

# 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

### Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, 6:30 PM

Augusta Saska (Bob & Frances Shesko)

Euch. Minister Swinty  
Lectors Bill & Cy

### Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 10:45 AM

Roger H. Babcock (Wife & Children)

Euch. Ministers Catanese & Seymen  
Lectors Frank & Phillip

Masses for the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

### Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 7:00 PM

Mary Hudock (Sandra Reczek)

### Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 7:30 PM

Parishioners

Euch. Ministers Kathy Catanese & Tricia Swinty  
Lectors Elaine Sabo & Kathleen Ponto

### Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 10:30 AM

Deceased Pastors of Our Church

Euch. Ministers Chris Claypoole & Pam Krupansky  
Lector John Murphy

## Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Charlie Persch, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Betty Kinnier, Dylan Manning, John Cisarik, Ann Reshey, Brenda Golden, Marie McBride, Adam Gregor, Helen Collins, Dorothy Barnes, Gail Luminella, Lisa De Pedro and the deceased: Donna Hunter.

## Opportunities For Confession

This Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, two priests will be available for the hearing of confessions immediately after the 10:45 Solemn Liturgy in St. Joseph Church.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>), confessions will be heard each morning from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., prior to Mass in St. Stanislaus Kostka 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, confessions will be heard in the evening 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<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 8<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. Eucharistic adoration before the Repository concludes at 12:00 midnight in both West End Churches.

## **Good Friday, April 9<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 9<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 10<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 11<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.

## **Special Seasonal Collections**

Please remember the world's destitute, starving people during these closing days of Lent. Give to the Operation Rice Bowl Campaign. An oversized white basket is located in the back of Church for your kind contributions.

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!

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

It's springtime! A time to refresh and deepen your marriage by means of a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The immediate future dates are April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. For full information, please call 1-800-456-8330. Such a weekend promises its participants "to make a good marriage even better".

### **Win a Football Weekend at Notre Dame**

Raffle tickets will be sold after Masses on April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> for a chance to win a Football Weekend for two at Notre Dame. The weekend is October 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, and features the Notre Dame Fighting Irish versus the Stanford Cardinals. The weekend includes airfare, meals, lodging, tailgate party and pep rally. Tickets are \$5.00 each, 3 for \$10.00 and 7 for \$20.00. Proceeds benefit the new Regional Catholic Elementary School. The drawing will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the conclusion of the CACES Paces Walk-a-thon at Bishop Shanahan High School. You need not be present to win. Raffle tickets may also be purchased by calling Lisa McInerney at 610/383-9021.

### **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 7:30 p.m. Contact Joyce Kleiber, L.C.S.W. to schedule an appointment at 610/269-4060.

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

The Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park will host a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., featuring a delicious buffet breakfast preceded by a festive Mass. There will be time to roam the grounds and then sit back for some delightful musical entertainment. For more information, kindly contact Helen Jauregui at 215/782-8520, extension 139.

Spiritual Weekends for Women, likewise, are available at the Retreat House. For full details, contact Sister Christine Konopelski at 215/782-8520, extension 182.

### **Palm Sunday Concert**

The Archdiocesan Boys Choir of Philadelphia will present a Palm Sunday Concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, in Saint Mary's Chapel, on the campus of Villanova University. Come share in the joy of Easter Season as the boys lift their angelic voices to sing sacred hymns. Call 610/326-7041 for tickets and more information. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students, and will be available at the door.

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

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host a spectacular All Star Irish Show, highlighting world-class musical talent, on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., at Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield. Free parking and free refreshments are offered. Tickets are \$25.00, with proceeds benefiting the elderly poor in the Sisters' care. For tickets, kindly call 215/729-5153, extension 415.

### **Karing 4 Kids Host Program**

World Links, a non-profit association, will be bringing to the area children from Eastern European orphanages for a host/holiday program. These children are available for adoption. If you are interested in hosting/adopting or sponsoring one of these children, you may call 1-866-236-7870 or visit their website:

[www.worldlinksadoption.org](http://www.worldlinksadoption.org)

### **A Deserved Thank You**

Representatives Timothy Hennessey (R-026) and Arthur Hershey (R-013) recently co-sponsored legislation in the PA House of Representatives that would allow parents of exceptional children – those with disabilities or who are gifted – to choose a non-public school, or public school other than to which assigned, that best suits their children's educational needs. Please call Mr. Hennessey's District Office at 610/380-6800 and Mr. Hershey's District Office at 610/593-6565 to voice your appreciation for their support of this important school choice legislation.

### **Alleluia Party**

Ladies, gentlemen and children of all ages are cordially invited to the Alleluia Party of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Polish American Citizens' Club, 15 Strode Avenue, Coatesville. Celebrating Easter/Springtime, there will be prizes and surprises featuring entertainment by Moore Music, dance contests, door prizes and a good time. The gracious Club hostesses will be offering delicious food from their kitchen at a modest price. Admission tickets are \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/school child and free for pre-schoolers, and they will be available at the door that

night. But we suggest obtaining tickets in advance from Father John at the Rectory 610/384-1172. Come, young and old, and let your spirits soar at the Alleluia Party!

### **Shoe Drive**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a Shoe Drive at our Parish on Saturday and Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Bin located in the church vestibule where your donation of shoes may be placed. Please pair, box or tie shoes together if possible. Other acceptable items are slippers, boots, sandals, overshoes and galoshes. Questions? Kindly call Theresa at 215/288-9540.

### **Women's Club News**

Upcoming event – please mark your calendar:

*All You Can Eat Breakfast* – Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. More details at a later date.