



*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

## February 7, 2010

### Fifth 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](http://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

Mon-Fri 7:00, 9:00 am; Sat. 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 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 **Sunday, February 28**, at 10:00 am in the Parish Meeting Center, located behind St. Joseph Education Center.

#### 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  
 Miraculous Medal Devotions: Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

I do not know what the future holds,  
 but I do know who holds the future.

### Parish Mission

Monday, February 22 to Thursday, February 25



### BAPTISMS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF  
**LORENZO SAMUEL CARNEGLIA, ELENA  
LEIGH GRIMES, MAVERY LEIGH REGAN AND  
MAX CHRISTOPHER TETI**  
WHO WERE BAPTIZED JANUARY 31.

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 PM. 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 remove someone's name from this list.*

*...those who are sick:* Molly Baldwin, Ray & Debbie Bannon, Karen Batty, Robert Bellard, Baby Savannah Grace Billie, Pam Brown, Kayla Cameron, Anthony Colatta, Anthony Bianco, Patrice Blasdell, Rosemary Brady, Pam Brown, Steve Campbell, Lorraine Carlin, Anita Conant, Florence Ceulers, Nancy Chinery, Russ Conway, Agnes Cummings, Gino DiBernadetto, John DiBerardinis, Mario DiFrancesco, John Dmytryk, Sr., Joe Dunn, Nancy Farrell, Dorothy Fay, Maureen Fendrick, Dorothy Foy, John Francis, John Freeman, Vincent Gazzo, Dave Giunta, Ruth Ann Graveno, Al Greco, Don & Dorothy Habermann, Sr., Eileen Heller, Connor Holland Mason Ippolito, Helen Johnson, Chris Jones, Doris Jones, Tiffany Kirlin, Fred Koerber, Sonia Layada, Anne Lewis, Pat Malloy, Frank Mariani, Derek Martin, Brett McAllister, Roberta McCormick, Carol McDevitt, Kaitlyn McLaughlin, Jay McManus, MaryJo Mento, Glenn Miller, Richard Monte, Patrick Oakes, Oakes & Martin Families, Jo O'Brien, Carmela Pietrinfreni, Martha Poff, Joyce Raja, Helen Redick, Jacob Replogle, Barry Romley, Helen Rosciolo, Dolores Rudetys, Juanita Sanchez, Dave Sankula, Christopher Sauk, Ed Sauer, William Schomp, Robert Shedly, Mary Sheridan, Peter Short, Mario Spoto, Katherine Sousa, Sister Mary Stanislaus, Jim Stratzell, Cynthia Teer, Debbie Theurer, Peter Walker, Joan Walsh, Betty Ward, Bill Ward, Zachary Weaver, Mary Young & Charlie Zeiders.

*...those who have died.*

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Sun., Feb. 28, 10 AM - Parish Meeting Center  
Located behind St. Joseph Education Center.

### SECOND COLLECTION

This Weekend for the Care of Aging & Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese.

Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

### ANNOUNCED MASSES THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5:00 PM-Derna Fiordimondo (10th Anniv.) by Daughter

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:00 AM-For the Parishioners

7:30 AM-Our Military Serving in Afghanistan by  
The Morrissey Family

9:00 AM-Anthony Formica by Lucy & Bob Cozzone

10:30 AM-Rose Cipollini by Husband

12:00 PM-Helen Mariano by Marie & Joe Gasper

4:00 PM-Alfonso Mango by Angela & Sylvia Mango

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 AM-Margaret Cosden by Ed

9:00 AM-John Kurtz by Mr. & Mrs. David Zima

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 AM-Clarence E. Dampman, Jr. by Stanley Karpinski

9:00 AM-Mary & Joseph Sciarretta by Joe & Margaret

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 AM-Scolastica & Thomasso DiOttavio  
by Alfreda DiOttavio

9:00 AM-Paul, Frank & Irma DiMatteo  
by Sonny & Jim Cook

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 AM-Andrew Taraschi by Mother

9:00 AM-Mary Hojnacki by Mrs. Kotanchick and 1A

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 AM-Raymond Ginkiewicz by Dana & Mary Gryger

9:00 AM-Santo Priscoglio by Wife & Family

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM-Ryan McCall by Bill & Ceil Harkness



