

# 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, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 6:30 PM

Joseph Arvay (Wife Mary & Family)

## Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 10:30 AM

Frances Woyma (Harold & Mary Frances Johnson)

2/23 9:00 am Dorothy Myers (Judy Bugar-Rice)

2/24 9:00 am Andrew F. Cigas (John Paul II School  
Community)

2/25 9:00 am Margaret Florian (St. Joseph Womens Club)

2/27 7:00 pm Pauline Howell (Pat & Bill Steigerwalt)

2/26 9:00 am George & Vera Lahm (The Branson Family)

2/27 9:00 am Julian Saska (Barbara & Richard Reczek)

2/28 9:00 am Parishioners

## Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 6:30 PM

Rose Michnuk (Husband Bill – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

## Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 10:30 AM

Steffi Levenite (Husband Bob & Family – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

## 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, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

## Today's Second Collection

The Second Collection this weekend is earmarked as the annual appeal on behalf of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, as it continues to rebuild itself after the dark years of Soviet oppression. Thank you for the generous gifts of support and development. God bless you!

## Looking Ahead to Ash Wednesday



February 25<sup>th</sup> marks the opening of the Season of Lent, with its observance on Ash Wednesday. Our schedule of services on Ash Wednesday, each featuring the blessing and distribution of ashes, will be as follows:

- 6:30 am Prayer Service in St. Joseph Church
- 9:00 am Holy Mass in St. Joseph Church
- 12:00 Noon Prayer Service in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
- 5:30 pm Holy Mass in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
- 7:00 pm Holy Mass in St. Joseph Church

## ***Lenten Day of Recollection***

Saint Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, will conduct a Lenten Day of Recollection on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 9:00 am, and the first Conference follows at 10:00 am. The cost of \$25.00 per person includes coffee and sweet rolls at check-in and a hot lunch later. You may also register by calling the Center at 610/942-4166. The Sisters look forward to seeing you and encourage you to bring a friend.

### ***Vigil for Life***

Join Monsignor Nelson Perez as a volunteer Helper of God's Precious Infants in a Vigil for Life on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, in Saint Agnes Church, West Chester. Participants gather for the 8:00 am Mass and then form a Rosary Pilgrimage to the local Planned Parenthood facility. For full details, contact Jack & Mary Finley at 610/692-3154. The Helpers of God's Precious Infants is a Catholic initiative promoting the sanctity of human life.

### ***Good Works, Inc.***

Good Works, Inc. is a Christian, non-profit organization that assists low-income families and individuals with home repair. Our mission is to make homes warmer, safer and drier while establishing caring personal relationships with the homeowners. There is no cost to the homeowner. The majority of the work is done by volunteers.

The repairs we provide focus on making homes warmer, safer and drier. They include roof repair, plumbing installation and repair, electrical rewiring and code compliance, heating installation and upgrades, insulation and drywall work, fire restoration and floor repair.

Good Works provides home repair assistance to homeowners facing the greatest financial need. There is an application process to determine the homeowner's need and eligibility. In order to qualify for assistance, a homeowner must:

- Own their own home
- Live in their home
- Meet our income guidelines
- Participate on workdays, if able
- Have their property taxes paid

If you would like to apply for assistance, please call our office at 610/383-6311.

### ***Congratulations to our Devon Prep Scholars!***

We are most pleased to acknowledge that two of our younger parishioners have achieved First Semester Honors as students of Devon Preparatory School. Sincere congratulations are extended to Anthony J. Petras, a senior, and to Joseph P. Petras, a sixth grader. Continued academic success be yours in the second half of the year.

## **Pope John Paul II Athletic Association News**

### **Beef-N-Beer**

PJPII Athletic Association is having a Beef-N-Beer on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 – 11:00 pm in the school's Multi-Purpose Room. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes roast beef sandwiches, pasta salad, Caesar Salad, chips, pretzels, desserts, set-ups and beverages. Proceeds go towards new equipment for the athletic fields. For tickets, contact Kathleen Ponto at 610/384-5961, ext. 5549, or 610/380-9947.

### **Registration for Spring Sports 2009 for PJPII Boy's Basketball, Girl's Softball and Co-Ed Track**

Registration for Spring sports is now open. 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](http://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 will be due before uniforms can be distributed and games played.

