

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, January 24th, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew F. Cigas (Rose Marie & Melvin Neff)

Sunday, January 25th, 2009 10:30 AM

Joseph Wasko (Wife & Children)

1/26 9:00 am Andrew F. Cigas (JPII School Community)
1/27 9:00 am Marie Reali (Joseph Sandoski)
1/28 9:00 am Julian Saska (Beth & Moishe Starkman)
1/29 9:00 am Pauline Howell (Ann Cigas)
1/30 9:00 am Steffie Levenite (Bob & Frances Shesko)
1/31 9:00 am Parishioners

Saturday, January 31st, 2009 6:30 PM

James McInerney (James & Judy McInerney)

Sunday, February 1st, 2009 10:30 AM

Ludmilla & Vincent Krupansky & Their Deceased Children
(Paul & Joanne Krupansky)

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 Hracho, 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, and Devin Doyle.

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, January 24th from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 1st, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

Annual Blessing of Throats

Saint Blaise, a bishop and martyr of the early Christian Church in present-day Armenia, has the annual blessing of throats associated with his feast day. A story taken from his life reports that the Saint was approached by a mother whose young child was choking on a fish bone, depriving the youngster of breath. Although earlier attempts at dislodging the fish bone had failed, Bishop Blaise was miraculously able to do so after invoking the name of Jesus. This was born the practice of blessing throats through the Saint's intercession, seeking from God the favor of being spared disease of the throat and any other ailment. Next weekend, January 31st – February 1st, the individual blessing of throats will take place at the conclusion of Mass.

2008 Christmas Collection

Once again, we are in deepest gratitude to our parishioners and benefactors for their outpouring of generosity to the 2008 Christmas Collection reported as follows:

\$23,760.00 Christmas Plate Collection
4,000.00 Donation from the St. Joseph's Women's Club
\$27,760.00 Total

Also, we are most appreciative for contributions to the Christmas Flower Collection, which amounted to \$1,328.00 God love all our donors for their wonderful testimony of kindness! Thank you!

PJPII Longaberger Basket Bingo



On March 27, 2009, Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will host the 3rd Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo. Last year's Bingo was a huge success and a lot of fun for everyone. As many of you recall, we sold out of tickets weeks before the event. We will again be offering tickets to our school families and parishioners before advertising elsewhere. The doors will open at 5:30 pm. The tickets are \$25 per person, which includes cards, a door prize ticket and 20 games of regular Bingo. There will be special games, raffles, 50/50 and extra Bingo cards for sale. Come hungry! There will be plenty of food and drinks for sale. All baskets will be generously filled. Contact Christine McClure at 610/942-3871 or Candy Whitehead at 610/384-0685 with any questions or to purchase tickets.

PJPII Summer Camp Program



Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will be offering a Community Summer Camp Program, open to all students in the community who will be in grades K-8th in September 2009. See what the buzz is about: weekly themes, cooking, science, special guest, art, adventure and fun! Available also are family discounts, lunch program, water day and so much more! Don't make any plans for this summer until you check us out. Camp begins the week of June 15, 2009. Contact Terry Altschuler at 610/384-5961, ext. 5410.

BSHS Fashion Show & Luncheon



The Parents Association of Bishop Shanahan High School invites you to a Fashion Show & Luncheon featuring local West Chester boutiques, including Jane Chalfont, Ruby Slippers, Malena's and others. The event will be held on Sunday, February 8th, at 12:00 pm, at the Downingtown Country Club. Your \$30 ticket includes lunch, dessert and beverages. Cash bar will be available. Deadline for purchasing your tickets is February 1st. Please send your name, number of tickets requested and check made payable to Bishop Shanahan Parents Association (BSPA) to Bishop Shanahan High School, 220 Woodbine Avenue,

Downingtown, PA 19335, Attn: Parents Association. Reserved tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event, however, due to space limitations, tickets will not be sold on that day.

Catholic Weight Loss Program



Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Parkesburg, will be sponsoring The Light Weight, a 12-week course that helps participants grow in faith while battling the temptation to over-eat. Anyone interested in learning more about The Light Weight is invited to attend one of two free orientations: Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:30 pm, in the church basement hall; or Thursday, February 5th at 7:30 pm in the Schneider Parish Center. Questions? Contact Erin Cupp at 215/760-5583.

Office for Youth and Young Adults

Join Diocesan leaders, parish leaders and young adults for a night of designing ministry with young adults. Learn about who young adults are, the importance of this ministry to them, and how to implement Young Adult Ministry into your parish. This session will be conducted at St. Elizabeth Church, Uwchlan, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, on February 4th. There is a nominal fee of \$10 per person, which includes dinner and resources. To register, please contact the Office for Youth and Young Adults at 215/965-4635 or email alangsd@adphila.org.

National Catholic Schools Week



This week, January 25th – 31st, the Church in the United States celebrates National Catholic Schools Week with its theme: Celebrate Service. Student representatives from our own regional Catholic school will deliver a brief message at the Post-Communion of Mass in observance of this specifically designated week.

Cookie Sale



Yum-yum! The young Girl Scouts of our parochial school sponsored troop are with us this weekend with their annual sale of delicious boxed Girl Scout Cookies. Who can resist these tasty treats? Your purchase will support the various activities of the youngsters. Look for the display in the rear of the church. Thank you!

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.

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.

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.

Women's Club News

Next Meeting

The next Women's Club Meeting will be on Sunday, February 1st in the school hall immediately after the 10:30 am Mass. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 610/212-2927.

Susan Sandoski President and Treasurer

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.