

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 1 month prior to the christening date and at least 6 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 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, December 26th, 2009 6:30 PM

Thomas Dudas (Delores McGowan)
Eucharistic Minister: Lasak, Jr.
Lector: Patrick

Sunday, December 27th, 2009 10:30 AM

Deceased Members of the Hamilton & Saska Families
(Hamilton Family)
Eucharistic Ministers: Johnson & Catanese
Lector: Elaine

12/28 9:00 am Jeannette Wilson (Bob & Ann Hamilton)
12/29 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Joseph Church
12/30 9:00 am Julia Vanderslice (Cathy & Jeff Rhoades)
12/31 9:00 am Donors to the Christmas Flowers Collection
12/31 6:30 pm Agnes Sushinski (Bob & Georgianne Watterson)
01/01 10:30 am Steffie Levenite (Susan Sandoski)
01/02 9:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 2nd, 2010, 6:30 PM

John Dubinski (Dubinski Family)
Eucharistic Minister: J. Nesbitt
Lector:

Sunday, January 3rd, 2010, 10:30 AM

Julia Vanderslice (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)
Eucharistic Ministers: Claypoole & Lasak, Jr.
Lector:

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 Hrachko, Mike Sullivan, Mimi Sushinski, Peter Michalski, Millie Harvey, Dorothy Puza, William O'Hop, Ollie Alfaro, Stella Grubb, Marie McBride, Jim Davis, Kathy Popovich, Stephanie Roman, Priscilla Marshman, Laura Shesko, Helen Yankech, Devin Doyle, Jacob Hally, Mary Lou Burton, Mary Czirjak, Richard Shaw, Abigail Rose Burch, Michelle Burch, Sandra Reczek, Margaret Chever Kuba, Bud Johnson, Crystal Bryan, Carl Burton, Diane Teare, and Carol Slody.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Father William J. Benonis, Stanley Szymborski and Joseph Barnes.

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, December 26th, from 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 3rd, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

New Year's Greetings

The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Father John Hagen, O.S.A., and Father Joseph Hasieber join Father John Oulds in warmly wishing you and your loved ones a great New Year, blessed with God's gifts of peace and happiness, prosperity and health. All good things from heaven's realm be yours, in 2010!

New Year's Day: A Holy Day of Obligation

Within the context of the Christmas Season, the universal Church celebrates joyously the motherhood of Mary, the holy Virgin of Nazareth who gave the world its Savior. New Year's Day marks the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses for that Marian Feast will be offered as follows:

In St. Joseph Church:

Thursday, December 31st, at 6:30 pm
Friday, January 1st, 2010, at 10:30 am

In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church:

Thursday, December 31st, at 5:00 pm
Friday, January 1st, 2010, at 9:00 am

O Mary, Mother of Jesus, at the beginning of this New Year, tenderly bless us with your holy Child!

For An Outstanding Witness to Charity, Thank You!



The fruits of our Advent Giving Tree this year have indeed been most numerous and generous. Blankets, new clothing, outerwear, games, toys, assorted baby needs, various gift cards and so much more were distributed to the less fortunate among us through the generosity of the parishioners of our West End Catholic Churches and the efforts of the members of our local Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Especially notable was the kind participation of the office staff and shop employees at the Cigas Machine Shop on Route 82, and the pharmacists and employees of the Rite Aid Store on Airport Road. Both of these corporate sponsors "adopted" several families in order to fulfill the wish list of each member of these families in need at the holiday. Please know that your compassionate response to our Giving Tree Program has indeed brought a Christmas of gladness and brightness to others. God love you for that. Thank you many times over to each and every donor!

R.C.I.A. Program



routine!

Our R.C.I.A. Program for those examining the Catholic Faith is currently on recess for the Christmas holidays. Our weekly sessions will resume next Sunday, January 3rd, at 4:00 pm, in St. Joseph Rectory. Enjoy the break in

Youth Basketball Free Throw Championship



All boys and girls ages 10 – 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2010 Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 1:00 PM at the Pope John Paul II Elementary School, 2875 Manor Avenue, West Brandywine, PA 19320.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information, contact Tom Tracy at 610/273-2245 or maryjotom@comcast.net.

