

VOLUNTEER VISTAS

**St. Patrick's Dinner Dynamo**

**Kinsella:** Irish: "Descendant of *Cinnsealach*," a personal name probably meaning "chief warrior."  
Dictionary of American Family Names

**Joe Kinsella:** Irish: Descendant of grandmother from Ireland. Parishioner known to many as "the ADA guy."  
Interview with volunteer coordinator

Joe is also the principal coordinator of the parish's St. Patrick's Dinner. In partnership with parishioners Christina Anaya, Helen Baumann and Ted Baer, Joe is putting together an evening of music, dining, and dance demonstrations. "It's a lot of fun," says Joe. "It's an inexpensive night out for seniors and young families, and any profit goes into the parish general fund."

Joe should know. While earning his MBA from Stanford in the 70's, Joe helped the pastor of St. Aloysius Church with the parish budget. After St. Aloysius was sold, Joe joined the St. Thomas Aquinas Finance Committee and subsequently became chair of the Development Committee. Joe smilingly says that, as the ADA (Annual Diocesan Appeal) spokesperson from 1994-2005, he was known for delivering the yearly "Sermon on the Amount." Joe also serves as a lector and as an R.C.I.A. sponsor.

Six years ago Joe joined the present team to resurrect the St. Patrick's Dinner after a hiatus following Ted Baer's many years of ministry with the March event. Ted now is, according to Joe, the "Commandant of the Kitchen," while Christina Anaya oversees decorations, and Helen Baumann is banker and skipper of ticket sales.

This year's live music will be provided by "Four Shillings Short," and Rosemary Turco's dance group will be performing Irish dancing. Parishioner Carol Pulliam will continue her tradition of baking all of the soda bread served, while her husband Tom helps other male parishioners with cutting up the corned beef. The bar will feature Guinness stout, beer and wine, and Ned Gallagher will sing "Danny Boy" before passing the microphone back to MC and song leader Joe Kinsella. Joe will announce the winner of the "Pot of Gold" raffle, who will walk away with one-half of the raffle proceeds.

The party takes place Saturday, March 11, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Seton Auditorium. Tickets are \$15.00/adult and \$5.00/child.

Volunteers are needed for bar preparation, food preparation and service, ticket sales, decorations, set-up and clean-up, and publicity. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Joe Kinsella, the man whose car sports a decal of Ireland and a license plate frame that reads, "Beer. It's not just for breakfast anymore."



*Joe Kinsella*

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