

# 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 our Parish secretary Stella Grubb. Stella is available at the rectory after the 10:30 Mass on Sundays, or you can call the rectory 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 one month prior to the christening date and at least six 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 house bound parishioners upon notification. Please inform Father Oulds when anyone is hospitalized. The sick always have a place in our community prayer.

## Music Ministry

Anyone interested in participating in the music ministry at St. Joseph's should contact Stella, our parish secretary or Craig Cigas. We have choirs for both young and not so young and we are always on the lookout for new cantors, organists and helpers.

## Masses for the Week

Masses for the Week (Holy Week) beginning April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001, will be offered as follows:

The daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Likewise, the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m., on Holy Thursday, will be celebrated in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

The remaining Liturgies of Holy Week will be offered in St. Joseph Church in accord with the schedule below.

**Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 7:00 PM**  
**Rose Guldán (Andrew & Ann Cigas)**

**Good Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 7:00 PM**  
**Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death**

*Euch. Ministers* Gerald Bugar/Jeffery Nesbitt  
*Lectors* Karen Mummert/ Elaine Sabo

**Holy Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 7:30 PM**

### Solemn Easter Vigil

**This Mass is being especially offered for all Parishioners.**

*Euch. Ministers* Francis Seymen, Pamela Krupansky, Kathie Catanese & Lisa Hillman  
*Lectors* Elaine Sabo/Laura Henderson

**Easter Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001 10:30 AM**

**Michael & Margaret Sushinski (Max & Agnes Sushinski)**

*Altar Servers* Abigail Reczek, Michelle Swinty, John Zelina  
*Euch. Ministers* Gerald Bugar, Jeffrey Nesbitt & Patricia Swinty  
*Lector* William Swinty

## Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Father William Cox, Father Francis Schlett, Jessica Ryan, Julia Esposito, Jan Cisarik, Verna Seymen, Cy Reali, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, Cecilia Shesko, Robert Hracho, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Sean Colvin, Natalie Umile, Anna Bortnyck, Lanita Giuseppe and the Dead: Dorothy Watterson.

## Opportunities for Confession

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. In addition, several other opportunities remain for the hearing of confessions prior to the Paschal Triduum and Easter: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of this week at 8:30 a.m. (prior to the 9:00 a.m. daily Mass in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church) and Tuesday evening of the week at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mass in St. Joseph Church).

## Holy Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

At 7:00 p.m., the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated for both West End congregations in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, concluding with the Eucharistic Procession to the Repository. It is a bittersweet night of gathering at the table with the Savior, who will lay down His life for us, and of remembering with grateful hearts His lasting gifts of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. Eucharistic Adoration before the Repository concludes at 12:00 Midnight.

## Good Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

The Church is opened at 9:00 a.m. for your private devotion before the Repository. At 7:00 p.m., the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church, featuring the Veneration of the Cross and the Distribution of Holy Communion.

## Outdoor Way of the Cross

Good Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, brings the meaningful local tradition of the Annual Outdoor Stations of the Cross, a walk to fourteen different "Stations" within the City of Coatesville. Prayers that relate to life situations are spoken at each symbolic stop. This solemn procession lasts approximately two hours, rain or shine, unless the weather is very bad when the Service is conducted indoors. It is advised that participants wear comfortable shoes and gather at 11:45 a.m. in the yard of St. Cecilia Church, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Diamond Street. The walk itself begins at 12:00 noon.

## Holy Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

The Saturday Evening Mass is not offered at 6:30 p.m. this day, but at a later hour (as noted), so that the Liturgy may begin in darkness. At 7:30 p.m., the Great Easter Vigil is celebrated in St. Joseph Church for both West End congregations, featuring the Service of Light, the Blessing of Water and Reception of candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation. It is the Church's Night of Nights, joyously hailing the victory of Jesus Christ, our Champion, over the forces of death.

## Easter Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

At 10:30 a.m., a Festive Mass of the Lord's Resurrection will be celebrated, featuring the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling with Blessed Water, in St. Joseph Church.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, our West End "twin," will be offering two Easter morning Masses: at 8 o'clock and at 10 o'clock, if you should be in need of alternative times.

### Blessing of Easter Foods and Candies

In keeping with the Eastern European tradition, the First Foods of Easter and Children's Easter Baskets will be blessed in St. Stanislaus Church on Holy Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. Also, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in St. Joseph Church, on Easter Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, the children will be invited to approach the altar for the blessing of their Easter baskets and the presentation of an added treat.

### Special Appeals Associated with Holy Week

Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten Program of prayer and sacrifice for the world's starving and malnourished peoples, concludes this week. Your kind donation may be placed in the specially marked receptacles in the rear of Church. Your personal Lenten observance has been transformed into the work of an ambassador for Christ. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world this Lenten Season.

