



Motivated by our belief in Jesus Christ and bound together by our Roman Catholic faith, we are a parish that seeks to respond to the Gospel invitation by *living as God's people*. Baptized into Christ Jesus, confirmed by the gift of the Holy Spirit, and nourished by the Eucharist, we are a community that gives glory to God and proclaims His message of love and salvation.

Saint Joseph Church

338 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335

August 17, 2008

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. William J. Smith, Rev. Msgr. Robert T. McManus Pastor Emeriti

Rev. Monsignor William J. Lynn Pastor
 Rev. Brian M. Kean Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Matthew W. Guckin..... Resident
 Deacon Edward R. Schiappa..... Permanent Deacon

Telephone Numbers

Parish Office 610-269-8294
 Parish Office Fax 610-269-2487
 Convent..... 610-269-8314
 School 610-269-8999
 PREP..... 610-873-8798
 Web site www.stjoesdtown.org

Sunday Masses

Saturday, 5:00 pm
 Sunday, 6:00 am, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon, 4:00 pm

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday, 7:00, 9:00 am; Saturday, 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation

As Announced

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Perpetual Adoration in the Holy Family Chapel

Sacraments

Baptism

Sundays at 1:00 pm. Please call the parish office to schedule a Baptism.

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 am and 8:30 am;
 Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Marriage

Couples planning to marry are asked to meet with their parish priest as soon as possible after their engagement and to enroll in a marriage-prep program (Unitas) at least six months prior to the wedding.

Registration in Parish

The next registration will take place **on Sunday, August 31, 2008** at 10:00 am in the Parish Meeting Center located behind the school.

Devotions

The Holy Rosary: Recited before the 9:00 am Mass daily
 First Saturday Devotions: Held the First Saturday of each month at 8:30 am

**"God, our protector, keep us in mind;
 always give strength to your people.
 For if we can be with you even one day,
 it is better than a thousand without you."**

Psalm 83: 10-11

WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

MARISSA ANNE CRATER,
AUDREY JUDITH FITZGERALD,
AND KEVIN ANDREW KOKINDA



Parents of babies to be baptized are asked to please register for Pre-Jordan, a *three-week* program at St. Joseph Parish, recommended by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the formation of parents having their children baptized. Meetings are normally held on Mondays, 7:00-8:30. To get the most benefit from these sessions, we encourage you to attend during your pregnancy. Please visit our web site for further details and for registration information or call the parish office.

Remember In Your Prayers:



Please call the parish office (each month) if you would like to add someone's name to this list.

...those who are sick: Karen Batty, Patrice Blasdel, Rosemary Brady, Beryl Broadbelt, Steve Campbell, Lorraine Carlin, Maureen Collins, Anita Conant, Gino DiBernadetto, John DiBerardinis, Frank DiOttavio, Adele Doll, John Francis, Ron Goldovich, Thomas Green, Don & Dorothy Habermann, Winifred Harrington, Eileen Heller, Chris Jones, Pat Labb, Marie Lewis, Frank Mariani, Murial McCann, Sr., Roberta McCormick, Bart McElhany, Dorothy McLaughlin, James McLaughlin, Jay McManus, Gerry McNaughton, Frank Messina, Theresa Pacana, Ronald Phillips, Carmela Pietrinfreni, Hanns Pohl, Jacob Replogle, Meghan Ritter, Thomas F. Roache, Christopher Sauk, Robert Shedly, Caroline Short, Mario Spoto, Sister Mary Stanislaus, Joan Walsh, Betty Ward, Richard Whitehead, Molly Zahner.

...and those who have died: Hanns F. Pohl

COLLECTION TOTALS

Sunday, August 10: \$30,063.50

Mission Co-Operative Appeal: \$14,402.33

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

August 10 Poor Box: \$201.58

August Poor Box to Date: \$401.18

The Poor Box for August is for St. John's Hospice in Philadelphia. This is a shelter service for 40 men. The Day Services Program offers noon meals, clothing, and services to over 300 homeless men a day.

