

HOPE PEACE JOY FAITH

Third Sunday of Advent



Welcome to
Saint Joseph Parish
Downingtown, Pennsylvania
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011

Clergy

Rev. William J. Smith,	Pastor Emeriti
Rev. Msgr. Robert T. McManus	
Rev. Msgr. William J. Lynn	Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Joseph C. McLoone	Parochial Administrator
Rev. Brian M. Kean	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Matthew W. Guckin	Resident
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Parish Office

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School

610-269-8999

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Sister Rita Doyle, I.H.M.	Vice Principal
Julie Fitzgerald	Secretary

Parish Religious Education Program

610-873-8798

Kathy Thomas	Director of Religious Education
Mary Ann Korpics	Assistant to the D.R.E.

Convent

610-269-8314

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

Parish Registration

Sunday, January 22 at 10 AM in the
Parish Meeting Center behind the
Saint Joseph Education Center.

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm;
Wednesdays, 6:30 am, 8:30 am and 6:30 pm

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Perpetual Adoration in the Holy Family Chapel

Weekly Morning Prayer

Mon-Fri at 6:30 AM

Devotions

The Holy Rosary - Recited before the 9:00 am Mass daily

Novena to Saint Joseph every Wednesday

Litany to the Sacred Heart 1st Friday of the month

First Saturday Devotions: Held the First Saturday of each
month at 8:30 am

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

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the following child who was Baptized on December 4.

PARKER HAYNE JOHN

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. Baptisms take place Sundays at 1 PM. Please visit our web site for details and registration info or call the parish office.

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 (Pre-Cana) at least six months prior to the wedding.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

...those who are sick: Joan Ashton, Molly Baldwin, Robert Barnes, Michael Barone, Karen Batty, Charlie Bauerlein, Robert Ballard, Patrice Blasdell, Arlene Briggs, Kevin Brophy, Allison Brown, Pam Brown, Leonard Bucklin, Nathaniel Burt, Florence Ceulers, Mary Rita Coffey, Cecelia Colbert, Joseph Colella, Anita Conant, Agnes Cummings, Gino DiBernadetto, John DiBerardinis, Mario DiFrancesco, Sr., Donald D'Ginto, Ellen Doyle, Joe Dunn, Lee Eby, Andy Eppolito, Ryan Euler, Dorothy Foy, John Francis, Oscar Freitas, Vincent Gazzo, Mary Mento Groome, Madelin Harris, Charles (John) Hotter, Andy Ippolito, Mason Ippolito, Joseph Jackson, Patricia Jamison, Chris Jones, Ed Koroly, Anne Lewis, Frank Mariani, Nicholas Massari, Roberta McCormick, Heather McCready, Kaitlyn McLaughlin, Jay McManus, John Mento, Helen Miller, Mitzy Newlin, Patrick Oakes, Oakes & Martin Families, Bettyrene O'Connor, Ernie Panetti, Bill Pashinski, Ed Perley, Florence Popadick, Susan Pope, Ellen Quertzsch, Jacob Replogle, Declan Roberts, John Roch, Margaret Ronnen, Dolores Rudetys, Maureen Ruggeri, Doreen Sadowski, Dave Sankula, Cindy Sattizahn, Christopher Sauk, Paul Scheidel, Scott Schiel, Phillip Seamon, Ken Sharpless, Robert Sheddy, Mary Sheridan, Peter Short, Robert Smedley, Jessica Sirak Smith, Mario Spoto, Katherine Sousa, John Stagliano, Jr., Sister Mary Stanislaus, Carol Starner, Jerry Sturgill, Bill Subers, Heather Sutton, Frank Sweeney, Sister Augustine Thomas, Karina Rose Thomas, Helen Vincent, Gabby Vogel, Betty Ward, Bill Ward & Darla Woodward.