The Altar Flowers are in memory of  
*William Boyd*  
by Wife & Family

The Sanctuary Candle burns  
in memory of  
*The Trolio & Woodruff Families*



### ANNOUNCED MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:00 PM-Mary Merkt Short by Short & Ferris Families

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:00 AM-For the Parishioners

7:30 AM-Our Military Serving in Afghanistan by  
The Morrissey Family

9:00 AM-Blanch Poscoe by Granddaughter

10:30 AM-Joseph Zima by Zima Family

12:00 PM-Felice DiFrancesco by John Jaszczyszyn

4:00 PM-Cesare & Berenice Fersini  
by Guiseppe & Maria Polverini

This week in my column I have asked Father Kean to write on the role of our young people in the life of our parish and to highlight some of the upcoming parish sponsored and Archdiocesan sponsored events for our youth and young Adults.

Our youth and young adults are the future of our Catholic faith and our parishes, and so often we are asking ourselves what can the parish do to get more of our young people involved, what are we offering to our youth. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict addressing the young people of the world recently exhorted them to:

“follow the example of Saint Paul and be witnesses to the Risen Christ! Make Christ known, among your own age group and beyond, to those who are in search of “the great hope” that would give meaning to their lives. If Jesus has become your hope, communicate this to others with your joy and your spiritual, apostolic and social engagement. Let Christ dwell within you, and having placed all your faith and trust in him, spread this hope around you.”

In order for our young people to see Christ as their “great hope” they must encounter Him, the living God. Our young people lead very active and busy lives; sometimes we must ask ourselves what are they busy about? In order for our young people to meet Christ, to forge a friendship with Him they must know Him, begin to see Jesus in their own lives and in the lives of their family, friends, peers and in those around them. Here are some upcoming activities and events you may want to suggest to any youth or young adult as an opportunity for them to encounter Christ:

- **JAM** and **CYO** are joining forces for their annual Food Drive, many youth are needed to:
  - help distribute bags on the weekend of March 13/14
  - collect the donated food after all Masses on the weekend of March 20/21.
- **CREW**, Saint Joseph’s High School Youth Group meets **every Tuesday evening at 7PM** in the Holy Family Center. Upcoming events are:
  - February 9** Dinner & Devotions celebrates the *Year of the Priest* - Monsignor & I will be joining our youth for dinner and conversation.
  - February 16** *In the Light* (ITL)
  - February 23** ITL attends evening Parish Mission service
  - March 9** Dinner & Devotions Cooks - our youth will be making casseroles for St. Johns Hospice Homeless Men’s shelter in Philadelphia.
- **Sunday, March 7** 11:30AM—5:30 PM the Archdiocese is sponsoring a **Teen Convocation**, *Never-ending Story* at Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, it is open to all teens of high school age. The day will include Mass, a Keynote presentation, workshops and music by Tom Lelyo.
- **SAVE THE DATE—Steubenville Youth Conference July 16, 17, 18**, this year we will be attending the conference in Ohio, its theme is “*The Word Became Flesh.*”

Please contact Christine Friel at [chrisf@stjoesdtown.org](mailto:chrisf@stjoesdtown.org) or Fr. Kean at the Holy Family Center about any of the above events or supporting our youth as an adult volunteer.

- Saint Joseph **Squire’s** is for young men of high school age. They meet the **2nd Thursday of each month**. Upcoming events include:
  - Monday, February 15** Bowling
  - Saturday, February 20** Volunteer at Good Works
  - Wednesday, February 24** Attend evening Parish Mission serviceContact Fr. Kean or Mr. Bill McDonald at [bill@hgmed.com](mailto:bill@hgmed.com) for more information.
- *Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC)*, a NEW young adult group forming in the Chester County area, comprised of 7 parishes has been holding planning meetings for the past three months in preparation for its **March 24 Kick-Off in West Chester**. Contact Fr. Kean for more details, [frkean@stjoesdtown.org](mailto:frkean@stjoesdtown.org).

God Bless you All!



**CAMPAIGN CORNER**

*Cherishing our Past ~ Embracing the Future*

**Building our Church.  
Building our Community.  
Building our Faith.**

**Come Celebrate with the Parish as we  
Kick Off the  
Saint Joseph Church Capital Campaign**

**Sunday, February 21**  
1 – 3 p.m. in the gym

All are invited for food, fun, and entertainment  
Featuring — **Magic by Jon Dorenbos**  
Philadelphia Eagles Long Snapper  
and Professional Magician

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 16**

**A BIG THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered last weekend to be part of the Capital Campaign team!