Good Friday is the traditional day set aside for the collection of contributions for the Holy Places in Palestine and the Shrines of the Holy Land. These sites, sacred to the memory of our Savior, are under the care of the Franciscan Friars and are maintained by your free-will offerings. God love you!

### Boy Choir Seminary Concert

Those holding reservations for the Palm Sunday Concert of Sacred Song by the Archdiocesan Boy Choir are reminded that our chartered coach for the Seminary will pick up passengers in front of both West End Churches at 2:15 p.m. this Sunday. The concert itself begins at 4:00 p.m., in the Lower Side Chapel of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook. We expect to arrive back in Coatesville between 6:30 and 7:00 that night. This musical event should add to the beauty and the prayerfulness of your Holy Week.

### Sunday TV Mass Now Closed Captioned

Beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>, with the Easter Sunday Mass celebrated by Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua, the weekly-televised Sunday Mass on Channel 6 (ABC) at 6:30 a.m. will be closed captioned to benefit people who are deaf and hearing impaired. Funding for the closed captioning is provided by the Knights of Columbus, Philadelphia Chapter, and the Archdiocesan Apostolate to the Deaf (215/587-3913).

### Congratulations to the Ladies

Leave it to the Women's Club of St. Joseph Church to mount once again an outstanding Spring Bazaar last weekend in the School Hall. With customary energy and enthusiasm, the ladies brought the look, color and beauty of Spring to our Winter-flogged spirits. What a delightful presentation the prize-laden Easter baskets made! As always, delicious baked holiday treats were on hand, as well as tasty foods from our kitchen. Clearly a good time was had by all. Heartiest congratulations to the ladies and their helpers! Thank you to our many parishioners and friends who patronized this wonderful event!

The Women's Club would like to express their appreciation to all who helped in any way with the success of our recent Spring Bazaar. We would particularly like to thank those who donated baskets to be chanced off. They are: Barbara Ahern & Regina Brecht; Camie Arvay; Carrie Babcock & Pat Babcock; Mary Benkovich & Rose Olise; Joan Dubinski; Ronnie Godwin; Maryann Lasak & Winkie Lasak; Andrea Levenite; Kathryn Trumpelman & Eleanor Wasko;

and finally, Helen Yankech. In addition to these baskets, we had other baskets donated by Lisa Hillman & Ann Hamilton; Laura Henderson; and Jane Toth. We also had two donations by local flower shops. Royal Bouquet donated a basket of violets and Coatesville Flower Shop donated a spring flower arrangement. The winning recipients are:

\$500.00 Cash

"Just for Men" basket

Wine & Cheese basket

Swimming Pool basket

Easter candy basket

Kids Beach/Pool basket

Spaghetti basket

Garden Cart basket

Bathroom Towel basket

Barbecue basket

Candle basket

Fruit basket

Beauty basket

Royal Bouquet violets

Coatesville Flower Shop basket

Kids Big Easter Basket

Kids Small Easter Basket

Jelly Bean Guess

Longaberger basket (proceeds for the children's choir)

Our coloring contest winners were: Jordan Conahan, Jane Lasak and Taylor Nines.

Helen Popovich

Joyce Pechin

Sue Dunlap

Ann Cigas

Frances Toth

Kris Dunlap

Mrs. Pongonis

Agnes Novotny

Pat Babcock

Trish Swinty

Ann Cigas

M.L. Keshuta

Stella Grubb

Sue Cook

Ann Hamilton

Kristina Petras

Pat Bradley

Ann Romanoski

Danny & Cora Glass

### Connecting Young Adults

An Archdiocesan-sponsored Catholic Young Adult Conference will be held on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at Archbishop Prendergast High School, Drexel Hill. Join hundreds of young adults (18-35+, married or single) from across the Archdioceses for this incredible day of workshops, fun, faith and fellowship! Call 610/649-9476 or visit [www.oyya.org](http://www.oyya.org) by April 18<sup>th</sup> to register.

### Women's Weekend Retreat

Both married and single women of the Parish are warmly invited to attend a Weekend Retreat at the Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park, PA, May 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2001. For full details, kindly call Rosemary Conway-Bauer at 610/380-0606.

### Jesus the Christ



The Son of God approaches on a donkey. The lowly one comes in the name of the Lord to save us. Setting his face like flint, he does his work on the cross, dying to save each of us. We call on him; we proclaim him our key to paradise. He opens the way for all. Now it is our turn to follow him by humbly climbing the flowering ladder of the cross. With his help we seek reconciliation and forgiveness of sin. Today we take our first step.