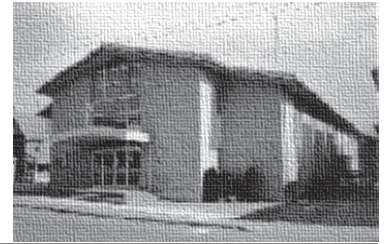


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## Masses for the Week

Masses for the week of February 28th will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

First Friday, March 3rd, 9:30am

Rose Guldan (Kaminski Family)

Saturday, March 4th, 6:30pm

Helen Bullock (Mr. & Mrs. Peter Short, Jr.)

Altar Servers ..... K.Kauffman/D.Neff/K.O'Malley

Eucharistic Minister ..... Catanese

Lector Karyn

Sunday, March 5th, 10:30am

Mary Sandoski (Joseph Sandoski)

Altar Servers ..... C.Ponto/L.Rhoades/A.Reczek

Eucharistic Minister ..... Mersereau/Hudock

Lector Al

## Reminder

Have you remembered to make your contribution to St. Charles Seminary? The Annual Seminary Appeal is currently underway, so that today's seminarians might be tomorrow's priests. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

## Your Prayers are Requested

In the kindness of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Mary Shesko, Julia Esposito, John Yankech, Maxanne Sushinski and son Kenneth, Mary Riley, Jean Moister, Lyndsey Conner, Carolyn Pechin, Ann Hook, Joan Emery, Cecilia Shesko, Olivia Monko, Ann Hoskins, Liz Bradford, Anthony Paladino and Mary Murray.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, February 26th/27th, the hearing of Confessions has not been scheduled due to circumstances surrounding His Eminence's Pastoral Visit.

Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 5th, from 9:45 to 10:15am, prior to the Morning Mass.

As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request at any time.

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## A Hearty Welcome to our Cardinal-Archbishop

*It gives us great joy to be welcoming to our Parish His Eminence, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, Archbishop of Philadelphia. His Eminence comes on a Pastoral Visit to the West End, meeting with several house-bound parishioners, celebrating the Saturday Evening Mass and greeting well-wishers at a Parish Reception. A person of boundless energies and quick to smile, His Eminence has displayed an eagerness to have a personal contact with the faithful of the Archdiocese. At his direction, an ongoing series of Pastoral Visits to the Parishes was instituted. For this outreach on his part and other special graces besides, our Cardinal-Archbishop is affectionately called by many "The People's Cardinal." How happy and honored we are for His Eminence's presence among us, early in the course of the Great Jubilee Year 2000! May Cardinal Bevilacqua take with him from this visit the rich memory of a people filled with faith, loyalty and gratitude.*

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## First Communion Enrollment

A brief Enrollment Ceremony for our First Communion candidates will be featured during the 10:30am Mass next Sunday, March 5th. In this way, we recognize our young parishioners who enter upon a more intense period of preparation for the sacramental events of their First Confession (March 23rd) and First Communion (May 7th). Our Communion Class will be assured that they have our prayers, encouragement and best wishes at this important moment in their spiritual lives.

## Eucharistic Exposition

This week's Day of Eucharistic Exposition will be conducted on Tuesday, February 29th, in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, following the 9:00am Mass until a closing Prayer Service at 5:00pm. Our Tuesdays throughout the Jubilee Year 2000 will carry this special focus on the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Jesus' Presence.

## *Ash Wednesday*

The Penitential Season of Lent opens on Ash Wednesday, March 8th.

In St. Joseph Church, ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 9:30 Morning Mass (with the school children attending) and at a 7:00 Evening Mass.

In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, ashes will be blessed and distributed at a 9:00 Morning Mass, a 12:05 Noontime Service (outside of Mass) and a 5:30 Evening Mass.

As is our custom, look for appropriate Lenten publications to be available for family and individual use next Sunday, March 5th. Through prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving, make the most of these forty days.

## *A Family Perspective*

### *8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

We reflect on the image of God as a Father who has compassion on His children and whose love transforms our hardened hearts. Parental love mirrors God's love and empowers our children in ways that will open their hearts to the work of the Spirit within them.

## *Pre-Lenten Donut Dance*

Prior to the rigors of Lent, St. Stanislaus Kostka Church is inviting all to come and enjoy the fun of their Annual Donut Dance Party on Saturday, March 4th. It will be held in the Banquet Hall of the Polish American Citizens' Club, 15 Strode Avenue, from 6:30pm until 10:30pm.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Jim Dawson's DJ Express, and the kitchen team will be offering a tasty evening menu. Tickets are \$5.00/Adult, \$3.00/School age Child, FREE /Pre-schooler, and are available at the door. Or, if you like, tickets may be obtained by phone; kindly call Sue Cook at 610-384-2487 or Father John at 610-384-1172. Young and old alike, leave behind winter's hibernation and experience a good time at the Donut Dance Party!

## *Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner*

All guests at our Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner are reminded that the event is this Sunday, February 27th, in the banquet facilities of the Revere Tavern, Route 30, Paradise. A social hour will take place beginning at 3:00pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 4:00pm. What a delight it is for our Parish Family to be able to express our "thank you" in this way to a very giving group of people!

## *Host Families Needed*

The Family living program of Catholic Social Services needs Host Families or Companions in Delaware and Chester Counties for individuals with mental retardation who can greatly benefit from living in a family home environment. Anyone willing to give love and care to a new family member is encouraged to become a host family. Mature, single or married adults can become providers. Earn a substantial tax-free income, room and board payments and professional training. For more information about the Family Living Program contact Mr. James Boyle at 215-587-2464.

## *Jubilee 2000 Concert*

On Sunday, March 5th, 2000 at 2:00pm the Mixed Chorus and Choral Ensemble from Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, PA, under the direction of Marge Campbell will perform a concert in the beautiful Upper Church of Saint Peter the Apostle, National Shrine of Saint John Neumann located at Fifth Street and Girard Avenue in Philadelphia. All are invited to attend this beautiful event. Parking is available off Lawrence Street. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Shrine at (215)627-3080.

## *Women's Club News*

### *Welcome*

The Women's Club of St. Joseph's would like to extend our warm welcome to "Our Shepherd", Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua. We are honored by his visit and wish His Eminence continued good health and God's richest blessings as he guides us into the New Millenium. God Bless You!

### *Kiefli Session*

Reminder - Our next Kiefli making session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30pm.

### *Monthly Meeting*

Our regular monthly meeting of the Women's Club will be held next Sunday, March 5th at 7:00pm. Easter/Spring Bazaar will be one of the main topics on our agenda. Please plan to attend.