

# 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 10:45 AM

Michael & Margaret Sushinski (Max & Agnes Sushinski)

Altar Servers      Neff, Rhoades & A. Reczek  
Euch. Ministers      Hillman & Claypoole  
Lectors              Kathleen & Cy

Masses for the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 will be offered at St. Joseph Church, except as noted.

Monday	9 am	Special Intention
Tuesday	9 am	Theodore Sestak (Helen Popovich)
	7 pm	Parishioners
Wednesday	9 am	Verna Seymen (Rose Hudock)
Thursday	7 pm	Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

### Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 7:00 PM

Veneration of the Cross and Distribution of Holy  
Communion

Euch. Ministers      Catanese & Swinty  
Lectors              Elaine & Sara

### Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 7:30 PM

Parishioners

Euch. Ministers      Krupanski & Johnson  
Lectors              Elaine & Kathleen

### Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 10:30 AM

Ms. Jennie Obuch

Euch. Ministers      Swinty & Nesbitt  
Lector              Laura

## 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 Guiseppe, 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, and Dylan Manning and the Deceased: Robert Cloud and Cecilia Ahern.

## Opportunities For Confession

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>), confessions will be heard each morning from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., prior to Mass in St. Joseph Church. On Tuesday, confessions will be heard in the evening from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., prior to Mass in St. Joseph Church. On Wednesday evening, confessions will be heard from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., prior to Mass in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

## The Solemn Observance of Holy Week Opens

The most significant week of the year for Christians opens this weekend, April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, with the celebration 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 this weekend for your use in the home or at the cemetery.

### Holy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

The Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, concluding with the Eucharistic Procession to the Repository, will be offered at 7:00 p.m. for both West End Parishes in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. On this night is commemorated the Lord Jesus' institution of both the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. Our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take on roles of service during the Liturgy. Eucharistic adoration

before the Repository concludes at 12:00 midnight in both West End Churches.

## **Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Both Churches are opened at 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday for Private Devotion before the Repository. The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death, with Veneration of the Cross and Distribution of Holy Communion, will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and again at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church.

## **A Good Friday Tradition in Coatesville**

Congregations from the various Christian Churches of our community will be gathering in the yard of St. Cecilia Church, North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue at East Diamond Street, for an Ecumenical Way of the Cross Walk throughout the Streets of the City of Coatesville. This moving Service begins promptly at 12:00 noon. All, young and old, are invited to participate on Good Friday afternoon, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Blessing of Easter Food Baskets**

In keeping with the venerable Eastern European custom, the blessing of the first foods of Easter and the children's Easter baskets will take place on Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m., in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Let us continue to observe a beautiful family holiday tradition.

## **Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Saturday Evening Mass is not offered at 6:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday, but rather at 7:30 p.m. (a full hour later), so that the Liturgy may begin in complete darkness. The congregations of both West End Parishes will gather in St. Joseph Church for a singular, solemn celebration of the Church's Night of Nights, joyously hailing the victory of Jesus Christ, our Champion, over the forces of death. Blessed Easter Water, in appropriate containers, will be available at the conclusion of tonight's Liturgy for the sprinkling of homes during the Paschal Season.

## **Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

In St. Joseph Church, a Festive Mass of the Lord's Resurrection, featuring the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling with Blessed Water, will be offered at 10:30 a.m. At this holiday Mass, the children will be invited to approach the altar for the blessing of their Easter baskets and the presentation of an added treat.

Looking for alternate Mass times on Easter Sunday? In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Festive Holiday Masses will be offered at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., featuring the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling with Blessed Water.

## **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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **Living Stations of the Cross**

The Music Ministry of SS. Simon & Jude Church, West Chester, will present The Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. It is a live portrayal of Our Lord's journey to Calvary with congregational participation and singing. Interspersed throughout the production are dramatic monologues, as well as solo vocal and instrumental pieces. Those who have attended in the past have described it as an extremely moving and profound way of experiencing the Lord's Passion. Admission is free. All are invited. For additional information, kindly call 610/399-4662.

## **Special Seasonal Collections**

Please remember the world's destitute people during these closing days of Lent. Give to the Operation Rice Bowl Campaign. Specially marked contribution containers are located in the back of Church.

Traditionally, the collection taken at the Good Friday Services is placed into the hands of the Franciscan Friars to support their work of caring for the many sacred Shrines located in the Holy Land (Palestine and Israel). In addition, the Friars have developed a compassionate outreach to the needy people of that war-weary part of the world. As your means allow, please contribute to the Good Friday Appeal. God love you!

## **St. Agnes High School Reunion**

St. Agnes High School graduates are invited to a reunion at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>; from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Join in the formal dedication of the Monsignor Schuyler Library. Light refreshments and a Prayer Service blessing the St. Agnes graduates will be a part of the evening. Please call Maureen Morin at 610/343-6255, if you did not receive an invitation.

## **CACES Paces Walk-A-Thon 2003**

On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## **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.

## **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.

### **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 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.

### **Our Newest Member in the Family**

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, was Easter-come-early for Michael Robert Ewing, the infant son of Brian and Loretta Ewing, who was given the promise of life without end through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit, Michael Robert joined our ranks as a member of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. Heartfelt congratulations to the newly baptized, his proud parents and his delighted Godparents!

### **A Family Perspective**

*Passion (Palm) Sunday*

Our life of prayer and worship intensifies as we gather our families this week to celebrate the great mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. As we journey with Him and join our own sufferings and disappointments to those of Christ, we experience the power of His redeeming love.

### **Hosanna!**



“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!” At each Mass we join in the same cry, proclaiming Jesus as the “one obedient unto death, even to death on the cross.” He, now our glorious Lord, shares his work with us when we take up the cross of our baptism and follow him on the way to glory. The man on the donkey leads us step by step through the gates of heaven into his paschal mystery. Follow him confidently, full of faith. Hosanna!

