

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, April 5th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Joseph Cigas (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Altar Servers *Zelina & Hoopes*
Euch. Minister *Lasak, Jr.*
Lector *Sara*

Sunday, April 6th, 2003, 10:30 AM

*Deceased Shesko, Lonchar & Tolarovich Families
(Neff, Johnson & Reczek Families)*

Altar Servers *Lasak, Malavolta & Hackmiester*
Euch. Ministers *Johnson & Bugar*
Lector *Kathy*

Masses for the week of April 6th, 2003 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Tuesday, April 8th, 2003, 7:00 PM

Parishioners

Saturday, April 12th, 2003, 6:30 PM

*Deceased in the Pawlowski Family & John Antonick
(Helen Yankech Family)*

Altar Servers *Bednar & Babcock*
Euch. Minister *Swinty*
Lector *Bill*

Sunday, April 13th, 2003, 10:45 AM

Michael & Margaret Sushinski (Max & Agnes Sushinski)

Altar Servers *Neff, Rhoades & A. Reczek*
Euch. Ministers *Hillman & Claypoole*
Lectors *Kathleen & 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, David Zelina, Robert Cloud, and Dylan Manning.

Opportunities For Confession Prior to Easter

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 5th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., just prior to the Evening Mass. (Necessity demanded that the day be changed from Sunday to Saturday. Please excuse our last minute rescheduling of the weekend confessions.)

On Thursday of this week, April 10th, three priests will be available for the hearing of confessions, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., in St. Joseph Church.

On Saturday of this week, April 12th, two priests will be available for the hearing of confessions, from 4:00 until 4:45 p.m., in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (April 14th, 15th & 16th), confessions will be heard for one half hour before the scheduled morning and evening Masses.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation should very much be a part of every Catholic's Lenten practices. Please take advantage of the expanded opportunities for confession, which are given above, in preparation for your celebration of the Easter Feast. Allow the Sacrament of Jesus' Forgiveness to complete your own spiritual renewal: dying to sin and selfishness, rising to virtue and holiness. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request.

Change of Address

It is really important that we keep our parish records up to date, so if there is any change in your family information such as change of address, new phone number, etc, please notify the Rectory 610/384-0360. Thank you.

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion

The most significant week of the year for Christians opens next weekend, April 12th & 13th, with the observance of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Palm, that ancient sign of the victorious hero, will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses next weekend.

Kindly note that our Solemn Procession and Mass on Palm Sunday itself will take place at 10:45 a.m., fifteen minutes later than the usual time. This arrangement offers Father John the opportunity of completing the same Solemn Liturgy earlier in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a Liturgy which runs a little longer than most Sundays because of the proclamation of the Passion account from Mark's Gospel.

The children of the parish, especially the members of the First Communion and Confirmation Classes, are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday Procession. To receive some direction, the youngsters should report to Mr. Frank Lasak, Jr. in the rear of Church by 10:20 a.m. that day. Each will be given an appropriate bouquet of palms and branches to carry. The procession is always enhanced in beauty and spirit by the participation of these younger parishioners.

Catholic Social Services

The Archdiocesan Catholic Social Services has marriage, family and individual counseling available at the Downingtown Family Service Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. For full details and to make an appointment, contact Joyce Kleiber, L.C.S.W. at 610/269-4060.

For Your Television Viewing

"Reluctant Saint: Francis of Assisi" will be premiering on the Hallmark Channel, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Palm Sunday, April 13th. This program was filmed on location in Central Italy (Umbria), and offers a compelling new interpretation of the life of one of the best known, most loved and least understood figures in religious history. It is based on the recent biography by Donald Spoto, and produced by Emmy Award winner Pamela Mason Wagner. This documentary ably combines journalism and art to cover the great saint's complex career.

CASES CYO Cheerleading Tryouts

Tryouts for the Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School 2003-2004 Cheerleading Squads will be conducted on April 7th, 8th, and 10th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at South Brandywine Middle School. Girls entering Grades 5 thru 8 in September, who are registered members of our Parish, are eligible to tryout. A brief parent meeting will be held prior to tryouts on April 7th. For additional information, contact the Athletic Director at 610/384-6477.

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 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come visit.

CACES Paces Walk-A-Thon 2003

On Sunday, May 18th, our own Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will be holding the CACES Paces Walk-A-Thon. The event will take place from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown. Funds raised will go directly toward the construction of our new regional parochial school. Please show your support for the Capital Campaign by sponsoring a child, volunteering your time at the walk, donating "prizes" and/or making baked goods for sale. Kindly contact Candy Whitehead at 610/384-0685 for more information on how you can help. Thank you!

Operation Rice Bowl

Please remember the world's destitute people in Lent; try to give to the Operation Rice Bowl Appeal. Specially marked contribution containers are located in the back of Church.

