

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

Robert Krempa (The Watterson Family)

Altar Servers     Englund & Hackmiester  
Euch. Minister     Bugar  
Lector             Sara

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

Mary Shesko (Children, Grandchildren & Great Grands)

Altar Servers     Malavolta, H. Reczek & A. Reczek  
Euch. Ministers     Lasak, Jr. & Nesbitt  
Lector             Al

Masses for the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, except as follows:

### Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 7:00 PM

Parishioners

### Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 6:30 PM

Verna Seymen (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)

Altar Servers     Rhoades & Hoopes  
Euch. Minister     Claypoole  
Lector             Elaine

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

Cecilia Shesko (Agnes & Max Sushinski)

Altar Servers     Trumpleman, Babcock & Malavolta  
Euch. Ministers     Hillman & Swinty  
Lector             Cy

## 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 Guisepppe, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Charlie Persch, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Rose Olise, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Joseph Nesbitt, David Riley, Francis Seymen, Betty Kinnier, Robert Hamilton, and David Zelina.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. just prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, St. Joseph Church will be hosting Reconciliation Weekend, and Archdiocesan Lenten event, as explained in the announcement below. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

## Reconciliation Weekend Coming

Throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> will be observed as Reconciliation Weekend, affording everyone the opportunity of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at various designated Catholic Churches on Friday evening and Saturday daytime. Our own St. Joseph Church is the designated Catholic Church for Cluster 42, promising the availability of priests for the hearing of confessions on that Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and on that Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We pray that many will heed the invitation of Pope John Paul II: "Come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid! Christ Himself is waiting for you."

## Finance Committee Meeting

Our Finance Committee Meeting is rescheduled from Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Rectory.

## Lenten Evening Masses

The opportunity will be available to attend a mid-week Evening Mass during Lent. In St. Joseph Church, a 7:00

p.m. Mass will be offered on Tuesdays. In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, at 5:30 p.m. Mass will be offered on Wednesdays. We trust that a number of parishioners may wish to include Mass during the week as a part of their Lenten practices.

### **Stations of The Cross Devotion**

Throughout the Lenten Season, the traditional Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted at 1:15 p.m. on Thursdays in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and on Fridays in St. Joseph Church with the school children participating on both days. Also, on Saturday mornings in Lent, following the 9 o'clock Mass, the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted. The beauty and meaningfulness of this Passion related devotion has held up over the centuries; perhaps you would wish to make it a part of our special practices this Lent.

### **Operation Rice Bowl**

Since 1976, the year of its introduction, Operation Rice Bowl has been an additional source of financial support to the world's destitute people, often in their darkest hour, through the agency of the Catholic Bishops' Relief Services. Throughout lent, Operation Rice Bowl provides a means to pray, fast, learn and share in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. The Operation Rice Bowl materials have been packaged in a white envelope and are available upon your leaving Church this weekend. Specially marked containers are placed in the back of Church to receive your contributions.

### **Traveling Icon for Increased Vocations**

Looking for a special Lenten practice? We are pleased to suggest your participation in a Program of Prayer for and increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, sponsored by the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood. Welcome the traveling icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home for a week and pray daily the provided vocation prayer before it. This exercise can be undertaken by both families and individuals. From your lips there rises your prayer to God's ears for the realization of increased vocations. To volunteer, please call Coordinator Jerry Bugar at 610/383-0561.

### **Lenten Day of Prayer**

St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson is planning a Lenten Day of Prayer on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. You are cordially invited to come and spend a day with the Lord during this special time of renewal. Bring a friend. The cost of the day is \$20.00 per person. To register, kindly contact Sister Anna Maria Bilotta at 610/942-4166.

### **A Fun Event From the Knights of Columbus**

St. Cecilia's Knights of Columbus (Coatesville) invite all to our Knight at the Races on March 29. The fun

starts at 7 pm in the LGM Hall at Chester & Harmony Streets (just off Business Route 30 in Coatesville). \$3.00 admission, free food & refreshments. Horses for sale at \$10.00, gets owner in free, \$50.00 if a winner! Call Jim Mostyn 610/383-9888 or Grant Nelson 610/383-6054 for details. All proceeds are distributed to local Charities including Comboni Sisters, CACES Building Fund, CASH Ecumenical Award and many others.

