

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, March 7th, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas (Sandra Reczek)

Sunday, March 8th, 2009 10:30 AM

Hennessey Family (Debbie & Lindsey Harlan)

03/09 9:00 am Parishioners
03/10 9:00 am Josephine Cook (Susan Klinosky)
03/10 7:00 pm Pauline Howell (Richard & Barbara Reczek)
03/11 9:00 am Margaret Florian (Mary Benkovich)
03/12 9:00 am Andrew Cigas (School Community)
03/13 9:00 am Intentions of donors for Christmas Flowers
03/14 9:00 am Miss Jenny (A Friend)

Saturday, March 14th, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas (Chris & Kathy Castle)

Sunday, March 15th, 2009 10:30 AM

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace & Family)

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, Brenda McDonald, Dorothy Puza, William O'Hop, 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, Devin Doyle, and Margaret Simpson.

Among the recently deceased, we remember Stephen Kocik and John Chirinko.

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

Women's Club News March 2009 Lottery Winners

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| 3/01/09 | #431 | | Unsold |
| 3/02/09 | #600 | \$100 | Kevin Davis (Steve Kocik) |
| 3/03/09 | #926 | \$100 | James B. Griffin (Ann B. Cigas) |
| 3/04/09 | #744 | | Unsold |
| 3/05/09 | #641 | | Unsold |

Congratulations to our winners!

Save the Date! St. Joseph Church Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Hibernia Park

More details to follow...



Save the Date! Vacation Bible School



Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Set in the rugged and majestic Discovery Canyon, the Vacation Bible School has something for everyone! This week of adventure will have kids crafting away in Cavern Crafts, running and jumping and playing in Gully Games, singing a new set of tunes that ROCK, and hearing the Good News echo off the canyon walls!

This is the VBS you don't want to miss! It's all about connecting with others, learning and having fun, of course!

If you are interested in volunteering for this year's Vacation Bible School, please plan on attending an informational meeting on Sunday, March 15th, immediately following the 10:30 am Mass in the School Hall. We are in need of Adult and Teenage volunteers. If you are interested in being a volunteer but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Lisa Hillman 610/857-1549 or via email at lisahillman@comcast.net.

Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Masses



The Annual 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Masses with Cardinal Justin F. Rigali will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3rd, in the Cathedral-Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, 18th Street & Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia at:

11:00 am for couples married 50 or more years from Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties

2:30 pm for couples married 50 or more years from Bucks, Chester and Delaware Counties

2:30 pm also for couples married 25 or more years from all counties

Family members and friends are most welcome, and will be seated with the anniversary couple. For more information, call the Family Life Office at 215/587-3516 or email famlife@adphila.org.

Local Spaghetti Dinner

A Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Coatesville Area Senior Center will take place on March 25th, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 107 South 17th Avenue. Admission is \$8.00 for adults, and \$4.00 for children 10 years old and under. Both eat-in and take-out orders are available.

Annual Forty Hours Devotion

This year's Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion will be conducted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 13th-14th-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

a 4:00 pm Holy Hour with Benediction on Sunday

Following the Sunday Holy Hour, all participants are invited to a hearty and delicious Lenten Supper in the adjacent School Hall, sponsored by the Women's Club of our Parish. Our gathering at the Table of the Lord leads to our sharing fellowship at the supper table, in both instances strengthening the bonds which unite us in Christ. Please plan on being in the presence of the Jesus of the Eucharist during the days of our Annual Forty Hours Devotion.

Holy Rosary Outgrown Sale

The Holy Rosary Early Learning Center is hosting an Outgrown Sale on Saturday, March 28th, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church hall. If you are interested in selling your gently used children's clothing, toys and other child/baby related items, please contact Carol Moyer at 610/380-0277.

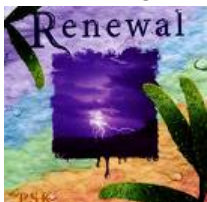
Breakfast is Being Served

The ladies of the Polish American Citizens' Club, 15 Strode 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.

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.

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.

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.

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".

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.

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.**

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.