

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 21st, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)

Sunday, March 22nd, 2009 10:30 AM

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

3/23 9:00 am Pauline Howell (St. Joseph Women's Club)
3/24 9:00 am Parishioners
3/24 7:00 pm Andrew Cigas (Susan Sandoski)
3/25 9:00 am Steve Kocik (Richard & MaryAnn Michinok)
3/26 9:00 am Personal Intention
3/27 9:00 am Jackie Bugar (Anniversary Mass) Jerry Bugar
3/28 9:00 am Bill Oleszek (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Saturday, March 28th, 2009 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas (School Community)

Sunday, March 29th, 2009 10:30 AM

Rose Michnuk (Steve Michnuk)

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.

Among the recently deceased, we remember William Oleszek.

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 held on Saturday, March 21st, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 29th, 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

3/13/09	#450	\$100	Bob Good (Ann B. Cigas)
3/14/09	#169	\$100	Deana Skowood (Susan Sandoski)
3/15/09	#136		Unsold
3/16/09	#631	\$100	Chris Lamoureux (Ann B. Cigas)
3/17/09	#223	\$100	Phyllis Hennessey (Meghan Powderly)
3/18/09	#004	\$100	Patty Kriston (Ann B. Cigas)
3/19/09	#048	\$100	Joseph Buccella (Ann B. Cigas)

Congratulations to our winners!

St. Joseph's Preparatory High School Summer Enrichment Program

Seventh grade boys and girls can still register for the Practice Test to be held on Saturday, April 18th at 8:30 am, and for the Pre-8th Grade Summer Enrichment Program that runs June 22nd thru July 22nd. Applications are available online at www.sjprep.org/pre8. For additional information, please call 215/978-1954.

Parish Memorial Fund

With deepest gratitude, we acknowledge the following for their donations to St. Joseph Church in memory of Stephen Kocik:

Mary Ann & Fred C. Travaglini Ms. Deborah A. Hamer
Mr. & Mrs. William Mauger Lynne & Ed Elliott
Bill & Mary Mauger Ms. Florence Moran
Electralloy per Linda Anderson, Manager

Thank you to our kind and thoughtful donors. May Stephen rest in peace!

Slight Change of Mass Time on Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 5th, our Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 10:45 am, fifteen minutes later than the usual time. This slight change allows for Father John's participation in the festive Masses of both West End Churches opening Holy Week 2009. Thank you for the accommodation.

The children of St. Joseph Parish are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday procession, thus adding to the significance of the liturgical occasion. We ask that the youngsters gather at 10:25 am that day in the rear of the church to receive instructions for the procession. Mrs. Leslie Hoopes and helpers will be on hand to shepherd our young participants.

Vocation Discernment

What is God asking of me? How do I want to spend the rest of my life? Come and join other young women between 18 and 35 who share your questions for a weekend of Liturgy, communal and private prayer, Eucharistic adoration, presentations on the consecrated life, Q & A sessions, relaxation and fun. The weekend will be conducted by the Missionary Sisters of the Most Blessed Trinity from Friday, April 3rd, at 7:00 pm to Sunday, April 5th, at 1:00 pm, in the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Northeast Philadelphia. For more information, please call Sister Olivia or Sister Mary Kay, MSBT, at 215/335-7534 or email voc@msbt.org.

Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross



Cardinal Justin Rigali will lead the Stations of the Cross Devotion on Good Friday, April 10th, on the grounds of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood. All are invited to participate. Parking will be at St. Joseph University, entering on 54th Street below City Avenue. Shuttle buses will be available for transportation to/from the Seminary grounds. Candles will be provided at the Seminary (the suggested offering is \$2.00 per candle/protector). If you are planning to attend, please call Kathy Kelley at 215/965-8280 with the number expected to participate.

Summer Enrichment Program

Thinking about a summer conference or spiritual retreat? St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is offering a new summer program that combines learning the faith with spiritual reflection. Summer Academic Retreats begin in July. To learn and download a registration form, visit www.StudyCatholicTheology.com. Undergraduate certificates and a Master of Arts in Theology program are also available. Apply now for the summer session.

Our Tuesday Afternoon Holy Hour and Wednesday Evening Confessions

To permit Father John's participation in the hearing of confessions for the children enrolled in the Regional Religious Education Program (RREP), our usual 4:00 pm Tuesday Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and Renewal will not be conducted on March 24th. Look for it to return next week as normally scheduled.

And for the same reason, our 7:00 pm Wednesday Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be conducted on March 25th. The hearing of confessions at this hour will return next week as announced for the Season of Lent. Thank you!

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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!

We are in need of Adult and Teenage volunteers. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Lisa Hillman 610/857-1549 or via email at lisahillman@comcast.net