

# 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 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 housebound 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 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.

## Masses for the Week

Masses for this weekend are as follows:

### Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, 6:30 PM

*Sister Edmund (Andrew & Ann Cigas)*

Altar Servers      Hackmiester & Rhoades  
Euch. Minister      Lasak, Jr.  
Lector              Bill

### Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003, 10:30 AM

*Lasak & Karc Family Deceased (Mary Czirjak)*

Altar Servers      Malavolta, Hoopes & A. Reczek  
Euch. Ministers      Hillman & Johnson  
Lector              Al

Masses for the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

### Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, 6:30 PM

*Andrew Cigas, Jr. (Andrew & Ann Cigas)*

Altar Servers      Zelina & Babcock  
Euch. Minister      Hillman  
Lector              Cy

### Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, 10:30 AM

*Mary Sandoski (Joseph Sandoski)*

Altar Servers      H. Reczek, S. Reczek & A. Reczek  
Euch. Ministers      Swinty & Claypoole  
Lector              Kathleen

## Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Jan Cisarik, Marie Reali, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Anna Bortnyck, Lanita Guissepe, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Charlie Persch, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Denny Howell, Sr., Rose Olise, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Denise Dodds, Joseph Nesbitt, David Riley, Francis Seymen, Betty Kinnier, James Dailey and Robert Hamilton.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. just prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., just prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

## Special Collection

This weekend, the Second Collection will benefit the yearly appeal to aid the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. In the wake of the political and economic dilemmas resulting from the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union, the Church has faced the continuous challenge of reintegrating religion into society. In countless ways, American benefactors help to sustain the Faith in 27 former "Iron Curtain" countries. Thank you for your anticipated kindness to this annual appeal.

## Parents' Confirmation Meeting

Parents of this year's Confirmation Class (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders) are requested to attend a special meeting with Father John on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., in the parish School Hall. Important materials will be distributed, as well as necessary information shared regarding the sacramental event of the youngsters' confirmation, to be administered by Bishop Martin Lohmuller on May 11<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day). Our entire parish Family rejoices with the confirmands as they advance toward this blessed occasion.

## Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner

Last Sunday's huge snowfall got the best of our plans for the Annual Parish Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner, forcing its postponement. Our new date for this event is Sunday, March 9, 2003, at the same place and time; that is, the Revere Tavern, Route 30, Paradise, beginning at 3:00 p.m. If you received an invitation and had to decline our February 16<sup>th</sup> date, but find our new date allows your participation, please inform us that we might place reservations for you. And regretfully, if the new date of March 9<sup>th</sup> conflicts with a previous commitment on that day, please inform us of your being unable to attend.

To make your changes known, please call Father John at 610/384-1172 as soon as possible. We hope to gain several participants and are saddened should we lose any participants. Thank you for your cooperation in arriving at an accurate final count.

### **The Discarding of Old Glory**

If you possess a worn, torn American flag, please do not throw it away. Boy Scout Troop 16, sponsored by our consolidated parochial school, has placed a container in the back of the Church for the deposit of these flags. The Scouts will make sure your discarded flags are retired in the prescribed proper manner.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the Rectory Meeting Room. It is an important session chiefly dealing with focus questions mandated by our Regional Vicar. Council members will soon be receiving related materials in the mail. Kindly circle the date on your calendar.

### **Calling All Mothers**

On Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Chester County Chapter of MOM – Heart of the Home will offer a Day of Renewal at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Moms of all ages are invited to enjoy inspirational speakers, individual reflection and the company of other mothers. This day provided time to reflect on the vocation of motherhood while replenishing one's spirit. Registration is \$20.00 and includes a boxed lunch. Pick up a registration form located in the back of Church or call Beth Ann Hackmeister at 610/380-3505 for more details. Hope to see you there!

### **Benefit Concert for the Elderly**

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host an enjoyable evening of Irish music, featuring the Wolfe Tones' Derek Warfield and the Sons of Erin Band, on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., in Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield. Free parking and free refreshments will be available. Also appearing will be the Camden County Emerald Society Pipes and Drums. Tickets are \$25.00, obtained from Holy Family Home at 215/729-5153, ext. 415. Proceeds will benefit the Sisters' ministry of care for the elderly.

### **Antique Show and Sale in Lansdale**

The Ladies of Corpus Christi Church (Upper Gwynedd), Lansdale, will present their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Show and Sale on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Sumneytown Pike. Admission is \$3.50 with refreshments available during show hours. For information and/or dinner reservations, call Laurie Ponticello at 610/584-5694.

