

# 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 Church.

### Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Rose Michinuk ( Steve Michinuk)

### Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – 10:30 A.M.

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace & Family)

### Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Andrew Benkovich (Joseph & Andrea Verguildi)

### Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – 10:30 A.M.

Andrew Cigas (Richard & Barbara Reczek)

## 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, Michael Hennessy, Stella Grubb and Richard Michinok.

Among the recently deceased, we remember Andrew F. Cigas.

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, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass.

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

## Archdiocesan Bicentennial Celebration

Our parish's participants in this Sunday's (April 13<sup>th</sup>) historic Archdiocesan Bicentennial Mass of Thanksgiving on the Villanova University campus are reminded that our chartered bus will be picking them up in front of either West End Church at 2:00 p.m. sharp. 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.

## Praised be Jesus Christ Now and Forever

We ask you, Father, to send your Holy Spirit to make us ever more faithful witnesses to Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord.

Through the example and intercession of His Mother Mary and our own patrons, Saint John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel, may the Church of Philadelphia be strengthened in holiness so as to walk in the light of faith and in the communion of love.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Welcome, Holy Father!

This week our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI arrives in the United States for a five day pastoral visit, which includes events in Washington, D.C. and New York City. It is his first visit to our country since becoming Pope, and with it he joins the ranks of Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II as Vicars of Christ to touch American soil. To enhance your awareness of this most special occasion, we have attached a special trifold to the weekly Parish Bulletin, highlighting the day to day papal happenings from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to it as the week progresses, and pray that our Holy Father is welcome received as a Witness to Hope and Teacher of Truth.

## Choir Practice

This Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, choir practice will resume for both the adult and the children's choir. Children's choir will begin at 6:45, with the adults starting immediately after the children at 7:30. There are only 3 weeks for the adult choir to prepare for First Holy Communion, so please make every effort to attend practice. Susan Sandoski, Choir Director.

## Help Needed for RREP Special Needs Class

The RREP (Regional Religious Education Program) class for children with special needs is in need of a teacher for next school year. The class currently has three students, and all students attend with their own aide (frequently, the aide is a parent). You do not need to be a special education teacher. If you have a love of these children, this may be the ministry for you! Please call the RREP Office at 610/384-3145 for more information. It would be great to have those interested visit the class at the Pope John Paul II School this spring!

## Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you to experience the compassion of God, grieve your loss and forgive yourself and others. Held in Immaculata, PA, the next Retreat is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Call 215/906-6337 or 610/399-0809 for details. All contacts are confidential. Visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

## Clothing Drive

The society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 80 South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on Saturday and Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Let others know about these reunion plans. Visit the website: [sacredheart-cliftonheights.net](http://sacredheart-cliftonheights.net).

## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual CCR Conference

Join others of like heart from the Archdiocese for the Annual Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference to be held on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> Annual PACES Walk-A-Thon will be held on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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.

### **BSHS 50<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **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](mailto:tseyfer@adphilia.org).

## **Women's Club News**

### **Women's Club Longaberger Basket Bingo**

**When: Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Time: Doors Open at 12 Noon**

**Where: Pope John Paul II Multipurpose Room**

### **Women's Club Meeting**

We are still looking for sponsors or donations to fill the baskets. If you have volunteered to sponsor a basket (cost \$40), or would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to the Women's Club of St. Joseph and submit them to either Trish Swinty or Susan Sandoski. If instead you would like to donate items to fill the baskets, or donate a gift card (any amount above \$10), we would need all items by April 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we would be extremely grateful to any businesses that can offer discounts and/or free services for the event. Contact Bill Swinty at 610/383-1615.

Tickets for the Longaberger Basket Bingo will be available for sale after Mass in the following weeks, or can be purchased by calling Trish Swinty (610/383-1615) or Susan Sandoski (610/383-5768).

We will also be selling tickets for the May Lottery. Tickets are \$5.00 to play for the month of May and are based on the daily PA nightly lottery number with a minimum payout of \$50.

Thank you in advance for your support of this current fundraiser