MANNA SALES

Holy Family Center Parish Office

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Friday, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Saturdays, after the 5:00 PM Mass

**Sundays, between 8:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
(before and after the Masses only)**

ANNOUNCED MASSES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

5:00 PM-Joseph & Tomasina Colella
by RoseAnn & Frank Manetta

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

6:00 AM-For the Parishioners
7:30 AM-Chip Cipollini by Pearl
9:00 AM-Jeanne Migdal by McMenamin Family
10:30 AM-Alberto & Victor Giardini by Giardini Family
12:00 PM-James Downham by Jones Family
4:00 PM-Vincent Riggio by Pat & Dave Riggio

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 AM-Sr. Octavia by DiBerardinis Family
9:00 AM-Victor Toto by Wife & Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 AM-Joseph Ryan Roch by Mom, Dad & Brothers
9:00 AM-Herman Family by Jeanne & Children

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00 AM-Jenny & Tony Gazzoero by Carpenter Family
9:00 AM-Richard Swift (70th Anniv.) by Daughter, Mary Ciarlone

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00 AM-Alma Heisler
by Grandchildren, Lisa, Laura, Stephen & Marybeth
9:00 AM-Fr. William Fenerty (35th Anniv.) by Mary Ciarlone

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 AM-Maryann Panetti by Thomas & Donna Terramin
9:00 AM-Marybella Farnum by Daughter, Julie

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 AM-Nick Ursini (25th Anniv.)
by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Ursini & Family



Altar Flowers in memory of

Victor Toto

by Wife & Family



Sanctuary Candle in memory of
Tomosina & Joseph Calella

ANNOUNCED MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

5:00 PM-Keene & Ann Viscichini

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

6:00 AM-For the Parishioners
7:30 AM-Janet Gillespie by Lorna & Brian Nichols
9:00 AM-Riggio Family by Pat & Dave Riggio
10:30 AM-Joseph Stagnitta by Family
12:00 PM-Janice Binder by Richter Family
4:00 PM-Albert J. McCormick by Clara & Charles Anderson



Please remember
St. Joseph Parish in your will.





We are quickly approaching the Sweepstakes drawing which will be held on August 27 at 6:00p.m. This is the second year we have gone with this format of one drawing with much larger prizes. We realize the economy is not as good this year and we all know how the price of gas has been. However, things were not as bad when we decided to go with this format again last March. Listed in the bulletin are the sellers and the prizes for this year. Below is a reminder of what the proceeds were used for last year.

- Church sound system for those with impaired hearing
- Repair or replacement of gutters and ice guards on gym roof
- New carpeting & painting of Parish Meeting Center (behind the school)
- Replacement of compressor for air conditioning in Parish Meeting Center
- Replacement of chairs in Parish Meeting Center

As of this writing, the proceeds from the Sweepstakes will go towards a new heating/air conditioning unit for our Holy Family Chapel, an industrial size ice maker for our parish cafeteria and renovation of our cafeteria kitchen, which can be used by all our groups for parish socials and events.

You may have bought your own ticket last year and maybe cannot afford it this year. Why not join a neighbor or group of family/friends and purchase a ticket. You can't win without taking a chance. Tickets are available from all the sellers listed in the parish bulletin as well as at the parish offices.

On August 27 dinner will be served during the drawing. All ticket holders and one guest are welcome. Please complete the form in the bulletin so we can adequately plan for those attending. Thank you in advance for your support.

God Bless You All!

M. Maigna Lynn

WELCOME, SISTER CATHERINE!

We welcome Sister Catherine Irene Masino, IHM, as the new principal of Saint Joseph School. Sister arrived this past week and is quickly becoming a member of the Saint Joseph's family. Sister comes with a wealth of experience in education, most recently as Supervisor of the elementary schools staffed by the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I am confident that Sister will continue the fine tradition of a strong catholic education to which the families of Saint Joseph Parish are accustomed. Please be sure to introduce yourselves and welcome Sister Catherine to Saint Joseph Parish when you see her. May God bless Sister Catherine in her service at Saint Joseph Parish!



"Our Parish school admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at our school. Similar policies apply to the school staff. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, its admission policies, or in any school-administered program."

Information regarding the opening of school is mailed to each school family and can be found on our website:

stjoeschooldtown.org

RELIGIOUS JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION

On Sunday, September 7, 2008 at 11:00 AM, Cardinal Justin Rigali will be the presiding celebrant at the Annual Religious Jubilarian Liturgy at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, for the religious sisters, priests, and brothers of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who celebrate their Silver, Golden, or Diamond Anniversaries in 2008. Nearly 300 religious observe their jubilees this year, representing over 15,000 years of dedicated witness and service in the Church. You are cordially invited to join in this celebration at the Cathedral Basilica as a sign of gratitude to these women and men religious, and as a prayerful support for all religious who have touched our lives in so many ways over the years.