Remember to attend the Volunteer Workshop on **Thursday, February 11** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Center.

Anyone who didn't fill out a card but is interested in volunteering is welcome to attend. Please contact Jodie Chilla at 610-466-7559 or joannechilla@verizon.net

**2010 Adult Faith Formation  
The Book of Revelation**

Next Session

**Tues., Feb. 9** at 7:00 PM in the Parish Mtg. Center OR  
**Wed., Feb. 10** at 9:45 AM in the Parish Mtg. Center



**24 Hours in a Day  
Only 1 Hour of Your Time.**

Come to...  
**Saint Joseph Parish Mission**  
**Monday, February 22 to**  
**Thursday, February 25**

**BACKGROUND CLEARANCES**

If you obtained your Background Clearances in 2005, now is the time to renew!

If you are not sure when you received your Background Clearances, please call Roe DeRitis at the parish office at 610-269-8294.

Thank you!

**2010 OPEN HOUSE FOR  
NEW FAMILIES TO  
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**



St. Joseph School will be hosting an Open House on **Thursday, February 11**. The Open House will begin at 9:00 a.m., beginning with a presentation by S. Catherine Irene, IHM, Principal, and conclude with tours of the school. Come and learn about the wonderful Catholic education at St. Joseph School!

**Thank you, St. Joseph Parish**

On behalf of all of the students of St. Joseph School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, all our parishioners, for all your support and for your contributions to our parish school. Without you, we would not be able to have this wonderful school. Our theme for Catholic Schools Week was Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life. You are a tremendous dividend to us. We will continue to remember you in our prayers and thoughts.

**Thank you!**

**~Audrey Rucker**

**President of the St. Joseph School Student Council**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR MILITARY

*Almighty & eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. Amen*

Steve Bigos  
Andrew Bowser  
Charles Carroll, Jr.  
1st Lt. Thomas Carroll, USMC  
1st Lt. David Carson  
Capt. Pamela DeFazio  
Christopher Deutfch  
Ian Deutfch  
Jennifer Dunn

Joshua Horrocks  
Phillip Johnson  
Andy Landmesser  
Capt. Paul D. Lang  
Sgt. Christopher Madden  
Thomas McAndrew  
Major Brian McGonagle  
Pvt. Francis Misantone  
2nd Lt. Ryan Misero

Lt. J.G. Brian Muka  
Sgt. Bradley Panichelli  
Alex Rozon  
Commander Mary Russell  
Lt. Chris Schwarz  
Lt/Cmd. Peter Snyder  
Bryan Williams  
Josh Woodward  
Vincent Yarch

If you have a family member who is currently in the military and you would like their name to be recognized and prayed for, please contact the parish office at 610-269-8294. If your loved one has returned home safely, please let us know. Thank you!



### Night at the Races

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Saint Joseph School Gymnasium at 6 pm

**\$55 per Couple & \$35 per Person**

(includes appetizers, dinner, beverages, dessert and one horse)

NEW this year LIVE Auction and Lock

Box worth \$500.00

Dinner catered by Anthony's Restaurant of Downingtown.

See our website <http://www.stjoeschooldtown.org/natr> for:

- ~Registration forms and registration
- ~Sponsorship and Advertising Opportunities
- ~Live Auction and Silent Auction items

50/50 Tickets will be on sale after Masses 2/20 & 2/22

Questions? Contact Becky Bailey at (610) 380-1198.

### PARISH LIBRARY

Open during the Holy Family  
Center Office Hours

**Full of Grace** – Women and the Abundant  
Life by Johnette Benkovik.

It is with the 'new' books.

What happens when women give their lives over to God? They become vessels of grace, bearers of healing, consolation, encouragement and strength to a troubled world. Far from being passive, the woman of grace will actively embrace God's will, actively seek out the suffering and lost, and actively bring God's healing love to others. If she accepts God's call to authentic womanhood, her role, in the words of a closing speech at Vatican Council II, becomes nothing less than to "aid humanity in not falling." *Full of Grace* will empower all women to fully embrace their God-given identity.

\*\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*\*

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

**MONDAY AT NOON**

ANY REQUESTS AFTER THAT WILL BE IN  
THE NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN

### CYO 2010 Spring Registration

St. Joseph Downingtown is holding registration online now through **February 12** for registered parishioners grades 5-8 Baseball, Boys and Girls Lacrosse and Softball. Grades 4-8 Track & Field. For complete details and link to registration site, please visit our website at [www.stjoesdtown.org/CYO/index.html](http://www.stjoesdtown.org/CYO/index.html). Questions? Joan Carr - [joancarr19372@comcast.net](mailto:joancarr19372@comcast.net) (610) 873-2393.