Confirmation Class

The members of our Confirmation Class are reminded of their special participation in the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 17th, in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. The congregation that evening will be comprised of parishioners from both West End Parishes, who together will be marking the first day of the Paschal Triduum.

Choir Practice

There will be a special combined Choir Practice for both the adult and children's choirs on Monday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m., in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Please make every effort to attend, since this will be the last time both choirs can practice together for Palm Sunday. In addition, the following week (Holy Week), there will be no practice on Monday night, April 14th, for either choir. The adult choir will practice on Tuesday night, April 15th, after the Lenten Evening Mass. There will be no practice Holy Week for the children's choir. If you have any questions about the choir practice or singing schedule, contact Susan Sandoski in the evening at 610/383-5768.

Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry Task Force

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has a deep desire to meet the pastoral needs of the Hispanic Catholic community. With the growing number of Hispanic people in the metropolitan area, the local Church wishes to take a fresh look at this important ministry. Strengthening and developing the faith of all God's people is part of Pope John Paul II's vision for a new evangelization of all the Americas. Our Cardinal-Archbishop has approved the formation of a Hispanic Ministry Task Force, consisting of clergy, religious and laity, to establish a comprehensive vision for ministry to the Hispanic community. The Task Force wants to hear your voice. In the near future, you will receive further information regarding listening sessions that will be held in each Vicariate. This is an opportunity for you to offer your input, suggestions and observations to members of the Task Force. Your participation is encouraged.

Vocation Discernment Program

Saint Charles Overnight gives a young man, ages 16 to 40, the opportunity to join the seminarians of St. Charles Seminary when they are having one of their periodic Days of Recollection. The participants will join the seminarians for conferences and for liturgical and communal prayer. This overnight will also afford some time for private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and quiet reflection, as well as group discussions with other participants, priests and seminarians. The overnight begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16th, and concludes around 12:00 noon Saturday, May 17th. Father Joseph Devlin, Vocation Director for the Diocesan Priesthood, will be glad to provide further information and register you by phone at the Vocation Office: 610/667-5778.

World Links Adoption Agency

Thinking of adoption? World Links, a non-profit agency, has worked with Chester County families who have adopted older children from Russia, ages 5 to 12. The children come for part of the summer, than World Links facilitates the adoption for families following the

summer visits. For more information about these children, please contact Marie LaPrise at 610/280-7901.

A Religious Musical Treat

Marty Haugen's "Son 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 17th Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. this Sunday, April 6th. 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.

Hospital/Nursing Home Stays

A recently enacted law has affected the longstanding practice of hospitals and nursing facilities to provide information to churches about parishioners who are patients/residents. Because of that new law, the priests and the staff in the Parish office may not promptly learn, or may not learn at all, that a member of the parish has been admitted to a hospital (nursing facility). If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized (or enter a long-term care facility or assisted, independent living or residential facility) and you want the parish office to know, please personally, (or through a friend or family member) contact the office promptly and identify the patient/resident, the hospital (nursing facility) and the room number. Because all area hospitals (nursing facilities) may not have the same policies allowing the priest of the Parish to know when members are patients/residents, direct notice to the Parish from you or your family is a better approach. If the parish office does not receive word, the priest will do his best to obtain information about parishioners, but hospitals (nursing facilities) are limited in their opportunity to give out information.

A Prayer For Peace

Almighty God, Creator of all things, we place our request for world peace into Your hands. Continue to be our refuge and our strength as we pursue this noble challenge. Bless with Your divine protection our servicemen and women. Let their faith and trust in You never weaken. Bring them safely home to their loved ones. Let Your heavenly wisdom direct our world leaders that, through their negotiations, harmony and justice may be secured. Let us all, in some way, be an instrument of Your peace, replacing fear with love and despair with hope. Amen.

Comboni Missionary Sisters Lay Ministry

Everyone is invited to join this Lay Ministry. Its purpose is (a) to spiritually enrich each member, (b) to help the Sisters in their ministry to serve the poor of the Coatesville area and also abroad.

Here is your answer to helping the Missionary Work of our parish and of the Universal Church. Come to a meeting at the convent, 58 South 6th Avenue, Coatesville on Tuesday, April 8th, at 6:30 p.m. For information call 610/380-9229.

A Family Perspective

Fourth Sunday of Lent

God has chosen to dwell among us. Do we allow the light of God's goodness and truth to be reflected in family relationships? How does our family life inspire others to believe?

Women's Club News

There will be a meeting of the Women's Club of St. Joseph Church on Sunday, April 6th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish School Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend. We especially welcome the participation of those attending for the first time.

Seeing God



"We want to see Jesus—to see God." Philip, with Andrew, goes to Jesus. Jesus is guided by how his being lifted up on the saving cross will glorify the Father. His willing struggle for obedience to the Father plants the new covenant in our hearts. His cross becomes the source of eternal salvation. Seeing Jesus we approach the Father. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are drawn through Jesus to the Father—to see God.