PARISH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the severe storm on Sunday, August 10, the Parish Office Network & Wireless Server was shut down on Monday, August 11. Therefore, we were unable to receive or send any e-mail on that day. If you sent any parish staff an e-mail on Monday, we kindly ask that you re-send it to us.

THANK YOU!

**ST. JOSEPH'S
SWEEPSTAKES CLUB**



Total Tickets Sold to Date: 560
Sellers signed up to date are:

Joan Angiulo	610-486-6552
Millie Baker	610-873-1659
Joan Berandino	610-269-9314
Betty Boland	610-380-5106
Rosemary Brady	610-873-1958
Elise Brennan	610-384-7370
Janice Caridi	610-269-6569
Lorraine Carlin	610-486-0595
Joyce Castaldi	610-269-1433
Joe Cipollini	610-269-2714
Maureen Collins	610-873-7625
Ed Cooney	610-269-6578
Lisa Cozzone	610-269-2319
Howard Crawford	610-220-9808
Maureen Curry	610-269-8483
Judy & Anthony DeCesaris	484-678-4001
Sheila DeSpirito	484-888-8694
Paul DiFonzo	610-269-2218
Bob Dohoney	610-873-3172
Bill & Gert Dunn	610-269-8458
Richard & Phyllis Fasano	610-269-5037
Maria Goodine	610-383-7774
Rose Graveno	610-269-1516
Maureen Hayburn	610-363-7961
Marge Jacobson	610-269-4677
Gene Kaster	610-269-3486
Tom Keenan	610-636-6214
Donna Kneisly	610-269-3724
Mary Lodge	610-518-2287
Monsignor Lynn	610-269-8294
Alice March	610-269-8105
Gerard McNaughton	610-209-4571
George Pastino	610-269-8446
PREP	610-873-8798
Gene Saja	610-269-1152
Kathy Sheplock	610-383-6547
Mary Sweeney	610-269-0604
Kevin & Patti Walsh	610-269-7125
Marianne Willacker	610-873-1527
Madeline Woodruff	610-269-1757
Maureen Worrell	610-269-6159

Ticket Price is now \$100 each. Only 1,200 tickets will be sold. Prizes total \$50,000 with the top prize being \$20,000! Sellers will receive \$50 for selling a winning ticket. You do not have to turn in your names to have the tickets typed. Just complete the ticket and bring back the stub and payment.

The drawing will take place on **Wednesday, August 27, at 6:00 PM**, in the school cafeteria. A buffet dinner is included in the price of the ticket for yourself and a guest. You do not have to be present to win.

Questions? Please call Joan Angiulo at 610-486-6552.

Retreat On The Go!

Mark your Calendar!

Father Guckin is planning to offer a summer retreat.

=> **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.**

August 18, 19, 20, and 22, - after the 9 AM Mass.

=> **UPDATE:** We will **not meet on Thursday** because of a prior commitment for Fr. Guckin.

=> The retreat will be in the "Ignatian Style". "Ignatian prayer" or "Ignatian contemplation" uses the imagination as a way to help people enter into a scene from Scripture, or to enter into a "discussion" with Jesus.

=> Each day of the retreat will include the session with Fr. Guckin and some "exercises" for us to do at home.

=> **What you need to bring:** a pad of paper and a writing instrument of your choice: pen, pencil, or crayon.

=> **BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE!**

(Please contact Tom Keenan 610-269-8294 or tomk@stjoesdtown.org with children's ages.)

ATTENTION ALL 6th, 7th and 8th GRADERS

Fr. Kean will be having a general informational meeting on **Monday, September 8, 2008** for any student and their parents interested in becoming an altar server. For your convenience two sessions will be offered. Please plan on attending one.

3:15-4:15PM or 7:00 – 8:00PM in Church.

I invite you to consider participating more fully in the life of the parish as an altar server while at the same time providing a great service to the parish community.

ATTENTION CHILDREN!

Saint Agnes Parish Community cordially invites you to join us as we celebrate The 89th Annual "Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother" Procession Sunday, **August 17 at 2:30 PM.**

The procession will begin from St. Agnes Church on 233 W. Gay Street, West Chester and conclude with Benediction at St. Agnes Church.

Children are needed to walk under arches and carry arches. First Communicants can come in their Communion attire if they desire.