PARISH NEWS

# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**January 31, 2010**  
**Envelopes:** \$28,720.50  
**Loose Cash:** \$2,232.69  
**Weekly EFT:** \$3,715.00  
**Total:** \$34,668.19

**Envelopes Received:** 773  
**Weekly EFT Participants:** 114

*Second Collection for the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund*  
January 31: 1,970.00  
To date: \$30,420.00

**January 31 Poor Box - \$249.20**  
**January Poor Box total: \$1,344.12**

**The Poor Box for January was for *Saint Genevieve Church* in New Orleans, Louisiana.**

**The Poor Box for February is for *Mother's Home***  
For 16 years, Mother's Home has been a residential shelter that provides a safe haven for vulnerable, pregnant women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. We focus on physical, emotional, and developmental needs including positive life skills, parenting, and job preparation.

**H.O.P.E.**  
**Helping Other**  
**People**  
**Everyday**



**Rides - 2/8-2/14**  
**Contact Mary Sweeney at**  
**610-269-0604**  
**Or Amy Piro at 610-873-4152.**

**Rides - 2/15-21**  
**Contact Nancy Coccetti at**  
**610-269-3036**  
**Or Leslie Curtis at**  
**610-518-5403.**

**Remember to**  
**Pray the Rosary**

shopwithscrip  .com

Order Manna at shopwithscrip.com.  
Orders are due by 11:00 AM Mondays  
and ready for Pick up on  
Thursdays or any day after.

### **Donate Cookies to the Troops Overseas!**

Would you like to donate Girl Scout cookies to the troops overseas?  
The Girl Scouts pay for the shipping! Each box costs \$3.50. If you are interested, please contact Janet Satterthwaite, Troop 4563, Saint Joseph School Brownie Troop, [ajsatterthwaite@verizon.net](mailto:ajsatterthwaite@verizon.net) or 610-873-5560.

Our troop will receive some proceeds from the sale. Your donation is tax deductible.

Thank you for your support.

## **Stewardship Corner**

What is the difference between a steward and a volunteer or a financial contributor?

Stewardship begins with Jesus. It is our connection with Jesus through daily prayer and nourishment in the Eucharist. It is our cultivation of our relationship with Jesus that makes us stewards. Anyone can decide to give their time, talent, and treasure which is wonderful in and of itself; but those who do it because of their relationship with Christ are practicing Stewardship. Pray about the activities you are considering giving your time and talent to, ask for God's guidance. So often, we simply say "yes" to everything and end up shortchanging ourselves and our families of time which is not what God intended. Think about your "simple" talents. Are you a warm person who can make people smile? Are you humorous? Can you comfort someone? Discern your ability to share your financial treasure and with prayer find what God is calling you to give. Connect with Christ and become the Steward God intended you to be!

**MERCY HOSPICE**

**The Menu for February**

**Group 3: Beef Puffs**

**with Mushroom Sauce**

**Group 4: Swiss Potatoes & Ham**

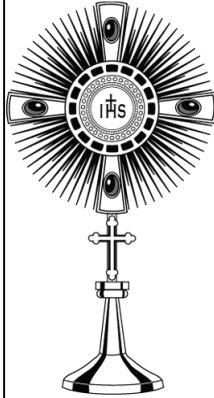
Call Gail at 610-269-9574.  
Thank you!

Make Meals!

**Aid for Friends**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a visitor for Aid For Friends. We were able to fill the positions quickly and could now use additional meals. Please consider making an occasional meal for a local homebound person. No meetings, no menus, just your own home cooking. Call Debby at 610-269-8032 for information or stop by the Holy Family Center to pick up pans.

*Adorers Needed!!!*



**Open Hours**

Day	Time
Sun	1-2 am
Sun	2-3 am
Sun	7-8 am
Sun	10-11am
Mon	1-2 am
Mon	3-4 am
Tues	2-3 am
Tues	3-4 am
Thurs	2-3 am
Sat	1-2 am
Sat	12-1 pm

*“Without Eucharistic worship as its beating heart, the parish dries up.”*

**Pope John Paul II**

**WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

**Please welcome the following families who have recently joined our Parish Community.**



**YEAR OF THE PRIEST  
June 19, 2009 -  
June 19, 2010  
Please Pray for Priests**

Ever-living God and Father of us all, you give to your Church the Priesthood of your Son, Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you provide holy priests for a holy people.

