" and please mention Christine's name so that you will be honoring her while making your contribution. All contributions are welcomed and appreciated but your prayers mean more. Thank you to all!!! Sincerely, Mary Frances Johnson

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.

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.

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
Chairperson Save the Date: Newlywed Retreat at Malvern by the Family Life Office