...those who have died: Sister Elizabeth Irene Collins, I.H.M., Gerard McNaughton

Liturgy Intentions For The Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:00 PM-George Bird (4th Anniv.) by Ronnie & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 AM-For the Parishioners

7:30 AM-Mary Anita DiJiacomo by DiJiacomo Family

9:00 AM-Deceased Members of the Muzii Family by Family

10:30 AM-William Pacinelli by Rose & Family

12:00 PM-Deceased Members of the Rambo Family by Dana DiDomenico

4:00 PM-Rose Ottaviano by Joan O. Green

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 AM-Oakleigh DeCarlo by Scott DeCarlo

9:00 AM-Anthony Pollini by Caroline & Don Lichok

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00 AM-Santa Lucia by Michelina D'Anzi

9:00 AM-Lucia Taraschi by Paul & Faye Taraschi

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 AM-Adeline Ursini (45th Anniv.)

by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Ursini & Daughters

9:00 AM-Cesare & Berenice Fersini by Vincent Polverini

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 AM-James & Anna Pelzar by Sarah & Children

9:00 AM-Anna & Rhinehart J. Merkt

by Short & Ferris Families

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 AM-Joe Cipollini by Kathy Osborn

9:00 AM-Joseph Ryan Roch by Mom, Dad & Brothers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 AM-Joe Cipollini by Judy Karlton

*The Altar Flowers are in memory of
Norma Piacun*

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of
Ann Trolio Cross*

ANNOUNCED MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:00 PM-Carl C. Popadick by Bob & Joan Angiulo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:00 AM-For the Parishioners

7:30 AM-Ida & John Baker by Daughter & Family

9:00 AM-Josephine Anderson by Jimmy & Family

10:30 AM-Julia DiMartin

by Michael, Tina, Julianne & Christina

12:00 PM-Bella Calleyari by Buttner Family

4:00 PM-John Meehan by Wife

SECOND COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND, DECEMBER 10 & 11
Retirement Fund for the Religious

December 11, 2011

Dear Friends,

In 1988 the Bishops in the United States initiated the **Retirement Fund for Religious** to address the significant lack of retirement funding for senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Over more than two decades, Catholics across the nation have responded generously to this collection. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious this weekend helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. I thank you for your generosity to this annual collection. Say a prayer or write a card to a sister, brother or priest who touched your life and let them know you are thinking and praying for them.

As we thank, pray and support our elderly religious this weekend, we will also be visited by the **Little Sisters of the Poor**. In the spirit of their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, canonized in 2009, the Little Sisters of the Poor care for the elderly in over 30 countries worldwide and have 30 homes here in the United States. As our aging population continues to grow and dignity at the end of life is increasingly threatened, Saint Jeanne Jugan is a friend and patron of the elderly- she is a saint for old age! Welcome Sisters once again to Saint Joseph and may God continue to bless your work among our elders.

We are a large and growing parish that goes from the very young to the very old. But we are also a parish that does care and should care for each other. I am impressed by the spirit of giving throughout the year and how the concept of stewardship is lived and practiced here. Thank you to all who have been participating in our **Giving Tree** this year once again. As good as it is to reach out and help someone in need at the holidays, do not forget to make God present to those closest to you. Take the time to share your God given gifts with those who might just need a little of your time, a friendly visit or a long put off phone call. The most important gifts are never bought in a store but only come from the heart.

For centuries, Catholic tradition has called this Third Sunday of Advent **Gaudete** that is *Rejoice* Sunday, after the first Latin word of the ancient entrance antiphon which reminds us to rejoice the Lord is near. John the Baptist, in our gospel today, reminds us that the One whose coming we long for is in our midst- if we have eyes to see. Help us Lord to open our eyes and see your presence in the world and people all around us. As we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas may we be people who rejoice in all that God has done for us. Mary's song of praise, the Magnificat, which was our responsorial psalm today reminds us, "The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name."

Saint Joseph, Pray for Us!

Monsignor McLoone

NEW CHURCH

Cherishing our Past



UPDATE

Embracing the Future

GOAL: \$6 MILLION

Total Pledged to Date:

\$5,081,015.68

Total families pledged:

1,072

On Monday of this past week, the "bids" were opened for the construction price of our new church. Thanks to Mike Brennan, Julie Wiant, Tom Hill and Jack Burke for coming to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Philadelphia for this important next step in our parish journey. I am happy to report that a few of the bids were "Very Favorable" and we were all very happy. It is prudent though to keep the numbers confidential at this time. Now we need to dig a little deeper and compare the details. We will do that in that next few weeks and "descope" the bids. Then we will go back to the lowest bids with the final documents and ask for their final and best offer- their guaranteed maximum price.