We pray for all our priests, who announce the Word of God and celebrate the Sacraments,  
for those who are young and those who are old,  
for those who serve in difficult and trying circumstances,  
for those who are faithful and those who are faltering, and for those who have died.

We entrust all our priests to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, that they may persevere with fidelity to you and to your Church.

With Saint John Vianney, patron of priests, we pray that our priests may never fail to lead us to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

- Patrick, Colleen, Sophia, Patrick, & Danni Anderson •
- Jeremy, Michelle, Cameron & Brooke Bowden •
- Jamie, Heather, Gage & Gavin Campbell •
- Kevin Capuzzi & Meghan Loudon •
- Matthew & Katherine Cook •
- Raul & Geogina Dimaano •
- Brittany Dromey •
- Adina Dymond •
- Jenelle, Kevin, Madison, Colin & Natalie Gaffney •
- Michael, Julie, Melanie, Emily, Lea, Michael & Eve Girafalco •
- Matthew & Danielle Grande •
- Marie Johnson •
- Michael Keim & Kelly Kennedy •
- Rosemary Kenney •
- James, Jennifer & Carter Kovich •
- Joel, Casey, Evangeline & William Lutz •
- John & Marcia Malinowski •
- Robert, Courtney, Peyton & Alex Materdomini •
- William, Kathleen & Thomas McBeth •
- Brian & April McCarry •
- Edward, Patricia & Lili Meyer •
- Jessica, Justin, Kaelyn & Tanner Minchak •
- Beth, Alexandra, Tiffany & Isabella Morris •
- Matthew, Jane, Liam, Kate & Ryan O’Neill •
- Michael, Claudine, Zachary & Liam O’Neill •
- Michael, Billie Marie & Adrianna Petta •
- William, Suzanna & William Alexander Posner •
- Michael, Lisa & Trent Radetzky •
- Darren, Janet, Luca & Brianna Rodia •
- Margaret Ryan •
- Albert, Alyson, Alexander & Abigal Smith •
- Christine Smith •
- Joe, Jenn & Alexis Stanley •
- Tricia & Robert Super •
- Joseph & Martha Tarsatana •
- Alton, Elizabeth, Tara Lynn & Michael Wilson •
- Dawn, Ashlyn & Michael Woolard •
- Catherine Zawistowski

STEWARDSHIP

**GOOD NEIGHBORS**



Come join the Good Neighbors Ministry as we work toward reducing despair and hopelessness in the homes of our neighbors in Chester County.

Contact Becky Kopec at 610-873-4527 or [good.neighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:good.neighbors@hotmail.com) to volunteer your time to this ministry.

**JOSEPH'S PEOPLE**

Joseph's People Support Group and Network is there for you if you are underemployed or unemployed. Come to our meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Parish Meeting Center. For more information, call Cheryl Spaulding at 610-269-6802.

**ROSARY REPAIR**



Do you have any broken rosary beads? As a devotion to the Blessed Mother and the rosary, I fix them free of charge. **All types of rosaries; cord or chain!** Please place them into an envelope with your name and phone number on it and drop them off in the Holy Family Center/Parish Office. Most will be ready the following week after the 9:00 Sunday Mass. Call Joyce Rule - (610) 486-6747 or [srule@comcast.net](mailto:srule@comcast.net).

**LEGION OF MARY**

Please join this organization well known around world. It began in our parish in 1993. Through prayer & action the Legion of Mary brings people closer to Jesus through Mary. We meet on Tuesday at 6:45-8:00 PM at Villa Saint Martha. Students can join from 3rd to 8th grade on Thursday, after school, in the Parish Center from 3:20 PM to 4:30 PM. For more information, call Mimma at 610-384-7933.

**PROJECT LINUS**



Involves knitting or crocheting blankets/quilts for critically ill children and distributing them to hospitals in our area.

Want to help? Donate a blanket to your local Project Linus. Blankets must be new, handmade and washable. Call Shirley Anne Miller at 610-269-4702. Storage space is limited, please do not bring the blankets to the parish office or church.

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE  
(610)-873-8798**



R.C.I.A.

**RCIA**

"Come and see." Join us any Wednesday evening!

