

# Saint Joseph Church of Coatesville



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## Masses for the Week

Masses for the week of January 2nd, 2000, will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, except as follows:

*Friday, January 7th, 9:30am*

*Father Cyril Ponisciak (George Chenger)*

*Saturday, January 8th, 6:30pm*

*Andrew Cigas Jr. (Bob & Ann Hamilton)*

*Altar Servers .....  
Eucharistic Minister ..... Dubinski  
Lector*

*Sunday, January 9th, 10:30am*

*John Shesko (Gary Shesko & Family)*

*Altar Servers .....  
Eucharistic Minister ..... Mersereau/Bugar  
Lector*

## Your Prayers are Requested

In the kindness of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Mary Shesko, Vera Lahm, Julia Esposito, John Yankech, Maxanne Sushinski and son Kenneth, Mary Riley, Jean Moister, Lyndsey Conner, Carolyn Pechin, Ann Hook, Joan Emery, Grace Baldini, Charles Adams, Olivia Monko, Ann Hoskins, Liz Bradford, Thomas Witzgell, Dorothy Barnes and the Dead: Father Martin Smith.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 1st, from 5:45 to 6:15pm, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 9th, from 9:45 to 10:15am, prior to the Morning Mass. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request at anytime.

## The Rosary Society

*Intentions for January*

1. For all the nations and leaders of the world that this new year will witness a new surge of peace and justice.
2. For the Church throughout the world and all whom God has chosen to lead and govern will bring us an abundance of God's blessing.

Jesus Group - Joyful Mysteries  
Mary Group - Glorious Mysteries  
Joseph Group - Sorrowful Mysteries

*God of Eternity, Lord of every new year,*

*bless this beginning of 2000  
and remain with us throughout  
the days and months ahead.*

## Jubilee Year Observance

With his Christmas midnight Mass, Pope John Paul II solemnly opened the Holy Jubilee Year 2000 in Rome. It will be a year of great celebration not only in the Eternal City and in the Holy Land, but also in our own Archdiocese (as described in materials recently mailed to all households). With its focus on the Holy Eucharist, we have been requested to observe a weekly Day of Eucharistic Exposition all throughout the Jubilee Year. Tuesdays are our happy choice, and our series was initiated this past Tuesday, December 28th, in St. Joseph Church. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed upon the altar immediately following the 9:00am Mass and continues all day long, until a concluding Service with Benediction at 5:00pm. Like daily Mass, the site for Exposition will alternate back and forth with our "twin". This week's Day of Eucharistic Exposition then will be conducted in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Please keep Tuesdays in mind as a day for special devotion honoring the Christ of the Holy Eucharistic.

## A Date to Circle on the Calendar

We alert all volunteers in service to our Parish that the Annual Appreciation Dinner will take place in the Revere Tavern, Paradise, on Sunday, February 27th, 2000, beginning at 3:00pm. It is always a terrific affair, and we trust all our faithful volunteers will be able to join us.

## A Family Perspective

As we begin this new millennium we are asked to ponder the many manifestations of God's goodness and love which we experience within family relationships. The gifts of compassion, mercy and forgiveness so often given and received within families are occasions for rejoicing-our God is present among us!

## Christmas Program

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 370 South Street, Pottstown, will hold a Slovak Christmas Carol program presented by the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern PA on Sunday, January 9th at 2:00 PM at the Church to close out the Christmas Season. All are invited to join in the singing of traditional Slovak Christmas Carols. A reception will be held in the church social hall following the program. There is no admission charge. For further information please call 610/326-2432

## *Family Life Office Information*

### *Natural Family Planning*

Classes are being held at St. Charles Seminary, Wynnewood, beginning on January 28th. For more information, additional locations and dates, call the Family Life Office at 610-660-9002.

### *Separated & Divorced Catholics*

Support programs are held throughout the archdiocese. To receive a listing of locations, call the Family Life Office at 610-660-9002.

### *Courage*

Is a spiritual support group for homosexual men and women seeking to live according to the Church's teaching on sexuality. For information, call 215-587-4505. Confidentiality is assured.

### *Encourage*

Is a support group for parents, relatives, and friends of homosexual persons. For information call 215-587-4505. Confidentiality is assured.

### *Bereavement Programs*

A directory listing parish/cluster Bereavement Programs is available by calling the Family Life Office at 610-660-9002.

### *Retrouvaille of the Delaware Valley*

Is a program that helps couples in hurting marriages put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, Retrouvaille may be able to help you. For information call 1-800-470-2230.

### *Marriage Encounter*

"The greatest gift we can give our children is our love for one another." To refresh your marital love, make a Marriage Encounter Weekend. For information call 1-800-456-8330.