Cautiously optimistic is the attitude. . . Our Blessed Mother continues to watch over us. Friday of this coming week our project will be presented to the Archbishop, Bishops and the College of Consultors for their final approval.

I am still signing letters of thanks for all who made a pledge or renewed their pledge. Each day the mail brings more good news and I am very grateful for your faithful support.

May the intercession of our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, our patron, help us to work together as a parish community to build a church which cherishes our past but embraces the future.

Parish News

2011 Christmas Schedule

Confessions

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 PM Parish Penance Service
(Last opportunity for confession before Christmas)

Christmas Masses

(All Masses are in the church
unless otherwise indicated.)

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM
5:10 PM (gym)
7:30 PM
12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

7:30 AM
9:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:00 Noon
(no 6AM or 4PM)

Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 5 PM Vigil
Sunday, January 1, 2012
6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM;
12 Noon; 4:00 PM

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7, 5 PM Vigil
Sunday, January 8, 2012
6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM;
12 Noon; 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Remember your loved ones at Christmas! Donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of all our beautiful Christmas decorations in and around the church. Bring the names of your loved ones and donation to the parish office by **Wednesday, December 14**. We are asking a donation of \$10 for each one of your loved ones to be remembered. The list of names will be published in the bulletin on December 25.

Names of deceased:

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

PLEASE NOTE

Confessions will not be heard at 6:30 pm
on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 14,

Parish Penance Service, St. Elizabeth Parish

Wednesday, December 21

our own *Parish Penance Service* Confessions begin at **7PM**

This will be the last time for confessions before Christmas!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Here are the deadlines for information:

December 25, 2011 - Christmas Bulletin

Information due by Dec. 14

January 1, 2012

Information due by Dec. 21

NEIGHBORING PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 14

St. Elizabeth, Upper Uwchlan, 7 PM

St. Patrick, Malvern, 7 PM

Monday, December 19

Ss. Philip & James, Exton, 7 PM

St. Maximilian Kolbe, W. Chester, 7 PM

Tuesday, December 20

St Peter, West Brandywine, 6:15 PM

Ss. Simon & Jude, W. Chester, 7 PM

Wednesday, December 21

St. Joseph, Downingtown, 7 PM

Help Wanted

Evening/Weekend Receptionist

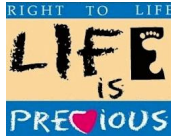
We are looking for a part-time (approx. 17 hours per week) evening/weekend receptionist for our parish office. Responsibilities include database inputting, answering phones, signing out facility keys for meetings, greeting parishioners who come to the office, and assisting with special projects and mailings as needed. This position requires a responsible person with a cheerful attitude and computer skills. If interested, please apply at the parish office. For info, contact Julie Wiant, Business Manager, 610-269-8294.

Looking for a way to volunteer?

Two or three individuals are needed to serve as a recording secretary for the pastoral council, stewardship committee and steering committee. Parishioners interested in a great and easy way to give their gifts back to Our Lord are asked to contact Julie Wiant at 610-269-8294 or email Juliew@stjoesdtown.org

PARISH NEWS

RESPECT LIFE NEWS



Respect Life Meeting

The Respect Life group will hold an important meeting on **Wed., Dec. 14** at 7:30 pm. Ed Taylor, President of the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition, will be here to explain the Coalition's activities and how we can support their efforts to respect and protect all human life. For info call Karen at 620-269-4607.

Save the Date for March for Life

January 23, 2012.
Save the date for details.

THE GIVING TREE GIFTS ARE DUE!



Don't forget that the Giving Tree gifts are due back by **Wednesday, December 14**. Please return your gift, with the tag securely attached, under the tree by Wednesday. Only gift cards are to be returned to the parish office. Know that your gift has made such a difference in the life of someone who greatly needs it this holiday season. Thank you! And if you are interested in helping to sort the gifts on Friday evening, December 16, at the church, contact Nick at 610-269-5450 or 610-578-5085.