Touch of Class Adult Programs



Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will once again be offering a variety of classes for the adult community. All classes are taught by certified and knowledgeable instructors. Classes include: Spanish, Italian, Yoga, Zumba and Cooking. Class fees and registration forms are available on our web page www.popejohnpaul2sch.org. New classes are always forming, so check back often. For more information, contact Terry Altschuler at 610/384-5961, ext. 5410.

Sunday Television Mass



The Archdiocesan Office for Communications has copies of the 2010 Sunday Missal available for homebound parishioners who view the Television Mass on WPVI-TV every Sunday at 5:30 am. If you or someone you know is interested in receiving a missal free of charge (donations are accepted; a postage paid envelope is included), please contact the Office for Communications at 215/587-3747, or communof@adphila.org.

Charitable Gift Annuity: Great Rates

These difficult financial times present a particularly good time for considering the Gift Annuity program. You may have sold stock in the recent past, and/or have other funds in very low interest money market or savings accounts. You cannot beat an annuity, guaranteed by the Archdiocese that pays 2-3 times the money market rate! And you get to make a gift to the Parish and receive a charitable deduction as part of the deal! This is a great opportunity for you to help your parish in the future and get a great rate for a life time. Current rates:

Age 65	5.3%	Age 70	5.7%
Age 75	6.3%	Age 80	7.1%
Age 85	8.1%	Age 90	9.5%

Contact Bill Boland 215/587-5650, Planned Giving Coordinator.

2010 Lottery



To those who are selling tickets, please make your returns to Ann Cigas as soon as possible. Thank you!

News from our Regional Parochial School (Open House/Registration) NEW DATE ADDED Pope John Paul II



All parents with pre-school children are invited to an Open House and Learning Fair at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, West Brandywine, on Sunday, January 31st from 12 noon to 2:00 pm. Tours of the facilities will be given and prospective families will have the opportunity to view student's work and classrooms, speak with teachers, get information on school activities, as well as meet current students and parents. Light refreshments will be served.

Prospective families may also visit on February 2, 2010, from 9:00 to 11:00 am to see our students in their Homerooms, Computer, Physical Education, Music and Library classes.

Registration for the School Year 2010-11 will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on February 3, 2010, from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Requirements for registration include:

- To enter Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2010.
- To enter First Grade, a child must be 6 years old by September 1, 2010.
- An original birth certificate must be presented.
- An original baptismal certificate must be presented.
- Immunization records are necessary at the time of registration.
- Catholic families must present a letter from their Pastor verifying their Parish membership before a child will be registered.

Registration Fee: There is a \$100 non-refundable registration fee, plus the first month non-refundable tuition payment.

Parishioners: 1 Child \$280, 2 Children \$480, 3 Children \$671

Non-Parish: 1 Child \$367, 2 Children \$733, 3 Children \$1100

Tuition 2010 – 2011:

Parishioners:

1 Child \$3350

2 Children \$5750

3 Children \$8050

4 Children or more \$9000

Non-Parishioners:

\$4400 each child

You may pay in full, two payments, or twelve payments.

Please note that our parochial school will accept registrations from parishioners who have students in the Public School District currently in Grades 1 to 6, depending on the availability of space. This registration will be done on the Registration Day February 3rd. Sister Anne B. McGuire, IHM, our Principal, is grateful for your support.

Shanahan's Annual Fashion Show



Mark your calendar for Bishop Shanahan High School's Annual "Shopping in West Chester" Fashion Show on Sunday, February 7th, at 12:00 noon, at the Downingtown Country Club. Tickets are \$30. The event includes a full course dinner, cash bar and raffle prizes. Send your check to BSPA, 220 Woodbine Road, Downingtown, PA 19335. Bring your friends!



Saint Pio Prayer Group

The Padre Pio Prayer Group of Chester County meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00 am in SS. Philip & James Church, Exton. All are welcome to participate. For more information, please call 484/433-9401.