### **A Religious Musical Treat**

Marty Haugen's "Song of Mark", a contemporary musical presentation of the Gospel of Mark, will be produced by the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 7:00 p.m., on Sunday: March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>. The music is uplifting, enjoyable and spiritual all rolled into one delightful program. It is a wonderful family event for the Lenten Season. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for senior citizens and children 12 and under, free for kiddies 3 and under. For more information, call Gail at 610/696-8338.

### **Daffodil Days Campaign**

Over the last several years, our West End parishes have been contributors to the Annual Daffodil Days Campaign organized by the Chester County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Donations received promote the work of cancer medical research and assist those locally who are battling the disease. As a gesture of appreciation, the Campaign provides us with a limited number of daffodil bouquets, which we in turn, are pleased to distribute at the weekend Masses. It is hoped that these first flowers of Spring will make their way into the hands of the sick and the homebound.

### **Camp Neumann: An Archdiocesan Facility**

Camp Neumann in Jamison, Bucks County, operates a summer day and residential camp during the months of June, July and August. Registration may be for one week or more, including the full eight week season. Camp Neumann offers swimming, boating, archery, arts and crafts, sports, nature lore, drama, Native American history and much more. The young campers live in a safe Christian atmosphere supervised by seminarians, teachers, college students and selected high school students. For a free brochure, write to Stephen M. Taylor, Director, Camp Neumann, P.O. Box 297, Jamison, PA 18929. Camp Neumann will hold an Open House on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come visit.

### **St. James High School Alumni**

The Annual Memorial Mass and Reunion for the St. James High School Alumni Association will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m., in St. Rose of Lima Church, 1901 Chester Pike, Eddystone and in the Knights of Columbus Peace Council Hall, 1195

Haverford Road, Crum Lynne. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available by calling 610/494-0446.

### **Volunteers For Teaching English**

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a three session, nine hour, 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 the Keshet Israel Congregation in West Chester on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information about this exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222.

### **Spring Auction and Social**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop Shanahan Spring Auction and Social will be held on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Woodbine Avenue, Downingtown facility. Tickets are \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple and include admission to both the silent and live auctions, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. For tickets, call the school's Development Office at 610/343-6255.

### **Longaberger Basket Bingo**

St. Martha Manor, 470 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, will host a Longaberger Basket Bingo on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning with early bird games at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 each for 20 games. Please call 610/873-8490 for advanced ticket purchases. Come enjoy the food, fun and a chance to win a stuffed Longaberger Basket from an exceptional selection.

### **A Note of Appreciation From the Sisters**

At last Sunday's Lenten Supper, immediately following the Eucharistic Forty Hours Closing Service, free will offerings were accepted in support of the ministries of our local Comboni Missionary Sisters. A total contribution of \$160.00 was made, prompting this note of appreciation:

*"Once again, your generosity has shown through your offering taken up at the Lenten Supper Fellowship, and given us to benefit our work here in Coatesville. Thank you very much. You all hold a place in our prayers."*

*The Comboni Missionary Sisters*

### **Looking For Those Snapshots**

We wish to remind the parents of our young candidates for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation that we are requesting pictures of the children (wallet size photo) to use in our Parish Bulletin on the days of the respective blest occasions. Simply place the candidate's photo in an envelope on which is written his/her name, and drop that into the church collection basket by next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you very much!

## **A Family Perspective**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

The family home, like the Temple, is to be a place of encounter with God. How willing are we to clear away the distractions to make room for loving relationships with God and each other?

### **Strength**



God's foolishness and God's weakness, the Ten Commandments and the foolish wisdom of humans—all lead us to the crucified Jesus, the sanctuary destroyed and raised up in three days. Prejudgments are obstacles to our standing by the cross of Jesus who ties the heavens and the earth and all else together. Through Jesus, we are redeemed and our life has meaning. By his glorious cross we are saved. Jesus knows what each of us has inside. He offers strength for our weakness.