St. JOSEPH SCHOOL
Downingtown, PA

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

Announcing Open House Dates

St. Joseph School invites you to "Come and See" our wonderful school! We will have Open Houses again this week, on **Wednesday, December 14**, at 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you then!

Registration will take place in January! Details will be posted soon!

Our Pre-K 3 and our Pre-4 Afternoon class still has openings. If you just moved into the area, it is not too late for your children to come to school, learn about their faith and to make new friends.

Call the school office for details at 610-269-8999.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Sunday, January 22 at 10 AM
in the parish meeting center behind the
Saint Joseph Education Center.

St. Joseph Youth Ministry **Luminaria Sale**

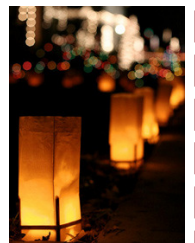
To pre-order your luminarias, please fill out the lower portion of this form and return it to the Holy Family Center, the Parish School, or the PREP office.

This year, the luminarias will be sold in two ways:

- You may order individual luminaria for \$1.00 each
- Or you can order luminarias in bundles of 12 for \$10.00 each.

Each luminaria will be packaged with a white paper bag, a candle, and a pre-measured plastic bag of sand.

Preordered luminarias will be available for pick-up after the Masses in the parish office garage on **Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18** and outside of the entrances of the church for non-preordered luminaria.



I would like to order luminarias. Enclosed is my payment.

I would like to order _____ luminarias at \$1.00 each.	The total for this portion of my order is \$ _____
I would like to order _____ bundles of 12 luminarias at \$10.00 each.	The total for this portion of my order is \$ _____
The total for my order is \$ _____	
I have enclosed my payment of: _____ Cash _____ Check (Payable to St. Joseph Church)	

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Please return this form with payment to the Holy Family Center, the Parish School, or the PREP Office.
If you have any questions, please contact Ken Chrusch at 610-269-8294 or at kenc@stjoesdtown.org.

PARISH NEWS



Christmas Crab Cake Special – One Week Only!

Best price around for Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes!



Round-out Your Christmas Dinner with Capt'n Chucky's Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes, Crab Soup & Crab Appetizers

Place your order below for pick-up on Friday, Dec 16, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in Parish Meeting Room 4
Orders needed by December 13!

Cut here and keep as a reminder -----

-- Return this section --

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Home Delivery? YES / NO If YES, provide Address: _____

Smith Island 3.25 oz. Crab Cakes – retail \$5.50 (select 4, 6 or 8):	_____	x \$ 4.75 per = \$ _____
Dozen Smith Island 3.25 oz. Crab Cakes – retail \$63:	_____	x \$55.00 per = \$ _____
Crab Critter Appetizers (bag of 50) – retail \$14.95:	_____	x \$13.75 per = \$ _____
Maryland Crab Soup (1 qt.):	_____	x \$ 9.25 per = \$ _____
Holiday Family Pak (1 doz. cakes, 1 bag critters, 2 qts. soup)	_____	x \$85.00 per = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus, Council 7208

Drop-off orders at the Parish Office or mail to: Knights of Columbus Crab Cakes, 460 Manor Ave., Downingtown, PA 19335
<http://www.welovecrabcakes.com/>

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

The Sunday Morning Nursery during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses is for parishioners with infants and toddlers. It is available in the school every Sunday that PREP classes are in session. For info call Prep at 610-873-8798.

PRAY FOR 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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

610-873-8798

P.R.E.P.

