

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.

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 held at St. Joseph Church.

Saturday, December 27th, 2008 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas (The Arthur Hoopes Family)

Sunday, December 28th, 2008 10:30 AM

Marie Reali (Maria Scarfo)

12/29 9:00 am Julian Saska (Todd & Shelli Hamilton)
12/30 9:00 am Andrew F. Cigas (JP II School Community)
12/31 9:00 am Parishioners
12/31 **6:30 pm** Pauline Howell (Elana & Rebecca Kousisis)
01/01 **10:30 am** Henrietta Torma (Arvay Family)
01/02 9:00 am Andrew Kovalovich (Brother Joseph Kovalovich)
01/03 9:00 am Parishioners

Saturday, January 3rd, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew F. Cigas (Mrs. Agnes Sushinski)

Sunday, January 4th, 2009 10:30 AM

Pauline Howell (Mary & Ray Sieracki)

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Joseph Yankech III, Joseph Salada, Joseph Dougherty, Robert Hrachko, Mike Sullivan, Mimi Sushinski, Peter Michalski, Margaret Florian, Millie Harvey, Sheila Van Zanten, James Allen, Father Arthur Szela, Ron Bannister, Brenda McDonald, Dorothy Puza, William O'Hop, Patricia McAdams, Ollie Alfaro, Julia Lucci, Stella Grubb, Brian Babcock, Sandra Reczek, Michael Harlow, Marie McBride, Father Francis Mulranen, Jim Davis, Kathy Popovich, Stephanie Roman, John Dudas, Priscilla Marshman, Laura Shesko, Helen Yankech and Barbara Hughes.

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 hands.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, December 27th, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 4th from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

New Year's 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 to extend to all parishioners best wishes for a happy, healthy and grace-filled New Year 2009. May Christ Jesus, who was born into time, raise His hands in benediction upon us all, His brothers and sisters, the objects of His love.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: January 1st



Falling on a Thursday this season, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is observed as a holy day of obligation on January 1st, 2009. For this Marian feast, Masses will be celebrated on New Year's Eve at 5:00 pm in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church, and at 6:30 pm, in Saint Joseph Church. On New Year's Day, Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church, and at 10:30 am in Saint Joseph Church.

Advent Giving Tree Donations



This Advent presented us with one of the most generous responses in the eleven year history of the Giving Tree. The Comboni Missionary Sisters and the needy to whom the Sisters distributed your practical gifts, wish to express their deepest appreciation for this display of compassion and kindness. Through our donors' charity, many less fortunate than ourselves are enjoying a bright, wondrous Christmas Season. Got love you!

Mass for Homeschooling Families

On Monday, January 12th, at 1:30 pm, His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali, is scheduled to celebrate Mass in the Immaculate Conception Chapel for Homeschooling Families on the campus of Saint Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood. All are welcome to attend. Come and participate in the celebration of this vocation. For additional information, please contact Peter Vink at 610/942-4286.

Day of Eucharistic Adoration for Priestly Vocations

Our Cardinal-Archbishop has designated Monday, January 12th, as an Archdiocesan Day of Eucharistic Adoration for an increase in priestly vocations. We are requested to be united in prayer before the Christ of the Blessed Sacrament for more young men to respond generously and courageously to the call to the holy priesthood. On that day, Eucharistic Adoration will be conducted immediately following the 9:00 am Mass in Saint Joseph Church, and continue until a concluding Holy Hour at 7:00 pm. The congregations of both West End Parishes are urged to participate in this joint spiritual event of such urgent significance to the well-being of our Archdiocese.

Special Programs at Bishop Shanahan High School



Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, and Dr. Richard Fuller together offer the most comprehensive 35-hour training experience in a PSAT/SAT program in our area, with a student ratio of 8:1 in math. Classes begin January 21st, 2009. Also, future summer programs will include: Algebra I Enrichment Program (grades 5 – 9); "Critical Thinking and Study Skills" Program (grades 8 – 12); and a PSAT/SAT Program (with a student teacher ratio of 8:1). Summer classes start June 15th, 2009. For more information, call Dr. Fuller at 610/275-9660 or BSHS at 610/518-1300.

Registration at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic



Sister Helen Loretta, I.H.M., our Principal, announces the following information regarding student registration for enrollment at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, Academic Year 2009-2010:

- Registration will be held in the multi-purpose room, from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon on February 3rd, 2009.
- To enter Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by September 1st, 2009.
- To enter First Grade, a child must be 6 years old by September 1st, 2009.
- An original birth certificate must be submitted.
- An authenticated certificate of Baptism must be submitted.
- Immunization records are necessary at the time of registration.
- Catholic families must present a letter from their proper Pastor verifying parish membership before a child is registered.
- There is a \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee.

PJPII will accept registrations from parishioners who have students in the public school district currently in Grades 1 – 6, depending on the availability of space. This registration will be done on the registration day in February.

School Open House



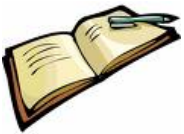
All parents with pre-school children are invited to an Open House at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, West Brandywine, on January 22nd, 2009, from 8:30 to 11:00 am. We will be happy to have you visit our little ones in the classrooms, and answer any questions you may have about our school.

Volunteer English Program



The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a three-session, nine-hour training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a Second Language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be held at Keshet Israel Congregation, 1000 Pottstown Pike, West Chester, on Thursday, January 22nd; Monday, January 26th; Thursday, January 29th; (with Monday, February 2nd as a snow date), from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. For more information about this rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222 or visit www.volunteerenglish.org.

Touch of Class Program



Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School is once again offering adult programming. Relax and take some time for yourself! All classes are open to the public, so bring a friend. Application forms are available on the web page at www.popejohnpaul2sch.org. Many classes are run in conjunction with the RREP Program. Why not join us while your children are at RREP?

- Men's Basketball on Sunday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Cooking Class on Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Spanish Language on Tuesday, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Italian Language and Culture on Wednesday, 6:45 – 7:45 pm
- Yoga on Wednesday, 6:45 – 7:45 pm

For additional information, contact Terry Altschuler at 610/384-5961, ext 5410.

Vocation Discernment

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, cordially invites young men (high school age and up) to An Evening for Young Men on Friday, January 16th from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. The evening will include a premiere showing of a video on the priesthood in Philadelphia, a candlelight procession, a Holy Hour with Bishop Daniel Thomas, and refreshments. For more information and to reserve your place, please contact the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood at 610/667-5778.

Religious Studies Program



Take a class at St. Charles Seminary! The Religious Studies Division announces its Spring 2009 course schedule. Registrations for the Catechetical Institute non-credit adult catechesis classes, undergraduate courses, and applications for the Master of Arts program are now being accepted. To register, go to www.scs.edu and click on Religious Studies – Register for Classes. Spring semester begins January 20th.