

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. Mass, Monday through Saturday, will be celebrated in Saint Joseph Church this week.

Saturday, December 24, 2011, 6:30 pm

Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church (Father John Hagen)
His Eminence, Cardinal John Patrick Foley (Father John Oulds)
Lector: Joey

Sunday, December 25, 2011, 10:30 am

Solemnity of Our Savior's Birth

Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church (Father John Oulds)
Lector: Patrick

- 12/26 9:00 am Stephen V. Walker (Father John Oulds)
12/27 9:00 am Gabriele Eisenbichler (A Friend)
12/28 9:00 am Respect for the Dignity and the Sacredness of
All Human Life from Conception to Natural
Death
12/29 9:00 am Intentions of the Donors to the Christmas
Flowers Fund
12/30 9:00 am Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and
Religious Life
12/31 9:00 am In Thanksgiving for the Blessings of the Past
Year 2011

Saturday, December 31, 2011, 6:30 pm

Joseph Dooley (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)
Lector: Elaine

Sunday, January 1, 2012, 10:30 am

Catherine McInerney (Richard & Barbara Reczek)
Lector: Kathy

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Dorothy Bodnar, Joseph Yankech III, Mimi Sushinski, Dorothy Puza, William O'Hop, Ollie Alfaro, Marie McBride, Kathy Popovich, Laura Shesko, Helen Yankech, Jacob Hally, Mary Lou Burton, Richard Shaw, Abigail Rose Burch, Michelle Burch, Bud Johnson, Crystal Bryan, Carl Burton, George Chenger, Anthony Bonanno, Frank Sabo, Louise Sabo, Betty Hracho, Cy Reali, Brian Denny, Scott Klika, Jennifer Dunmoyer, Donna DeFernando, Peter Michalski, Peggy Copeland, Lori Gannon, Robert Watterson, Elaine Fiorillo, Frank Trusila, Margaret Toth, Linda Elliott, Tom Denny, Frank Lasak, Jr., George Reynolds, Joanne Krupansky, Anne Reshey and Denny Howell.

Among the recently Deceased, we remember Monsignor John Sharkey and Gabriele Eisenbichler.

Also, we pray for those U.S. military personnel serving in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Middle East. May God keep them safe and out of harm's way.

Christmas Greetings

The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Father John Hagen, O.S.A. join with Father John Oulds in extending warm and prayerful greetings to you and your loved ones for a blessed and joyous Christmas. Kindly be assured that you will be lifted up in prayer at the altar on this beautiful Feast of our tender Savior's Birth. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Collection

One of the most significant monetary appeals during the calendar year is the Annual Christmas Collection. Like your own household during these difficult economic times, your Parish, too, struggles with meeting financial responsibilities. Your generosity to this special collection would greatly benefit our operational expenses and our good works. God love you for your kindness to us!

Our Lady of the Americas is Coming!

At the top of the new year, in the early weeks, we are expecting the visit of a beautiful framed image of Mary, depicting her under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.. This image will spend several days in each Church of our locality on display for public veneration, eventually moving on to cover the Churches of the entire Archdiocese. Churches will be open to accommodate your visits during the day and into the evening. This spiritual venture is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. More details will appear in next weekend's Parish Bulletin.

Parish Wall Calendars for 2012

Thanks to the thoughtfulness and kindness of three of our area Funeral Directors, Parish wall calendars for 2012 are being made available to our parishioners and friends for the taking. All three styles are very attractive and are illustrated with religious art, highlighting venerable masterpieces, Pope Benedict XVI, and Saints of the Americas. These are available in the back of the church.

Vigil for Life

You are invited to join Monsignor Daniel Kutys as a volunteer Helper of God's Precious Infants in a Vigil for Life on Saturday, January 7,

2012. This monthly event begins with the 8:00 am Mass in Saint Agnes Church, West Chester, followed by a Rosary Pilgrimage to the nearby Planned Parenthood facility. For additional information, kindly contact Jack & Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

Contraception – Why Not?

Sponsored by the Respect Life Committee of Saint Peter Church, West Brandywine, the 4th presentation of “Life, Love & Sexuality – The Series” will be held on Monday, January 9, 2012, at 7:00 pm, in Saint Peter Church facilities. Topics will include: the current state of contraception in our culture, the medical implications, what the Catholic Church teaches, how contraception damages women's health and alternatives to artificial contraception. Dr. Lester Ruppberger, the presenter, is a board certified OB/GYN with an NFP only practice in Langhorne, PA. He is a certified NFP instructor for the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For more information on this or future presentations, which will include infertility and end of life issues, visit www.saintpeterchurch.net/respectlife.html or email respectlife@saintpeterchurch.net, or call Jo Christof at 610/942-3571.