### **Cheerleading Coaches Needed**

Coaches are needed for the Varsity and JV Varsity Cheerleading Squads for the 2009-2010 school year. Anyone 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](http://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 March 11, 2009.**

### ***Day of Recollection at the Seminary***

A Lenten Day of Recollection will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary from 9 am to 4 pm. Our retreat master for this Day is Reverend Augustine M. Esposito, Ph.D., O.S.A., President of Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School. Father Esposito was formerly assistant professor of theology and Spanish, and Chair of the Department of Pastoral Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Father is the author of the book *La*

*Mystica Ciudad de Dios*, a critical study of *The Mystical City of God* by Venerable Mary of Agreda. The day will start with 9:00 am Mass in Immaculate Conception Chapel, and will include conferences, time for Eucharistic Adoration, and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lunch will be served and reservations are required, with a reduced student rate and no fee charged for priests, sisters and seminarians. The charge for the day is \$35. Please send fee to: St. John Neumann Chapter, CUF, 183 Hillcrest Avenue, Phila., PA 19118-2621. For more information, call 215/247-2585.

### **Married Couples Prayer Retreat**



Marriage Retorno, a couple prayer retreat, will be held July 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. It is a Scripture-based experience for married couples wanting to deepen their relationship with one another in the Lord. While it is the second step of Marriage Encounter, couples do not need to attend Marriage Encounter first. The cost is \$290/couple with overnight accommodations or \$150/couple if commuting. Space is limited. For full information, contact Joe and Mary Ward at 215/362-8699 or visit [www.marriageretorno.org](http://www.marriageretorno.org).

### **Foster Parents Needed**

NHS Human Services is looking for foster parents, adoptive parents and respite parents in Chester County and across Pennsylvania. Open your heart; open your home. NHS Human Services therapeutic foster parents receive the opportunity to work from home, generous tax-free stipend, 24/7 on-call staff support, and comprehensive training and support groups. For more information, please call toll-free 877-TFC-2210 or email [jroeske@nhsonline.org](mailto:jroeske@nhsonline.org).

### **Women's Club News**

This is the last weekend before the start of our March Lottery. We urge those who have not returned their tickets to do so before Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make your returns to Ann Cigas as soon as possible. Drop them in the weekly collection basket, or Women's Club Drop Box, or mail or give them to Ann. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the fundraisers of the Women's Club. We are all working to help support our beloved St. Joseph Parish.

### **Men's Spirituality Conference**



Cardinal Justin Rigali invites the men of the Archdiocese to deepen their commitment to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church by their participation in the Men's Spirituality Conference, Let Us Strengthen One Another, to be held on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 am – 5:00 pm, at Cardinal O'Hara High School, Delaware County. Keynote speakers will be Rich Gannon, former Most Valuable Player of the NFL, and Marcus Grodi, host of EWTN's Journey Home Program. For full details and registration, contact the Family Life Office at 215/587-5639.

### **Rachel's Vineyard**



Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the compassion of God, grieve your loss, and forgive yourself and others. A retreat will be held at the Spirituality Center in Frazer, PA on March 13-14-15<sup>th</sup>. Call 215/906-6337 or 610/399-0890 for further details and registration. All contacts are strictly confidential. This retreat is sponsored by Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia

### **PJPII Longaberger Basket Bingo**



On March 27, 2009, Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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Lent 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus be with you!

Saint Leo the Great reminds the Church in a sermon that “what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin.”

Through the Church, Christ calls us to an ever greater conversion of heart and mind each and every day of our lives. During the holy season of Lent, we are offered the opportunity to deepen our willingness to remain faithful to God by acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These essential disciplines of the Christian life, when practiced with ever greater fervor during Lent, help us to turn away from sin and turn more fully to the Gospel and so be prepared to renew the promises of our Baptism at the great feast of Easter.

May the Lord sustain you in your efforts to grow in holiness and may the example and intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Lord, be a constant source of hope to you.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Justin Card. Rigali*  
Cardinal Justin Rigali  
Archbishop of Philadelphia



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February 19, 2009

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia,

As the Archdiocese of Philadelphia enters its third century of serving the people of God, it is with gratitude that I reflect on the profound faith, vision and generosity of the Catholics who have preceded us. Along with the blessings of parishes, schools and institutions that we enjoy today, comes the responsibility for us to pass on to future generations all that we have received. Last year, we recommitted ourselves as a Catholic community to serving God and neighbor as we celebrated our Bicentennial as a Diocese. Taking the opportunity that the year-long Jubilee celebration presented, I invited a group of priests and lay people to assist me in identifying the needs of our Archdiocese now and in the years to come. The fruit of our reflection is a concerted effort to meet the challenges of the Church at this historic time.