If you are interested in having your child walk with one of the girls under the arches; or would like more information please call Ali at 610-269-1017.

Stewardship Corner

CLE
(Catholic Leadership Experience)

CLE offers teens who do not attend Catholic high schools four opportunities each year to stay closely connected to their Catholic roots. These experiences assist our young people in living out their faith in a world that often tells them that faith matters are not very important. Through community service, guest speakers, pilgrimages, retreats, shared meals, music and celebrating the sacraments, our teens are encouraged to nurture their personal faith in an atmosphere which fosters dialogue among peers and adults.

This is a multi-parish ministry in Chester County. Those who guide the teens through these four days are priests from Saint Joseph and surrounding parishes, some of the parish youth ministers, the parish D/CRE's, and one or two other caring adults from each sponsoring parish. These folks spend many hours preparing for each day to be sure the teens come away renewed and refreshed, and perhaps with greater sense of confidence in themselves, their faith, and their own Catholic identity.

Time, talent, prayer, a generous spirit and a sense of humor are the gifts given by those who work with these great high school students. Our gratitude extends to all the CLE adult leaders and to our teen participants who also teach us a lot as we journey through the events of each year together.

Contact: Kathy Thomas – PREP Office, 610-873-8798 or stjosephdre@yahoo.com

FROM THE PARISH LIBRARY



The Parish Library
Now located in the
Holy Family Center

NOW OPEN
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

<http://www.stjoestown.org/cgi-bin/libsearch.cgi>

The Love of Jesus and the Love of Neighbor

The Revelation of Devine Love – In Sixteen Showings --
Made to Dame Julian of Norwich

For all those in search of abiding union with God, this book takes its place among such great mystical classics as those of John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila. A fourteenth-century Englishwoman, recluse, and mystic, Julian has been called by Thomas Merton “without doubt, one of the most wonderful of Christian voices.” Her revelation is the record of “showings” of the Lord’s passion so that she might embrace suffering more fully and share her response with her fellow Christians for all time. In having this revelation written down, she hoped that all who read it would heartily thank God “for his endless love, mercy, and goodness, and guide us to everlasting bliss.”



HOLY FAMILY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

“Without Eucharistic worship as it’s beating heart, the parish dries up.”

Pope John Paul II

The most important thing that you will do this week is spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Your willingness to choose an assigned hour is a precious expression of your belief in Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider filling one of the open hours listed below.

Day	Time
Sun	12-1 am
Sun	1-2 am
Sun	2-3 am
Sun	1-2 pm
Sun	2-3 pm
Tues	3-4 am
Tues	11-12pm
Thurs	3-4 am
Fri	2-3 am
Sat	1-2 am

Jesus is calling you to “watch one hour with Me.”

To sign up for one of these hours, please call Julie Wiant at 610-269-8294.

**Mark
Your
Calendars**

KEEP THIS DATE OPEN

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration adorers and visitors keep **Saturday, September 20** open on your calendar. There will be a time of renewal and reflection for all adorers, substitutes, and visitors to our Adoration Chapel. The morning will begin at the 8 o’clock a.m. Mass, with a special homily on Eucharistic Adoration and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Following Mass we will gather in the parish center behind the school in order to meet other adorers, parishioners, and friends, followed by a short talk on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. If you have any questions, please call Paul Fitz-Patrick at (610) 873-3564, or e-mail: jpfitz5@gmail.com

Do You Good Search?

Good Search has already generated over
\$195.00 for the Parish!
www.goodsearch.com

CUB SCOUTING – IT'S FUN AT EVERY TURN!

Parents of young boys face a lot of choices in after-school activities. Boys want to have fun, while parents want them to learn values and skills that will last a lifetime. If your boy is about to enter the first through fourth grade, Cub Scouting may be exactly what you are both looking for.

Millions of boys have participated in and benefited from Cub Scouting; and Cub Scouting is one of the most exciting and rewarding programs available to your family. As a parent, you can be assured that Cub Scouting involves a variety of family activities, encourages good behavior, teaches lifelong values, and strengthens the bonds of family. Because of this, Cub Scouting is not a spectator sport and that's where the parents come in!

Please join Cub Scout Pack 2 serving the St. Joseph Parish Community. Cub Scout Registration for the upcoming school year will be on **Sunday, September 14, 2008** at the St. Joseph Parish Center, Meeting Room 2 from 10:15 AM to 2 PM. Ice Cream Social will be at 1:00 pm.