Volunteer English Program

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a three-session, training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be held at Keshet Israel Congregation, 1000 Pottstown Pike in West Chester on Monday January 23, Thursday January 26, and Monday January 30 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. For more information about this exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222 or visit the web site at www.volunteereenglish.org.

Thank You for an Outpouring of Compassion

The response of our West End parishioners to Operation Christmas and the Advent Giving Tree program has been truly exceptional this year. Dozens upon dozens of canned fruit cocktail from both Churches made their way into the holiday food baskets distributed to the needy. Likewise, trunkloads of wonderful gifts are being placed into the hands of less fortunate families in celebration of Christmas 2011. How in keeping with the Birth of Jesus, the incarnate Love of God, was this outpouring of your concern and compassion! Thank you so very much and may your own holiday be richly blessed by that Holy Child who would teach that what was done for the least of His brothers and sisters was actually done for Him. Special thanks to the employees of Cigas Machine Shop and the management of the Airport Road Rite-Aid for their continued, generous kindness.

Malvern Retreat House

Malvern Retreat House kicks off their 100th Anniversary with the Epiphany Retreat for Men the weekend of January 6th – 8th. Retreats for Women include Serenity the weekend of January 6th - 8th and Women Afire the weekend of March 16th – 18th. For information, call 610/644-0400 or go to www.malvernretreat.com.

Save the Date!

The First Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Outing to support tuition assistance for students attending Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will be May 8, 2012 at the Honey Brook Golf Club. For more info, visit the Development/Golf outing page at www.popejohnpaul2sch.org.

Bishop Shanahan High School Winter-Summer Programs

Featuring Dr. Richard Fuller, Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, offers the most comprehensive 35 hour training experience in a PSAT/SAT Program in the area (with a student-teacher ratio of 8:1 in math). Classes begin January 18th. For more info, call Dr. Fuller at 610/275-9660 or BSHS at 610/518-1300.

Blessing of the Creche Within the Home

A creche or Nativity scene is customarily prepared in the Christian homes, employing plenty of straw, flowers, candles, evergreen and lots of loving, creative care. Truly it is a holy shrine, a place to pray every day of Christmastime, a spot to lift up our mind and hearts to God. A Bethlehem display then is nothing less than a vision of heaven on earth. All creation gathers to worship our affectionate and gracious God. On Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, you may wish to bless the creche with the following prayer, when you place the figure of the Christ Child in the manger. Recite Psalm 98 or sing it in a version we all know: “Joy to the World!”

Bless us, Lord,
as we come to Bethlehem,
where animals and angels,
shepherds and seekers
together behold Your face.



Here snow becomes straw,
and frost becomes flowers,
as winter melts into everlasting spring.

In our holy Christmas,
in this festival of Christ,
give us the riches of Your poverty,
and show us the power of Your Weakness,
as we join the angels
in proclaiming Your praise:

Glory in heaven
and peace on earth,
now and for ever. Amen.

Women's Club News

The next meeting of the Women's Club will be held on Sunday, January 8th immediately following the 10:30 Mass. Please join us as we plan our activities through the Spring. The meeting is open to **both men and women** of our parish. For more information about the club or any of its activities, please feel free to contact Kathy Barnes at 610/383-6997.

Annual Report from our Parochial School

Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School has released its 2010-2011 Annual Report on www.popejohnpaul2sch.org.

Come and See Bishop Shanahan!

8th Grade Universal Visitation Day:

Thursday, January 19, 2012, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Open House and Registration:

Sunday, January 22, 2012, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

Visit www.shanahan.org under Admissions/Upcoming Events for more information, or call Mrs. Dale at 610/343-6206. Thank you.

Head Coach Position Open

If you are interested in being the Head Coach of Varsity Girls' Lacrosse at Bishop Shanahan High School, send your resume and clearances to: BSHS, 220 Woodbine Road, Downingtown, PA 19335, Attn: Mr. Ted Torrance

Rugby Alumni Reunion

Bishop Shanahan's 3rd Annual Rugby Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, January 7th, in SS. Philip and James School Cafeteria, Exton, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Proceeds support the Pope John Paul II Scholarship Fund, funding four partial scholarships to Bishop Shanahan High School. Visit www.shanahanrugby.com.