

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, March 14th, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas (Chris & Kathy Castle)

Sunday, March 15th, 2009 10:30 AM

Luigi Baldini (Wife Grace & Family)

Tuesday, March 17th, 2009 7:00 pm

Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, March 18th, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday, March 21st, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)

Sunday, March 22nd, 2009 10:30 AM

Andrew & Mary Shesko (Reczek, Neff & Johnson Families)

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, 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, Margaret Simpson, and Jacob Hally.

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

Women's Club News

March 2009 Lottery Winners

3/06/09	#596	\$100	Jenn Toomey (Susan Sandoski)
3/07/09	#909	\$100	Larry Lowder (Ann B. Cigas) Winnings returned to Women's Club
3/08/09	#658	\$100	Betty Hracho (Ann B. Cigas)
3/09/09	#231	\$100	Bob Levenite (MA Lasak)
3/10/09	#852		Unsold
3/11/09	#217	\$100	Glen McCabe (Maryanne Rever)
3/12/09	#140		Unsold

Congratulations to our winners!

"Thank You"

We would like to thank all our loyal parishioners and friends who have supported our March 2009 Lottery fundraiser. We wish all of you could be winners! If you have any ideas for future fundraisers, kindly share them with our President, Susan Sandoski at 610/212-2927.

Upcoming Events

St. Joseph Church Parish Picnic, Sunday, June 14, 2009 at Hibernia Park. More details to follow.

Annual Forty Hours Devotion Concludes



This year's Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion concludes this Sunday, March 15th, with a 4:00 pm Holy Hour of Prayer and Reflection, Song and Benediction. Following the 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.

Parish Memorial Fund

With deepest gratitude, we acknowledge the following for their donations to St. Joseph Church, in memory of Stephen Kocik: A. Frederick Travaglini, Robert & Fran Shesko, Kathy & Chris Castle, Robert and Mary Ann Lasak, Ann Cigas, Andy & Eleanor Michinock, James & Cyndi Griffin, and Lois Pry. Thank you to our kind and thoughtful donors. May Stephen rest in peace!

First Confession Celebration

Parents of the children in our First Communion Class are reminded that the youngsters will be experiencing the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) for the first time on Thursday, March 19th, at 7:00 pm, in our Parish Church. May they encounter the gentle Jesus who is eager to forgive and to dispense His mercy.

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, by the end of Lent you have a sacrificial gift for this most worthy cause. An offering envelope will be provided.

John Michael Talbot Concert



Internationally renowned Christian musician John Michael Talbot will be in concert on Friday, April 24th at 7:00 pm, in St. Madeline Church, Morton Avenue & Penn Street, Ridley Park. John Michael's concert ministry has blessed hundreds of thousands over the past thirty years, transforming many lives. General admission to the concert is \$20. Please contact 800/965-9324 or visit www.iTickets.com for tickets or more information.

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, social time and refreshments. The event is open to all ages. For more information, please contact Jennifer Byrd at jbyrd@adphila.org or at 215/965-4625.

Congratulations to our Shanahan Honor Students!



Our Parish recently received notification of the performance of our Shanahan High School students on the First Semester Report. We are pleased to acknowledge the academic achievement of our younger parishioners who earned Second Honors: Brian Hart '09, Jeffrey Schaefer '09, Amanda Murphy '10, Kyle Holeyton '11, and Ryan Buchovecky '12. Heartiest congratulations to our Shanahan scholars! May success crown your efforts in the Second Semester!

Bishop Shanahan Restaurant Fair & Auction

Bishop Shanahan is holding a Restaurant Fair & Auction, "Springtime in Paris" on Saturday, March 28, 2009. Doors open at 6:00 pm. First table closes at 6:45 pm. Featured restaurants include Coatesville Country Club, Duling Kurtz, Firecreek Restaurant, Ludwig's Village Market and Caterers, Mabels BBQ, Qdoba, TGI Fridays, Victory Brewery, Bruster's Ice Cream, and Sciarretta's Cakes and Catering. Desserts are offered by Bakers of Buffington, Clays Creative Bakery, and Wegmans. For reservations or more information, contact Debbie LaPorta at 610/343-6238, or dlaporta@shanahan.org. Visit our website at www.shanahan.org and click on Restaurant Fair & Auction.

Bishop Shanahan 6th & 7th Grades Open House

Calling all 6th & 7th graders! Come and see Bishop Shanahan High School Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm. Shanahan faculty and students will be on hand to offer tours and provide information. If you are interested in attending, contact Sister Helen Miriam Toner at 610/343-6223 or htoner@shanahan.org. Please include the name of the student and parents attending. Come be an Eagle! We hope to see you there!

Choir Practice

The children's choir will be singing for the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday March 22nd, so it is important that they attend practice Monday night, March 16th in preparation. The adult choir will practice immediately after the children at 7:30 pm.

Thank you, Susan Sandoski, Choir Director

PJPII Cheerleading Tryouts



Cheerleading tryouts for the 2009 – 2010 school year for any girl entering 5th to 8th grades in September 2009 and attending PJPII or CCD/RREP will be held on the following dates:

Saturday, April 4th – 9:00 to 11:00 am
Sunday, April 5th – 1:00 to 2:30 pm
Monday, April 6th – 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Tryouts will take place in the PJPII gym. Please wear shorts or sweatpants (no jeans or jean shorts), tee shirt and sneakers. Girls must attend 2 out of 3 tryouts to be eligible. There is a **mandatory meeting for parents** on Saturday, April 4th. Any questions, please call Mrs. Ellen Doyle 610/384-6248.

Additional Scholarship Funds Available for Students at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School



As a result of both the exceptional generosity of five Chester County Corporations – Bentley Systems, Inc. of Exton, Gilbertson Group of Coatesville, Heim Construction Company of Exton, Buttonwood Company, Inc. of Jeffersonville, and Downingtown National Bank – and the enlightened policy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through its Educational Investment Tax Credit Program, there are now significantly more scholarship funds available for students at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School for income-eligible families.

All families with elementary school-ages children who are interested in the benefits of a Catholic school education are encouraged to take advantage of the availability of these funds. Income eligibility guidelines are determined by the Commonwealth, which also provides the scholarship applications and makes the final scholarship determinations.

These scholarships are available for either current or prospective students and all interested families are urged to inquire and apply. It is hoped and expected that these additional funds will make PJPII affordable to some families who might not otherwise be able to consider such an educational opportunity, especially in these increasingly difficult economic times.

The new PJPII School is located at 2875 Manor Road in West Brandywine Township and serves families from surrounding communities, including the City of Coatesville. School busing is available.

Additional information is available by contacting PJPII at 610/384-5961 or www.popejohnpaul12sch.org or at www.blocs.org where you can print off the application.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 23, 2009 to PSAS-BLOCS Application, PO Box 458025, Westlake, OH 44145.

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.

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.

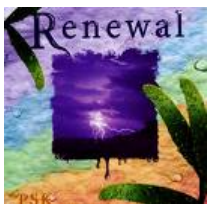
Local Spaghetti Dinner

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.

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.

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.

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

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.