With confidence, I am pleased to announce HERITAGE OF FAITH ~ VISION OF HOPE, a capital and endowment campaign that will support the charitable, educational and pastoral needs of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our aim is high: minimally \$200 million, but our needs are great. These monies will be deposited into a separately incorporated 501 (c)(3) charitable fund to be used exclusively to meet six goals: (1) to revitalize and renew parish life as the primary place in which we publicly live our faith, (2) to enable access to a high-quality Catholic education for many more of God's children, (3) to renovate and restore the historic treasure that is the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, (4) to invest in priestly formation and campus infrastructure at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, (5) to ensure a dignified retirement and health care for retired priests, and (6) to respect the dignity and meet the basic needs of people in our region by providing vital human services.

Certainly the economic realities of the present are a cause of anxiety for all of us. Our nation faces much uncertainty and some would argue that now is not the time to begin an endeavor such as this campaign. The needs of the Archdiocese, however, cannot wait for the future. They require our response today. I am certain that this is the right response. I am very pleased to report that the early results of HERITAGE OF FAITH ~ VISION OF HOPE are truly remarkable. The pilot phase, just concluded, was nothing short of extraordinary. Twelve parishes raised \$9.5 million, exceeding their collective goal by \$2 million. The campaign is currently underway in more than 50 parishes, and in the coming 16 months, each of our 269 parishes and missions will participate. To date, HERITAGE OF FAITH ~ VISION OF HOPE has received more than \$40 million in gifts and pledges. This inspiring display of generosity is a testament to the leadership of our priests, the commitment of campaign volunteers and the extraordinary charity of more than 2,500 donors.

I invite you to join me by making a sacrificial commitment to HERITAGE OF FAITH ~ VISION OF HOPE and am deeply grateful to those who have already done so. Our combined efforts will make a lasting contribution to the future of the Church of Philadelphia and help the Archdiocese live out the Bicentennial theme: Serving the People of God in the beginning, now and always. For two hundred years our Heavenly Father blessed the Church of Philadelphia. Faith-filled people have humbly sacrificed their time, talent and treasure in building a community of believers with Jesus Christ as our foundation and cornerstone. We look to the future with grateful hearts, united in prayerful solidarity for this historic endeavor.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the patronage of our Blessed Mother, Saint John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel, may the Kingdom of God continue to grow within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Through the generosity of many, may our HERITAGE OF FAITH ~ VISION OF HOPE campaign be successful. May the Lord instill in us the desire to share our Heritage of Faith and invite others to embrace our Vision of Hope.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Card. Rigali". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cardinal Justin Rigali  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

## West End Catholic Parishes Observe Lent 2009

### **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Alternating weekly between Saint Joseph Church and Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church, daily Mass is offered at 9:00 am Monday through Saturday.

In addition, mid-week Evening Masses are offered on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Saint Joseph Church and on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING CONFESSIONS**

Confessions are being heard on Wednesdays in Lent, between 7:00 and 8:00 pm, in Saint Joseph Church. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS DEVOTION**

Immediately following the 9:00 am Mass on Saturdays, the Stations of the Cross Devotion is conducted throughout Lent. This moving exercise has us recall those final hours of our Savior's Passion and Death.

### **TUESDAY EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

On Tuesdays at 4:00 pm, a Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal is conducted in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church. This Service concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

### **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

The Lenten Operation Rice Bowl Program is an outreach of the Catholic Relief Services in an attempt to feed the hungry of the world. By placing aside a few dollars each week through eating a bit less, at the end of Lent you have a sacrificial gift for this most worthy cause. An appropriate offering envelope will be provided.

### **OBSERVANCE OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, at minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

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## **SPIRITUAL READING**

All the faithful are encouraged to undertake spiritual reading, especially Sacred Scriptures, during Lent. To this end, copies of the booklet Daily Reflections for Lent: Not By Bread Alone 2009 are being made available to carry you through this holy season with day-to-day enrichment based on the Mass readings.

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**TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL**

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