For more information please contact Roxane DiRocco at 610-306-9010 or visit our website at: <http://www.stjoesdtownpack2.org>.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH GROUPS

SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION

St. Joe's Youth Group's will be collecting school supplies that will be **donated to the Lord's Pantry of Downingtown and our sister parish, Ascension of Our Lord in Philadelphia.**

As you complete your back to school shopping, please consider picking up some extra items for our collection. For example, Pens, Loose Leaf Paper, Folders, Back-Packs, Index Cards, Highlighters, Binders, Pencils, Rulers, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Glue, Notebooks, Markers, Scissors, Calculators, Erasers, Pencil Cases, and more!

Members of the St. Joe's Youth Group will be present to collect these school supplies at all of the Masses during the **weekend of September 13 & 14.**

Thank you for supporting those in our community who are most in need.

If you are in the St. Joseph JAM or CREW Programs and you would like to volunteer to help collect and sort the donations, please contact Matt Kirsch at 610-269-8294 or Matk@stjoesdtown.org



GOLF OUTING!

Simpson Meadows Retirement Community in Downingtown, invites you to participate in their 9th Annual Golf Outing on **Monday, September 9** at Whitford Country Club. Tee off is at noon! Call Joanna Fulginiti at 610-660-0112 for reservations and to inquire about golfer and sponsorship opportunities. Proceeds benefit the Benevolent Care Fund.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

Parents of young children (infancy through preschool age) are welcome to take advantage of an opportunity to drop their children off at the school and attend Mass in peace, knowing that their children are being lovingly cared for. The Nursery is up and running on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 Mass and, just added this for this year, the 10:30 Mass whenever PREP (CCD) classes are in session September 7, 2008 through May 3, 2009.

We designate a classroom in the kindergarten wing of the school to be the Nursery and ask parents to enter the school through the front door. Pre-registration is not required.

For more information, contact the PREP Office at 610-873-8798.



BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE

Friday, September 26

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

St. Joe's School Cafeteria

All current 6th, 7th & 8th Graders Welcome

Cost: \$5 if you register by Tuesday, September 23
\$7 if you register by Thursday, September 25

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish
Admission cannot be paid at the door!

All attendees must have completed a 2008-2009 JAM registration form turned in to Matt Kirsch by Thursday, September 25.



St. Joe's Mom's Group

Whether you are a new mom or a seasoned mom, come meet other women to share stories, exchange tips, and build friendships. The children will have fun playing together too!

**EVERY TUESDAY OF THE SUMMER, PLAYGROUP
WILL MEET AT KERR PARK FROM 9:30-11.**

If you are new to the group, please contact Meigan at meigankelly@yahoo.com or 484-237-8130

2008/2009 PREP REGISTRATION

If you have not already done so, please contact the PREP Office (601-873-8798) to register for classes beginning in September. Spaces are filling up and some classes at the most requested times are already at capacity. New parents are asked to provide a copy of baptismal certificates for their children when registering for classes.

The **next registration session** will take place in the school lobby on Sunday, **August 24th from 10:30-11:30 AM**. However, registration can also be done at any time by contacting the PREP Office at the number listed above.

Catechist Faculty Meetings

- Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 PM in MR #2 & #3, Parish Meeting Center - Grades 1, 3, 4, 5
- Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 PM in MR #2, Parish Meeting Center - Grades 2, 6
- Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 PM in MR #1, Parish Meeting Center - Grades 7-12 **and** MR #3 - Preschool & Kindergarten
- Thursday, September 4 at 7:00 PM in the PREP Office - Hall, Lobby, Office Volunteers and others wishing to familiarize themselves with office resources

Class List Postings:

Class lists for each PREP session will be posted in the church from August 30th through September 4th. They will be on the brick wall of the stairwell leading to the choir loft. After September 4th, these lists will be posted near the front door of the school for each group's first day of class.

Classes begin on September 7, 8, and 9 for Grades 1-6. Preschool and Kindergarten begin on September 14 and 15. Grades 7-12 are tentatively scheduled to begin on September 15.

PLEASE JOIN US

As: A PREP Catechist

When: Each Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday.
(September 7, 2008 to May 5, 2009)

Where: Saint Joseph School

Time: Session of your choosing

Several classes are in need of adult leadership and supervision. Without you we cannot provide religious education for all the children who come to us to learn about our Catholic faith and deepen their relationship with the Lord.

