

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. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, January 17th, 2009 6:30 PM

Julian Saska (The Saska Family)

Sunday, January 18th, 2009 10:30 AM

George & Blanche Mruskovic (Bob & Georgiann Watterson)

Saturday, January 24th, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew F. Cigas (Rose Marie & Melvin Neff)

Sunday, January 25th, 2009 10:30 AM

Joseph Wasko (Wife & Children)

Finance Committee Meeting

Please note that there is a Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call Ann Cigas at 610/384-2955 if you are unable to attend.

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, 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, Barbara Hughes and Devin Doyle.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Margaret Florian.

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 Sunday, January 18th from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 24th from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

A Request for Help for Families in Need



St. Agnes Day Room, West Chester, is requesting help for families with children during this cold snap. At least 500 children in Chester County alone are in need of mittens, sweaters and warm clothing.

The Day Room is only open for these families from 9 am to 3 pm, providing a short respite from the cold, but too far away for many families that need to stay warm.

The Women's Club would like to help this organization in this matter. If you are able to make a clothing donation, please bring them to Mass and leave them in the Church Vestibule. Contact Susan Sandoski at 610/212-2927 for further information. Thank you in advance for anything you can do to help.

Choir Practice



Choir Practice will resume for both Choirs this **Monday** night, January 19th at 6:45 pm for the children and 7:30 pm for the adults. With Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent starting on February 25th, it is not too soon to begin preparing for the Lenten/Easter season, particularly since Confirmation and First Holy Communion are shortly after Easter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 610/212-2927.

Susan Sandoski, Choir Director

Correction to Christmas Flowers List

Please note an addition to the 2008 Christmas Flowers list:

Given by Mary Arvay in Memory of Joseph Arvay

Second Collection this Weekend

The Second Collection this weekend, January 17th-18th, is earmarked as the Annual Catholic Relief Services Collection. CRS gives active witness to the mandate of Jesus Christ to respond to the needs of the worldwide human family. Your compassion and generosity would be deeply appreciated.

A Note of Appreciation

Thank you for the kindness of so many at the Christmas Season. The beautiful greeting cards, sweet treats and other thoughtful remembrances were so very much appreciated. Your prayers, especially, are precious treasures. Again, thank you to all from Father John.

Sacramental Program for Confirmation, First Communion and First Confession



Parents of children eligible for the Springtime reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and First Confession are requested to note the following schedule:

Parents of 5th-6th-7th grade children preparing for Confirmation will meet on Sunday, January 25th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Church. Father John and Mrs. Leslie Hoopes will be conducting this important meeting.

Parents of the 2nd-3rd grade children preparing for First Communion and First Confession will meet on Thursday, January 29th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Church. Father John and

Mrs. Beth Ann Hackmeister will be conducting this important meeting.

Thank you, dear parents, for your deep interest and kind cooperation. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Father John at 610/384-0360.

Family Bingo



The Teen Group of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish will host a Family Bingo in their Parish Hall on Sunday, February 22nd at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. A slice of pizza and a beverage come with your ticket, if purchased in advance. There will be prizes for adults and children, raffles, 50/50 and specials. To purchase tickets, contact Gail Mascherino at 610/696-8338 or Michael Gale at 484/888-6846.

Youth for the Eucharist

Join youth from all over Chester County for an amazing night of Eucharistic Adoration with live music, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a post-service social time with refreshments. This event is free and open to all youth and young-at-heart this Sunday, January 18th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. in St. Joseph Church, Spring City. For more information, please contact Jennifer Byrd at jbyrd@adphila.org or at 215/965-4625.

PSAT/SAT Training Program

Starting January 21st, there will be a PSAT/SAT training program held at Bishop Shanahan High School. It is not too late to sign up for this training course that will prepare you for the March, May or June SAT's. For more information, see your guidance counselor. Your friends from other high schools are also welcome to attend these classes at Bishop Shanahan.

Special Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Annual U.S. National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from July 1st to 10th, with an optional extension to Paris, Nevers and Lisieux from July 10th to 13th, celebrating "The Year of Bernadette". This pilgrimage is accompanied by a medical staff, clergy and volunteers to assist the needs of the pilgrims, and is open to all. For details, contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 5505 Granby Road, Rockville, MD 20855, 301/740-9332, or toll free 1-877-276-7279; email lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net.

Pro Life Activities



The Chester County March for Life will take place this Sunday, January 18th, at 2:30 pm, outside St. Agnes Church, West Gay & New Streets, West Chester, featuring speakers from Generation Life, and music by Gina Miller. The March will conclude at the Chester County Courthouse, Market & High Streets. Convenient parking is available. In case of inclement weather, the program will be conducted inside St. Agnes Church. Refreshments will be available in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Market Street following the program.