Classes meet December 11-13

(Confessions for Levels 3-6 on 12/12 & 12/13)
18-20

NO CLASSES

12/25-27 and January 1-3, 2012

RCIA

December 14

no session 12/21 and 12/28

January 4

(Annual Pot Luck Supper, details to follow),
11, 18, and 25

Lance Corp. William Alvord
Cpl. Steve Anderson
Andrew Bowser
Sarah Debarberie
Staff Sgt. Christopher Deutsch
Staff Sgt. Ian Deutsch
Jennifer Dunn
1st Lt. Matthew Glisson
Leslie Harkness
Lance Corp. Jeff Herbet
Joshua Horrocks, LCPL.
Steven Houser
Major Nicholas Hupp
Cpl. Daniel Kline
James Kurtz
Andy Landmesser
Major Paul D. Lang
PFC. Tim Liermann
Sgt. Christopher Madden
Staff Sgt. Brian Manion

Spc. Nicholas Massari
Capt. J. Kevin McKittrick
Pvt. Francis Misantone
2nd Lt. Ryan Misero
Lt. J.G. Brian Muka
Pvt. Ian Donoghue-Neider
Sgt. Bradley Panichelli
Alex Rozon
Lt/Cmd. Chris Schwarz
Airman Timothy Schwarz
M/Sgt. Barry Snyder
A/2c Patrick Snyder
Lt/Cmd. Peter Snyder
M/Sgt. Rebekah Snyder
John Stagliano, III
Ryan Strehl
Bryan Williams
Josh Woodward
Pvt. Andrew White
Major Robert F. Williams III
Vincent Yarch

To add/remove a name call 610-269-8294.

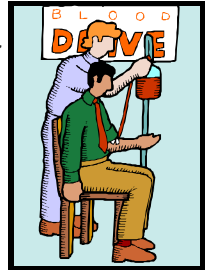
Stewardship

Stewardship Corner

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you to all who helped make our Thanksgiving Blood Drive a success - donors, callers, set up crew, and take down crew. 65 donors came out and 60 pints of life were collected.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Christopher, Melissa,
Christopher & Alexis Bruno

John, Amy, Grace, Julia & Jack Burke

Carl, Susan, Tori, Julia,
Jessica & Krista Hiller

Tad, Erin & Brianna Howell

Jason Kress

Justin, Rachel & Brooklyn Popek

Shawn Robinson

DECEMBER MERCY HOSPICE MENU

Group 3 - Old Fashion Beef Stew
Group 4 - American Chop Suey
For info, Call Gail at 610-269-9574.

H.O.P.E

Rides 12/12-12/18

Amy Piro at 610-873-4152
Mary Sweeney 610-269-0604.

Rides 12/19-12/25

Leslie Curtis at 610-518-5403
Nancy Coccetti at 610-269-3036.

Contact Helen Lyons at 610-873-8041 to volunteer.

OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Please schedule your time commitment by emailing reception@stjoesdtown.org or the parish office.

Monday

midnight-4am, 3-4pm

Tuesday

2-4am, 3-5pm

Wednesday

1-2am, 2-3am, 5-6pm

Thursday

midnight - 1am, 10-11am
Noon - 1pm, 6-7pm

Friday

3-5am, 11am-noon,
10-11pm.

Saturday

9-10am, Noon - 1pm,
4-5pm, 6-7pm 9-10pm
11pm-midnight

Sunday

1-2am, 10am -3pm

THANK YOU HOSPITALITY

I was truly Blessed this Thanksgiving for having six wonderful people, who took the time out of their busy day, to help with the reception after the 9 o'clock Mass. My heartfelt thanks goes to Maureen Collins, Bridget Ensor, James Ensor, Karen McManus, Margo Toland and Mike Wishing for giving of their precious time, on this very busy day. Even fourteen month old Derrick Michael Ensor helped out by rearranging chairs for me.

Thank you so much for all your help,
Pat Wishing

Stewardship

COLLECTION TOTAL

December 4 Collection Total: \$57,355.60

Ordinary Income: \$29,509.10

Loose Cash: \$1,966.17

Weekly EFT: \$4,217 (135 Participants)

Monthly EFT: \$21,663.33

Collection Total: \$57,355.60

POOR BOX

December 4 Total: \$266.28

The Poor Box for December is for Amigos de Jesús Orphanage. The Amigos De Jesús Orphanage cares for impoverished children. They offer financial help to families – enabling children to remain at home and in school. They offer a residence for children, a dining hall, a workshop area for carpentry, an agricultural program and an animal husbandry program. They offer a bilingual school for academics, religion and fine arts along with sponsoring continuing education for their children who graduate.