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and parishioners to give witness to their faith and to give example to the children of supporting the parish community as a return to the Lord for all He has given us.

Our needs are listed below. We ask that you prayerfully consider this means of sharing your time, talent, and love for God with the children of St. Joseph Parish.

Sunday at 8:50 - 1 person for Grade 2

Sunday at 10:20 - 1 person for Grade 3

Monday at 4:45 - 1 person for Grade 3;
and 3 each for Grades 5 and 6

Monday at 6:45 - 1 person for Grades 6;
2 for Grades 7/8 and 1 for Grades 9-12

Tuesday at 6:45 - 1 each for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5;
and 3 for Grade 6

R.S. V.P. to the PREP Office
610-873-8798

stjosephdre@yahoo.com

stjoeprep2@yahoo.com

as soon as possible



H.O.P.E.

Helping Other People Everyday

Do you have an appointment for the doctor or lab and have no way of getting there?

Do you need assistance food shopping? Let the volunteers from HOPE assist you.

HOPE is in **need of 2 coordinators and 24 more drivers**. If you can't commit to being a team member, please consider being an alternate driver. You would only be called upon on an occasional basis. Please contact Helen Lyons for more information @ 610-873-8041 or john_lyons330@comcast.net.

If you need a ride for this week (8/18-8/24), contact Janine Lill at 610-269-3055 or Laine Chidester at 484-459-2729.

If you need a ride for next week, (8/25-8/31), contact Eileen Schafer at 610-259-3966 or Dawn Goforth at 610-827-9344.

MERCY HOSPICE

The Menu for August

Group 3: Mock Stroganoff

Group 4: Chicken Divan

Please return your frozen meals to the parish office the last week of the month. Thank you to all those who continually participate in this program. Questions, please call Gail at 610-269-9574. Thank you!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING SESSION

Monday, August 18, at 7 pm
Parish Meeting Center

**CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE
AN INVITATION
TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!**

CLE is open to all teens of high school age who attend local public high schools, are home schooled, or attend non-Catholic private schools. We invite you to join us on four days during the school year, each with its own focus: offering the Catholic perspective on topics of interest to the teens through guest speakers and activities, service to the local community, retreat and reflection, and a pilgrimage to Catholic Shrines. Mass is celebrated three of the four days. Confessions are available at least twice. Music and food are interwoven into all we do.

Kick off this year is at the Newman Center at WCU on Wednesday, October 22. The remaining three days are set for December 3, March 12 and April 22.

Registration information has already been mailed to all who have joined us in the past. Tri-fold CLE flyers are available at the entrances of the church, in the parish offices, and in the PREP Office. Please call the PREP Office for more details (610-873-8798).

SAVE THE DATE!

Bucks County **MOM-Heart of the Home** is hosting an Archdiocesan Day of Renewal on **October 18, 2008**. Cardinal Justin Rigali will celebrate Mass with Mothers from Bucks, Berks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties at St. Charles Seminary. Our theme is The Light of God Surrounds Us (Isaiah 60:1).

MOM-Heart of Home is a movement for spiritual renewal in the Roman Catholic Church, dedicated to Mary, Our Mother. MHOH supports mothers by providing renewal days for mothers of all ages to gather as a community to be empowered and spiritually strengthened.

Registration is open now though October 3, 2008. The cost is \$20 and the fee includes lunch. For more information about registration for the Archdiocesan Day of Renewal, please visit the website www.momheartofthehome.org or contact Colleen Gallagher at 610-269-0104 or colpgal@comcast.net.

RCIA - WELCOME ONE AND ALL!

The faith community of Saint Joseph Parish invites all who may be interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith, Church teachings and coming to know Jesus better to walk in faith with us through RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

RCIA is for those who have never been baptized, have the desire to learn more about the Catholic Church, and seek to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. RCIA is for those who are baptized in another ecclesial denomination and now seek to be fully united with the Catholic Church. RCIA is for those who have been baptized Catholic and not received the other Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist). RCIA is also the means for children over the age of seven who are baptized but uncatechized or have not been baptized and whose parents request this for them to receive Sacraments. [Children's classes are held on Monday evenings from September through May.]

Through a series of weekly classes, we explore together what Catholics believe, the Sacraments, our Liturgy (Mass), bits of Catholic Culture, prayer and much more. We ask only that you come with an open mind and heart.