Classes for adults wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith through RCIA, *the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, is held each Wednesday evening from September through May - 7:00-8:30 PM - in the **Parish Meeting Center (MR #2)**, located at the back of the school. Come any Wednesday and see what RCIA is all about. Contact PREP Office for more details.

February meeting dates:

Feb. 10 as usual

February 14 Rite of Sending at 9:00 Mass

February 17 class is Mass ~ Ash Wednesday

February 20

Rite of Election (Cathedral, Philadelphia)

February 24

Class is attendance at Parish Mission (church)

**PREP**

**February Schedule:**

Classes meet on February

7-9 (Food Drive) 21-23, and 28/March 1-2

No Classes on February 14-16 (President's Day)

Grades 7-12 meet on February 8 & 22

**February 20 - Confirmation Retreat**

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

February 22 & 23 - 6:45 class sessions **only** in church for Parish Mission

Confirmation Retreat Parent Volunteer Meeting

Activity and Group Leaders

Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 PM

Contact the PREP Office for more information.



**Concert of Sacred Music  
Featuring the Philadelphia Priest Singers**

Celebrate the "Year of the Priest" at a "Concert of Sacred Music" featuring the Archdiocesan All Catholic Secondary Chorus, the Keystone Boy Choir, and the "Philadelphia Priest Singers" - a group of our Archdiocesan priests singing sacred music from our heritage. One-time performance will be held on Thursday, **March 25, 2010** at 7:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul. **Limited tickets are available beginning on February 8, 2010.** For ticket information, call 215-587-3519. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Archdiocesan Priest Retirement Fund.

**VOCATION PROGRAMS  
AT  
SAINT CHARLES  
SEMINARY**

Weekend Retreat  
February 19-21, 2010  
young men ages 16-24

Overbrook Overnights  
May 7-8, 2010  
Deacon Ordination

May 14-15, 2010  
Priesthood Ordination

Please call  
the Seminary at  
**610-667-5778**  
for more information.

**LENTEN DAY OF  
RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday, March 6, 2010**  
9 AM - 4 PM  
St. Charles Seminary

9 am Mass  
in Immaculate Conception Chapel

Lunch will be served

Reservations are required  
\$35/person  
\$25 for Full time High School &  
College Students

To register,  
call 215-247-2585.

**MEN'S SPIRITUALITY  
CONFERENCE**

*Be reconciled to the Lord*  
A day of fellowship &  
inspiration

**Saturday, March 13, 2010**  
Archbishop Ryan High School

Guest Speakers  
Baseball's great Mike Piazza  
Catholic Evangelist,  
Jesse Romero  
Police Commissioner,  
Charles Ramsey

They will address Catholic men  
of the Archdiocese on the roll  
of faith in their lives.  
Additionally, Cardinal Rigali  
will celebrate the closing Mass.

For additional information and  
online registration, go to  
[www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org) or  
call 215-587-5639.

*Saint Joseph Parish has just  
been chosen as a Chester County  
bus launch point.*

**TEEN CONVOCATION**

Want to know your part in God's *Never-ending Story*? Come and find out at the Teen Convocation on **Sunday, March 7, 2010** (11:30 AM to 5:30 PM) at Archbishop Carroll High School. Teens from throughout the Archdiocese will gather for fun, good music, food and faith. Sunday Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Timothy Senior. Contact (Parish Contact) for more information or visit: <http://archphila.org/catechetical/index.html>.

**Immaculate Conception (Germantown)** is planning a reunion of alumni, classmates, neighbors and friends on Sunday, October 10, 2010. For more information or to be added to the IC mailing list, contact Dennis McGlinchey at (610) 277-5693 or email at [DMcG1956@aol.com](mailto:DMcG1956@aol.com).

**MOM - Heart of the Home**

On Saturday, March 20 the Chester County Chapter of **MOM - Heart of the Home** will offer it's **16<sup>th</sup> annual day of renewal** at Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Moms of all ages are invited to enjoy inspirational speakers, individual reflection, and the company of other moms. Registration is **\$25** (\$30 March 7 - 13) and includes a boxed lunch. Download a registration form from [www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html](http://www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html) , or contact your MOM - Heart of the Home Parish Rep, Allison Brown at 610-269-3644 or [abrown828@verizon.net](mailto:abrown828@verizon.net) for details.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**ARAMARK**

Is looking for Food Service  
Workers for Bishop Shanahan  
High School Cafeteria.

Candidates should fax resume  
to 610-254-8030.

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