

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.

AMusic 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 19th, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Andrew Benkovich (Joseph & Andrea Verguildi)

Sunday, April 20th, 2008 – 10:30 A.M.

Andrew Cigas (Richard & Barbara Reczek)

Monday, April 21st, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners of St. Joseph Church)

Tuesday, April 22nd, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners of St. Joseph Church)

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners of St. Joseph Church)

Thursday, April 24th, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners of St. Joseph Church)

Friday, April 25th, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners of St. Joseph Church)

Saturday, April 26th, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

(Parishioners of St. Joseph Church)

Saturday, April 26th, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Andrew Benkovich (Maryanne & Frank Rever)

Sunday, April 27th, 2008 – 10:30 A.M.

August & Helen Horenci (Bob & Steffe Levenite)

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 Henrietta Torma.

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 19th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 27th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass.

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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Initiated in 1998, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal is dedicated to strengthening the Church across our nation. It supports fellow Catholics in rugged mission areas such as Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain States, the dusty Southwest, Puerto Rico and island dioceses in the Pacific and Caribbean. Your generous support of this appeal is sincerely appreciated, as it will be to the benefit of the Church's presence and work in these Home Mission areas. The Second Collection on the weekend of April 26th-27th is earmarked as the Catholic Home Missions Appeal of 2008.

PJP II Paces Walk-a-Thon

Come out this Sunday, April 20th, for fun and excitement, to the 6th Annual PACES Walk-A-Thon to be held from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., on the campus of Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown. Proceeds will benefit our beautiful, new Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. Please check out our awesome website: www.paceswalkathon.com for more information.

Laying Out Our Side of the Case

A few weekends ago, your attention might have been drawn to a front page article in the *Daily Local News* that dealt with a waiver request of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia concerning roll back taxes for the property on Route 82. We are very grateful to Father Michael Fitzpatrick for his making available to us an understandable presentation of the Archdiocese's side of the case, which he composed and distributed to his parishioners at St. Peter Church. It appears as an attachment in our Parish Bulletin this weekend.

Archdiocesan Bicentennial Choir

At the Solemn Concelebrated Mass concluding the Archdiocesan Bicentennial Year last Sunday (April 13th), a nearly 400 voice choir provided a richness to the celebration by their beautiful, spirited music. Among these talented vocalists were six of our parish choir members, whom we proudly acknowledge: Andrea Levenite, Heidi Harbach, Maria Scarfo, William Hackmeister, Paul Harbach and William McDevitt. Congratulations to our St. Joseph songsters, whose musical efforts contributed mightily to the success of this memorable experience!

Summer Course Offerings at the Seminary

The Religious Studies Division of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, announces its Summer 2008 course offerings and Catechetical Institute. There is something for everyone at the Seminary, hosting classes in the Catholic faith at all levels of education, from catechesis to graduate. For complete information, call 610/785-6287 or visit the website: www.scs.edu. Please apply by June 1st.

Vocation Discernment Gatherings

The Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood sponsors regular monthly gatherings to pray, discuss and explore the priestly call of Christ. These gatherings are conducted on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month (concluding in May) at 7:00 p.m. in the Archdiocesan Building, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, Room 1301. For more information and to register, please contact Father Christopher Rogers at 610/667-5778 or email: fcrogers@adphila.org. Visit the web page: www.heedthecall.org for a full presentation.

Catholic Cruise to the Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a seven night Catholic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Victor Chaupetta, M.S., September 6th-14th, on the Carnival Miracle out of New York City. Ports of Call include San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, USVI, Tortola, BVI. Prices begin at \$1,366.86 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50.00 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860/399-7776 or, after house and weekends, contact Terri at 704-888-6050.

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 16th-17th-18th. Call 215/906-6337 or 610/399-0809 for details. All contacts are confidential. Visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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.

CCD

Volunteers for CCD are needed for next year. If you can help out in any way, please call Leslie Hoopes, at 610/857-4224.

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

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.

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.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, Troop 4475 and Troop 4708 would like to volunteer to do gardening and yard clean up work for any elderly parishioners that would be in need of some help. If you would like their help, please call Leslie Hoopes at 610/857-4224.

Words of Life

"The new frontiers reached in bioethics do not require us to choose between science and morality. Rather, they oblige us to a moral use of science."

- Pope Benedict XVI on January 7, 2008

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

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 14th. 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