On Thursday, January 22nd, buses for the March for Life, Washington, DC, will leave from many locations around Chester County. To locate a bus near you, call Bus Coordinator Tom Bones at 610/993-0331.

Also on Thursday, January 22nd, a Life Chain will form in West Chester, 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm, at the Chester County Courthouse, High & Market Streets, sponsored by the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition. Signs will be provided. Participants will stand in silent prayer along the sidewalk on High Street.

For more information or questions, call 610/692-4463.

The change about to occur to a new administration at the federal level promises to be a historical event. As defenders of the sanctity of all human life, however, we need to be vigilant and most alert as an attack to the culture of life and its principles could very much be eminent. Show your support of the Pro-Life cause.

January 22, 2009 – A Day of Penance and Prayer on the Occasion of the 36th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

The Legacy of Roe v. Wade

On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court issued its *Roe v. Wade* decision, which effectively legalized abortion throughout pregnancy for virtually any reason, or none at all. Since that time, nearly 50 million children have been denied the most basic right of all: the right to life. Countless women have been lured to abortion by the promise of freedom and have instead been imprisoned by profound and inescapable remorse. Our society, having become increasingly coarsened by toleration and acceptance of acts that destroy human life, is challenged with the legalized biomedical research on human embryos.

“An invitation...”

In recognition of the violations to the dignity of the human person wrought by *Roe V. Wade*, the dioceses of the United States now observe January 22nd as a particular day of penance and prayer. All the faithful are encouraged to take part in any of the following ways:

- Attend a church service today to pray for life. Spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration.
- Perform some kind of penance, such as fasting, as reparation for sins against life.
- Offer an act of sacrifice or charity. For example, skip television and pray for life instead, or make a donation of time or money to a crisis pregnancy center.
- Pray as a family. Use the Family Prayer for Life.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary with the suggested meditations.

Women’s Club News MARCH 2009 LOTTERY



Lottery tickets are in the process of being mailed to our parishioners.

Tickets are \$10.00 each with a pay-out of \$100 each day based on the Evening PA Daily Number.

Kindly contact Ann Cigas at 610/384-2955 if you are able to purchase or sell tickets to friends, family or co-workers.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our Lady’s Missionaries of the Eucharist

Our Lady’s Missionaries of the Eucharist welcomes you to attend The Year of St. Paul Institute: Paul the Prophet. Presenter: Father Francis Martin

Dates: Friday Feb. 20th, doors open at 6:30 pm

Saturday, Feb. 21st, doors open at 8:30 am

Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturday. Bring your own lunch. Closing at 3:00 pm with Eucharistic Benediction. Free will offering taken. To register and for more information, contact Our Lady’s Missionaries of the Eucharist, 610/582-3333, or email us at olme@olme.org, 640 E. Main Street, Birdsboro, PA 18508.

PJPII First Quarter Auction



On February 8th, 2009, Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will host their First Quarter Auction, starting at 2:00 pm. Doors will open at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 each. There will be over 100 items to win, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. There will also be cash and carry items, food and fun for the entire family. Proceeds will benefit the school athletic fields. For tickets, call Carolyn Kuhn at 484/889-9428 or Tracy Hickey at 610/715-5803.

Pope John Paul II Spring Sports Information

Spring Coaching Positions 2009

Boy's Baseball, Girl's Softball and Co-ed Track



Coaches are needed for the spring sports season for boy's baseball, girl's softball and co-ed track. Any one interested in coaching a team, please apply by sending the coach's application and a letter to the Athletic Board listing your qualifications and coaching experience. Go to www.popejohnpaul2sch.org to download the coach's application. Past coaches for these sports need to reapply for their positions. No position is guaranteed.

In order to coach, you need to have a State Police Clearance, Child Abuse Clearance, and have attended (or will attend) the class on "Protecting God's Children – Safe Environment". Please send your application and letter to: PJPII Athletic Association, Attn: Dave Michell, Athletic Director, 2875 Manor Road, West Brandywine, PA 19320, by **Friday, January 30, 2009.**

Registration for Spring Sports 2009

Boy's Baseball, Girl's Softball and Co-ed Track



Registration for Spring sports will open on January 5, 2009. Any student who attends PJPII or actively participates in RREP and wants to try out for CYO Baseball or Softball (Grades 5 – 8) or Track (Grades 4 – 8) must do the following:



Go to www.wagdogs.com and create an account by clicking on BECOME A MEMBER (this is free and only requires that you have an email address). Click on REGISTER FOR AN ACTIVITY – click on Pope John Paul II West Brandywine and complete the registration form. **Registration closes on March 1, 2009.**

No payment is due at this time. When teams are finalized by the coaches, payment of \$85.00 will be due before uniforms can be distributed and games played.

Registration at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic

school registration



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.