RCIA at Saint Joseph Parish, like many colleges these days, has a rolling admissions policy. You can join us at any time.

Our information night is Wednesday, September 3, from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Community Meeting Room of the Holy Family Center (adjacent to the Parish Offices). Regular classes begin on September 10 - same time, same place.

To learn more about RCIA please contact Kathy Thomas at 610-873-8798 or stjosephdre@yahoo.com.

PARISH REGISTRATION

**THE NEXT PARISH REGISTRATION WILL BE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
AT 10:00 AM IN THE PARISH MEETING CENTER**

**Saint Joseph Sweepstakes Night
Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 6:00 PM**

If you purchased a ticket and will be coming to the drawing, please complete the form below. Sellers, if you sold a ticket to a non-parishioner, please contact them and complete a form for them. Forms can be dropped in the collection basket or taken to the Holy Family Center. Extra forms will be at the Parish Office if you need them. Thank you so much and we look forward to a fun filled evening! All ticket holders and one guest are welcome!

Name _____ Number Attending _____

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

SACRED HEART PARISH FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 6

12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Free Admission

Live music will be provided by the Naturallstix (Polish, Slovak & American tunes) from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Ethnic/American Food, Games of Chance,
Children's Games, Silent Auction,
Flea Market, Chances for Eagles/Giants Football Games
And Much More!

Flea Market preview and sale on Friday, September 5.
Call 610-933-3830 for information.

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs your help! Plans are underway to promote the first ever Friends of the Poor® Walk, a unique national fundraising effort organized nationally and locally by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Walk will be held on **September 27, 2008** to raise significant awareness of the Society's work and funds for use in direct service to the poor. Funds raised locally will be used locally.

The Friends of the Poor® Walk, is a nation-wide, single-day sponsored walk to raise money for the poor.

The Chester County 'Walk for the Poor' will be held on Saturday, September 27th at Hibernia Park, Pavilion #5 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Donations will be collected at the park. We are inviting all parishes and their congregations to join us in raising monies for the poor in Chester County.

We are asking all the parishes to support our efforts, share this information with your congregation and come out and join us on September 27 at Hibernia Park and finally make donations at

www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org
<http://www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org>

PILGRIMAGE

Don't miss the opportunity for the graces you will receive by joining us at the "National Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary" in Washington, New Jersey on **Saturday, September 13, 2008**. Visit and hear the history of The House of Loreto. This is an exact replica of the shrine where the angel announced to Mary that she would be the mother of our Lord. The Holy Family lived here until Jesus went forth to preach.

Cost: \$28.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children.
Call Joan at 610-269-6532 or Mimma at 610-384-7933.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ACCOUNTANT

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Educational Financial Services, is seeking an accountant with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting plus 4 years experience to develop the budget, monthly financial statements, review receivables, process accounts payable, administer payroll and related issues. The position is full-time at a high school located in Chester County. Experience in accounting systems, Word/Word Perfect and Excel are required. Must have a valid driver's license. Forward resume with salary requirements to: Educational Financial Services, 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 or Fax 215-587-3525.

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. BRIDGET, EAST FALLS, REUNION

The Friends of St. Bridget School Alumni, East Falls, are hosting a 50th and 25th Reunion for the classes of 1958 and 1983 at the 11:00 AM Mass on **Sunday, September 28, 2008**. A reception in the school auditorium will follow the Mass. The Friends are looking for contact information about these graduates. If you are, or know someone, in one of these two classes please contact Ellen Sheehan at 215-848-8396 or email the parish at stb@stbridget.com

BISHOP SHANAHAN SUMMER PROGRAMS

Bishop Shanahan High school and Dr. Richard Fuller offers a summer learning experience in four areas: Algebra 1 enrichment program (grades 5-9), Math Programs: Algebra 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus & Calculus (grades 8-12), "Critical Thinking and Study Skills" program (grades 8-12), and PSAT/SAT (grades 8-12 with a student teacher ratio of 8:1). For more information, call Dr. Fuller at 610-275-9660 or BSHS at 610-518-1400. **SAT/PSAT classes start on September 15, 2008.**

BISHOP SHANAHAN 20 YEAR REUNION

Save the Date
November 28, 2008

7-12

At the Sheraton Hotel in King of Prussia

For more information,
please contact Kathleen Kelly-Ruggeri at
ruggeri730@comcast.net