

# 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, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 6:30 PM**

Sharon E. Seese (Phyllis Gregor)

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 10:30 AM**

First Holy Communion Class

5/4 9:00 am Andrew Cigas (School Community)  
5/5 9:00 am William Oleszek (Pat & Jack Swarner)  
5/6 9:00 am Steve Kocik (Agnes Sushinski)  
5/7 9:00 am Pauline Howell (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)  
5/8 9:00 am Andrew Cigas (Jerry Bugar)  
5/9 9:00 am Parishioners

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 6:30 PM**

Margaret Simpson (Mr. & Mrs. Luke Cisarik, Jr.)

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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, 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, Jacob Hally and Agnes Sushinski.

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, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any time upon request.

## Our First Holy Communion Class



This Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the 10:30 am Mass, our Parish Family is given the joy of celebrating the very special occasion of First Holy Communion for sixteen of our younger parishioners. Our thoughts and prayers are with our first communicants, as they experience the receiving of Jesus, the Bread of Life, in His Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. May God bless the boys and girls of our First Holy Communion Class! Sincerest congratulations!



## Bishop Shanahan Book Fair

Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Main Street at Exton is sponsoring an all day Book Fair supporting Bishop Shanahan High School on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>; Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Book Fair will be showcasing Bishop Shanahan's selection of books, DVD's, or CD's at the Book Fair, prior to purchase. Please mention Bishop Shanahan High School and give ID #354613 to the cashier. Thank you for your support of Bishop Shanahan High School.

## Words of Life

President Obama's new executive order on embryonic stem cell research is a sad victory of politics over science and ethics. This action is morally wrong because it encourages the destruction of innocent human life, treating vulnerable human beings as mere products to be harvested. It also disregards the values of millions of American taxpayers who oppose research that requires taking human life. Finally, it ignores the fact that ethically sound means for advancing stem cell science and medical treatments are readily available and in need of increased support.

- Cardinal Justin Rigali, March 9, 2009 Statement concerning President Obama's order to provide taxpayer funding for destructive embryo research.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Make a good marriage even better by treating yourselves to a couple's experience at a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next scheduled Weekend will be conducted on June 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. For more information, call 1-800-456-8330.

### A Rosary for Human Life



This weekend, May 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, the Catholic Pro-Life Movement requests the favor of your praying one rosary for the unborn. It is their goal to have one million rosaries recited for the well-being of our unborn little ones. Their link is [www.saintmichaelthechangelorganization.org/index.php](http://www.saintmichaelthechangelorganization.org/index.php)

### Shanahan Spring Concert and Art Exhibit

Come out and enjoy the beautiful sights and sounds of Spring as the Fine Arts Department of Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, presents its Annual Spring Concert and Art Exhibit on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. The public is invited and a free-will offering will be accepted.

### Women's Club News

A Women's Club meeting is scheduled in the school hall immediately after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last meeting held prior to the summer break. We need to discuss new officers and get some suggestions for events to sponsor for the remainder of the year. We also need to finalize arrangements for the picnic in June. Susan Sandoski, President & Treasurer

### Choir Practice



The Children's Choir will have practice Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 6:45 pm to prepare to sing for Mass on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last time the children are scheduled to sing until after the summer break, so please make every effort to get them to the practice session and to the 10:30 Mass on May 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be no choir practice for the Adult Choir. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call me at 610/212-2927.

Susan Sandoski, Choir Director

### Bishop Shanahan News

Bishop Shanahan High School and Dr. Richard Fuller offer a summer learning experience in 4 areas: Algebra I Enrichment Program (grades 5 – 9); Math Programs in Algebra II, Geometry, PreCalculus and Calculus (grades 8-12); "Critical Thinking and Study Skills" Program (grades 8-12) and a PSAT/SAT Program (grades 8-12) (with a student ratio of 8:1). For more information, call Dr Fuller at 610/275-9660 or BSHS at 610/518-1300. All classes begin June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Fall SAT/PSAT classes start on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Rachel's Vineyard of Philadelphia Ministries

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. Held at the Spirituality Center in Frazer, PA on May 15, 16, 17, 2009. Call 215/906-6337 or 610/399-0890. All contacts are confidential. Visit them at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### With The Cardinal's Endorsement



His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali submits the following endorsement: COURAGE ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. A weekly peer support group is offered to homosexual men and

women who wish to live according to the teaching of the Catholic Church. Call 215/587-4505 and leave a message. The Archdiocesan Coordinator of the COURAGE Group will return your call. Confidentiality is assured.

### Catholic Charities Appeal 2009



Catholic Charities Appeal has profound impact on our community, as

approximately 250,000 people annually in the five counties of the Archdiocese are served in some way by the Appeal. Through the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the hungry are fed, the sick and infirm cared for, and children in need of homes are placed with adoptive families, to name a few of the services that depend on the Catholic Charities Appeal. Last year, only 5 cents of every dollar raised by the Catholic Charities Appeal was spent on expenses and administrative costs. This figure is well above the national average and all independent standards set for charitable entities. As the 2009 Catholic Charities Appeal is now officially underway, please prayerfully consider giving generously to our brothers and sisters in need.

### Pope John Paul II Used Book Sale

Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will host a used book sale to kick-off the summer and keep the family reading throughout the school break. For sale will be gently used children and adult books, DVD's and CD's. Additionally, selected author signed books from student reading lists will be raffled off. The sale will begin Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9 pm and continue 8 am – 12 Noon Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in the PJPII School multi-purpose room. The school is located at 2875 Manor Road, West Brandywine. The sale is open to the public and refreshments will be available for purchase.

### Clothing Drive



The Archdiocesan Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day, to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods (bed/bath linens, pots, pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys, books, and small appliances in good working order). You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the church parking lot. Tax receipts are available upon request. The Society also offers pick-up service for furniture, large appliances and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215/288-8160. Thank you for helping us help others.