### **Local Adult Faith Formation**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish extends the invitation to our parishioners to participate in their Adult Faith Formation Program, already in progress, every Monday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. This Monday's topic is "The Life of Prayer". The weekly sessions are a way to revitalize the faith of those adults who may feel that their post-Vatican Council II

knowledge of the Church's teaching needs a "refresher". For more information, call June Cella at 610/384-5939.

### **Special Pre-Lenten Events**

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will hold their Annual Donut Dance on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., in the Polish American Citizens' Club, 15 Strode Avenue. Although the youngsters seem to be in the majority that night, young and old alike can count on a genuinely good time with an accommodating DJ and the hospitable Club hostesses. Tickets are \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/school age child, free to pre-schoolers and available from the Rectory at 610/384-1172.

St. Stanislaus Kostka School Hall offers the setting for a Mardi Gras Pasta and Panczki Night, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Spaghetti, meatballs, salad and garlic bread are on the menu as either eat-in or take-out. Take-out patrons are asked to provide their own containers. Filled Polish donuts (Panczki) are also available for separate purchase. Cost per dinner is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children. Enjoy the feast before the fast.

### **Opportunities for Lent**

The Dominican Retreat House, 750 Ashbourne Road, Elkins Park will be offering Lenten Days of Reflection, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the following dates: March 5<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday), March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, and April 9<sup>th</sup>. Lunch is included. For further information, call Bernadette Haley at 215/782-8520.

### **Looking Ahead to Ash Wednesday**

The penitential Season of Lent opens on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Ashes will be blessed and distributed that day at the following times: in St. Joseph Church at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and at the 7:00 p.m. Mass; in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, at the 12:05 p.m. service outside of Mass and at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We trust that this advance announcement will be of help in your making plans to inaugurate your Lent.

### **Registration For The School Year 2003-2004**

#### *Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School*

A regional school for students who are parishioners of St. Peter's Parish, Honey Brook, Our Lady of Rosary, St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. Cecilia and St. Joseph Parishes in Coatesville.

#### *Building Sites:*

Kindergarten to Grade 4 – Primary Bldg. – St. Cecilia Parish  
Grades 5 and 6 – Middle Bldg. – St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish  
Grades 7 and 8 – Junior High Bldg. – St. Joseph Parish

Registration will be held at the Primary Building at St. Cecilia parish in Coatesville Monday, February 24, 2003 and Tuesday, February 25, 2003.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon both days

The Principal, Sister Helen Loretta, will be available on both days to answer your questions.

There will be *OPEN HOUSE* at all the buildings sites from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 24 and Tuesday, February 25 for anyone who would like to visit.

**Requirements:**

To enter Kindergarten a child must be 5 years old by 9/02/03.  
To enter First Grade a child must be 6 years old by 9/01/03.  
Original birth certificate  
Original Baptismal certificate  
Up to date immunization records  
A letter from the pastor of your parish verifying membership in the parish.  
Non-refundable registration fee of \$75.00

Registration for Grades 1 to 6 depends on the availability of space.

**Pilgrim Travelers**



“Do not deal unfairly,” says the Lord. Christians are called to conduct their affairs fairly. If they do so, they will dwell securely in the land, according to the Lord. All creation belongs to God, and humans are pilgrims traveling through on their way home in God’s heavenly reign. Here is not a lasting city. As a body of passersby, Christians set their sight on the glory of Christ’s risen body. In Christ, members love God above all and their neighbors as themselves. With such love, how could one not deal fairly?

**Women’s Club News**

**Longaberger Basket Bingo**

*This Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
*Doors open at 12:00 noon*  
*Early Bird Specials begin at 1:30 PM*  
*Regular Bingo begins at 2:00 PM*

*28 Filled Longaberger Baskets*  
*Door Prizes*  
*Raffles and Special Games*  
*Refreshments available for purchase*

**Please mark your calendars for the following important events:**

*Next Regular Meeting – Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM*

**Annual Easter Bazaar & Craft Show  
Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Ann B. Cigas, Chairperson 610/384-2955*

*Crafters are welcome! If anyone is interested in reserving a table, please call Ann Cigas*

**Work Sessions**

<i>Friday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Peel potatoes for Pierogies 4:00 PM</i>
<i>Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Make Pierogies 8:00 AM</i>
<i>Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Make Kiefli 6:00 PM</i>
<i>Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Peel potatoes for Pierogies 4:00 PM</i>
<i>Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Make Pierogies 8:00 AM</i>
<i>Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Make Kiefli 6:00 PM</i>

**Kiefli Chairpersons**

*Lisa Hillman ~ 610/857-1549*  
*Ann Hamilton ~ 610/857-1549*

**Pierogie Chairpersons**

*Lori Rhoades ~ 610/380-0177*  
*Fran Shesko ~ 610/384-6221*