OUR YOUNG STEWARDS

See How Our Young Stewards Shared
their Time, Talent and Treasure
this past week!

Emily set the table.

Matthew was very good for the babysitter.

Gillian bought a present for a child in need.

John bought gifts for his family.

Bailey read a story to her little sister.

McKenna cleaned her dishes.

Matthew gave his lollipop to his little sister.

Kiera wrote emails to her dad.

My Gift
to God



December 4

26 envelopes were collected
22 included a donation of \$23.55

Joseph's People is a group at Saint Joseph Church who help serve the unemployed/underemployed.

START CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW!

Is someone in your family hard to buy for?
Do you have a teenager who prefers gift cards
over actual presents?

shopwithscrip.com

Order Gift Cards using Shopwithscrip.com!

- ◇ Several stores have increased their percentage for the holidays and the service fee is now only 15 cents!
- ◇ Many gift cards are reloadable!
- ◇ Shopwithscrip also offers ScripNow that allows you to print cards! Perfect for last minute gifts!

**Order by December 19 to receive cards by
December 22!**

DSW
DESIGNER SHOE WAREHOUSE®

**Love Shoes?
DSW has joined Shopwithscrip!**

Parish Groups

YOUTH NEWS

Contact Ken Chrusch at 610-269-8294 or KenC@stjoesdtown.org



JP2CREW (All high school students welcome)

Dec. 11: Theme "The Word Became Flesh" 5pm - 7pm in parish meeting center with possible Luminaria project/social

Dec. 16: Friday Night in Philly Bus Trip- JP2CREW Service Project at the Center City Wrapping Center. We will leave the parish parking lot 4:30pm, wrap gifts for underprivileged children until 6pm followed by feeding the homeless in the city. We will return no later than 10pm. Get your friends to come out for this night of adventure and service!

Dec. 18: Theme "A Hope Filled Future" 5pm -7pm in parish meeting center

Dec. 30: Christmas Dance in Cafeteria 7pm -11pm

JAM (All 7th & 8th grade students welcome)

Dec. 14 is a regularly scheduled youth night from 7pm – 8:45pm in the parish meeting center.

Dec. 21: Christmas Party in the parish meeting center

Dec. 23: Christmas Movie Night (The Ultimate Gift) in the parish meeting center 7pm – 9pm



CYO CORNER

Many thanks to the 900+ runners, walkers and kids fun run who participated in the **Christine Ambrose Sea You at the Beach 5k**. The proceeds will go towards the Ambrose Children Education Fund and For Pete's Sake. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make this 1st annual run a huge success, with special thanks to Mike Bandru and Heather Hays. We look forward to next year's run which will be held at a closer location.

Congratulations to our boys Regional Varsity basketball team for capturing the title at the 2011 Visitation BVM Turkey Shoot-Out Classic over the Thanksgiving break. Way to go!!

GOOD WORKS



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

Contact Becky Kopec at 610-413-6639.

Catholics Reconnecting

Are you looking to more actively practice your Catholic faith? *Catholics Reconnecting* may be just right for you. This six-session series includes topics such as "Spirituality" "God's Mercy" "The Mass" and "The Church." You can learn and ask questions...all in a friendly and confidential setting with other Catholics. St. Joseph Parish invites you to 6 *Catholics Reconnecting* sessions **January 11, 18, 25 & February 1, 8, 15, 2012**. Sessions will be held on the second floor of the Education Center in the Music Room. Please enter through the Cafeteria door and go up the stairs. Please come or contact catholicsreconnecting@yahoo.com or Mary Ann 610-873-8798 or (610-241-7369) for more info.

THE KING'S MEN!

The King's Men is meeting **Thursday, December 15**, from 8-9:30pm in the Parish Center, located in the back right of the school building. The King's Men is a dynamic group for men of all ages to enjoy fellowship, faith discussion, growing in their knowledge of the faith, and challenging each other to greater holiness and a more integrated and full Christian life. The group is open to all men 18 and older and out of high school. Occasional socials with food/refreshments. **You can join the group at anytime.** For info, contact Bill Reagan at b_reagan@rocketmail.com.