

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, February 28th, 2009 6:30 PM

Rose Michnuk (Husband Bill – 2nd Anniversary)

Sunday, March 1st, 2009 10:30 AM

Steffi Levenite (Husband Bob & Family – 1st Anniversary)

Tuesday, March 3rd, 7:00 PM

Parishioners

Saturday, March 7th, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas (Sandra Reczek)

Sunday, March 8th, 2009 10:30 AM

Hennessey Family (Debbie & Lindsey Harlan)

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.

Among the recently deceased, we remember the Most Reverend Thomas Welsh, retired Bishop of Allentown.

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, March 1st, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 7th, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

Floral Memorial

The lovely fresh-cut flower arrangement to the left of the altar has been placed there in loving memory of Steffie Levenite in observance of the first anniversary of her death. The thoughtful donor is her Husband, Robert Levenite, to whom we are grateful for this added touch of beauty in our sanctuary. May Steffie rest in peace.

Breakfast is Being Served

The ladies of the Polish American Citizens' Club, 15 Strobe Avenue, are hosting an All You Can Eat Breakfast in their banquet hall on Sunday, March 8th, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The cost of admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 3 – 10 years old, and free for children under 3 years old. Come and feast from the ladies' table laden with bountiful, tantalizing breakfast treats.

Mom: Heart of the Home Retreat

Attention, all mothers, grandmothers, sisters and aunts! Laughter really is the best medicine . . . so take a day off and enjoy a lighthearted reflection on the vocation of Catholic motherhood. Slow down and replenish your spirit. On Saturday, March 21st, the Chester County Chapter of MOM: Heart of the Home will offer a Day of Renewal at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. You are invited to enjoy inspirational speakers, individual reflection and the company of other moms. Registration is \$25 by March 7th (\$30 March 7th – 14th) and includes a boxed lunch. Download a registration form from www.mom-heartofthehome.org or contact Colleen Gallagher, our Parish Representative, at 484/557-4871 or at colpgal@comcast.net.

Our Shared Parish Cemetery

Truly, we can boast of an attractive, orderly, shared Parish Cemetery. To keep it that way, however, please be reminded that there is to be no dumping of discarded materials on the edges of the cemetery grounds, especially at the top of the hillside. The same is true of the wooded area beyond our property line and the vacant lot across the road from the cemetery. We ask that all disposable items be taken with you after their removal from the gravesite. Everyone's co-operation in this regard is genuinely appreciated and guarantees a dignified resting place for our beloved dead.

BJ's Wholesale Club Supports Our Parochial School

Join or renew your BJ's Wholesale Club membership through a special membership offer that gives you \$10 off the regular \$45 membership fee (\$35 basic membership), three free months (15 month membership vs. 12) and a free household membership card. BJ's, in turn, will donate \$5 of your membership fee to Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. **RENEWING MEMBERS:** It does not matter when you last renewed; 15 months will be added to your current membership. **NEW MEMBERS:** You will receive an activation notice in the mail. The deadline for this offer is March 27, 2009. Applications can be found in the back of the church.

Tuition Assistance at Bishop Shanahan High School

Tuition Assistance applications (BLOCS and TAP) for the 2009-2010 school year at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, are now available. The deadlines for submission of these applications are March 23, 2009 (BLOCS) and April 15, 2009 (TAP). Please visit the Shanahan website (www.shanahan.org) to download the applications, or pick them up in the Main Office at Shanahan.

Annual Forty Hours Devotion

This year's Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion will be conducted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 13-14-15th, offering three days of solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Each day, following the morning Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for adoration throughout the course of the day until concluding with a 5:00 pm Prayer Service on Friday, a 6:15 pm Reposition on Saturday, and a 4:00 pm Holy Hour with Benediction on Sunday. Complete details will be announced in next weekend's Parish Bulletin. For now, please circle these dates on your calendar.

Springtime in Paris – Come to the Auction!

Bishop Shanahan is offering Springtime in Paris Restaurant Fair & Auction, featuring local artist Richard Bollinger, on Saturday, March 28th, at 6:00 pm. The funds raised by the auction will support technological advances for BSHS and your children. Stroll through the aisles of gifts and treasures. Visit the wonderful cafes for good food, featuring: Bruster's Ice Cream, Coatesville Country Club, Duling Kurtz, Mabels BBQ, Sciarretta's Cakes and Catering, TGI Fridays, and Victory Brewing. To receive an invitation, please contact Debora LaPorta at dlaporta@shanahan.org or call 610/343-6238.

Bishop Shanahan is also looking for donated items for the auction. The auction cannot be a success without items on which to bid. Anything that you would be interested in yourself or willing to bid on would be the perfect item to donate. Gift certificates to local restaurants, businesses, auto services, cleaning services, etc. Items large or small, expensive or inexpensive such as digital cameras, Ipods, video games, kitchen electronics, home décor, beach essentials, DVD's, toys books, college items, etc. Things your children would want you to bid on, birthday presents, communion and confirmation gifts. Theme baskets such as art, kitchen, book, hair & body products. Signed sports memorabilia, tickets to major sporting events, vacation rentals, a weekend at a hotel or B&B, etc. Donation forms can be printed from the website www.shanahan.org "2009 Restaurant Fair & Auction".

Lenten Day of Recollection

Saint Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, will conduct a Lenten Day of Recollection on Wednesday, March 4th. 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 7th, 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.

Pope John Paul II Athletic Association News

Beef-N-Beer

PJPII Athletic Association is having a Beef-N-Beer on **Saturday, March 14th** 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 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 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.

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.