

# 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.

## Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:30 PM

*Tillie Frantz (Andrew & Ann Cigas)*

Euch. Minister    Krupansky  
Lector            Sara

## Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:30 AM

*Andrew & Mary Shesko  
(Reczek, Neff, Johnson & Sullivan Families)*

Euch. Ministers    M. Nesbitt & J. Nesbitt  
Lector             Frank

Masses for the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

## Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006

4:00 pm    Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation and  
                 Renewal (In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church)  
6:30 pm    Parishioners

## Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:30 PM

*Marie Pietschmann (Bob & Frances Shesko)*

Euch. Minister    Lasak, Jr.  
Lector             Bill

## Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:30 AM

### Confirmation Class

Euch. Ministers    Catanese & Johnson  
Lector             Kathy

## Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Marie Reali, Kate Ohar, Janet Yost, Dorothy Bodnar, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Bertha Amole, Dylan Manning, Helen Collins, Joseph Yankech, III, Joseph Salada, Michael Kozacheson, Joseph Dougherty, Josephine Regener, Chelsea Osborne, Lisa Lucci, Steffie Levenite, Robert Hracho, Mike Sullivan, Elmer Dunn, Alexander Price, Stephen Jordan, Bunny Jordan and Mary Benkovich. Among the recently Deceased, we remember Thaddeus "Ted" Kowalczyk. Also, we pray for the well being of all our U.S. military currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially Mark Pike, son of our parishioners Mr. & Mrs. David Pike.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, shortly after the Evening Mass. Likewise, next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, shortly after the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, His Excellency, Most Reverend Michael Burbidge, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, will preside at our 10.30 a.m. Mass, during which the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to forty-eight of our young people. We remind our confirmands and their parents to consult the schedule of significant dates, distributed to them earlier, for special sessions being held this week in final preparation for the reception of Confirmation. Parishioners are welcome to attend this beautiful sacramental event, which brings the fullest effects of Pentecost into the lives of the newly confirmed. Assuredly, the confirmands hold a very special place in our thoughts and prayers.

## Lenten Communal Penance Service

Our five Parishes of Cluster 42 will jointly hold a Lenten Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11<sup>th</sup>, in St. Cecilia Church, East Chestnut Street & North Sixth Avenue. Several priests will be available for the individual hearing of confessions. Please circle the date on your calendar and plan to participate in this Sacrament of Jesus' Forgiveness prior to the celebration of Easter.

## Lenten Evening Mass

On the Tuesdays of Lent (March 7<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>), an Evening Mass at 7:00 will be offered in St. Joseph Church with one exception: on March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Mass will be offered at 6:30 due to a Confirmation rehearsal. On the Wednesdays of Lent (March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup>) an Evening Mass at 5:30 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

## Stations of The Cross Devotion

The Stations of the Cross Devotion, most meaningful in Lent, will be conducted on Saturday mornings, March 4<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 9:00 Mass, alternating weekly between St. Joseph Church and St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

## Operation Rice Bowl

Since 1976, Operation Rice Bowl has been offered to us as a special sacrificial practice during Lent. It challenges us to pray with our families, to fast in solidarity with those who are hungry. To learn about our neighbors in the developing world and to give contributions to those in need. Did you know that 25% of all funds collected remain here in our Archdiocese and are used to purchase food to stock the local emergency food cupboards and soup kitchens? Operation Rice Bowl materials are available from a table located in front of the large crying room window. Thank you for your anticipated participation! "ORB contributions may be placed in the specially marked container found in the rear of church".

## Religious Composer Returns To Philadelphia Area

John Michael Talbot, considered by many to be the most well known Catholic musician of our time, is returning to the Philadelphia area for a concert of his music and song. He will be in concert at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, in St. Ephrem Church, 5400 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. Please send a self addressed, stamped envelope, with a check or money order made out to "St. Ephrem Church", reflecting the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Treat yourself to a type of "mini-retreat" with John Michael Talbot. For more information regarding this outstanding composer and his music, visit his website: [www.johnmichaeltalbot.com](http://www.johnmichaeltalbot.com).

## High School Wrestling Program

Bishop Shanahan Wrestling Team will conduct a summer camp at Lehigh University for boys, grades 9-12. All skill levels are wanted for the 2006-2007 season. The candidate must attend Bishop Shanahan High School or be an enrolled incoming freshman. If interested, contact Mark Michaels at 610/383-5876.

## Comboni Missionary Sisters

Our local Comboni Missionaries extend an enthusiastic thank you to Cardinal Justin F. Rigali for his letter dealing with the duty of the entire Catholic Church to be in solidarity with the multi-faceted efforts of the Catholic Church in Africa, a continent spiritually rich yet desperately poor. Certainly last weekend's spontaneous appeal for contributions is one way to implement the mandate given by Jesus Christ: "Go and make disciples of all nations." God bless all kind donors!

## Vicariate Holy Hour For Vocations

In October 2004, Pope John Paul II blessed a special monstrance for Eucharistic Adoration, encouraging private and public prayer for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Since then, it has traveled throughout the United States and will arrive in our Archdiocese next month. It will be used to hold the Blessed Sacrament for a Vicariate Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, March 26th, at 7:30 p.m., in the new St. Elizabeth Church, Fellowship Road and Route 100 (Pottstown Pike), Uwchlan. Our need for future priests, as well as religious Sisters and Brothers, is great. How important it is that we gather before Jesus in the Eucharist to pray that "the Lord of the harvest will

send more laborers into His harvest." Please plan on joining us for the Holy Hour that evening.

## Spring Auction and Restaurant Fair

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will be hosting their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Auction and Restaurant Fair on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the school facilities. Chester County artist Richard Bollinger will be on hand to sign his prints. Tickets are \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple and include admission to the auction, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. For tickets and added information, call the school's Advancement Office at 610/343-6206. Be assured that walk-ins are welcome!

## Lenten Day of Recollection

You are cordially invited to come and spend a day with the Lord at St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Bring a friend. The cost for the day is \$25.00 per person, including lunch. To register, you may call the Center at 610/942-4166.

## Attention, Teenagers!

You are invited to a Christian Rock Experience on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., at Neumann College. It will be a night of music and prizes. Tickets are \$8.00 advanced sale, and \$10.00 at the door. All proceeds will benefit City Team Ministry. For more information, please visit [www.oyya.org](http://www.oyya.org) and click on Delaware Vicariate. This event is being sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Springfield, and the office for Youth and Young Adults.

## Stewardship 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

"The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye."  
Psalms 29:9

A genuine conversion to stewardship means seeing everything differently (with new eyes) and acknowledging that everything we have comes to us from God as a gift to be cared for responsibly and shared generously with others.

## Respect For Life 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

At the height of his suffering, Jesus calls out to the Father to forgive those who have tortured and betrayed Him. May we also accept the challenge to take the opportunity to forgive those who have wronged us, as Jesus did.