

Saint Joseph Church of Coatesville

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Father John V. Oulds, Pastor



Masses for the Week

Masses for the week of March 5th, 2000 will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday, 9AM Parishioners

Tuesday 9 AM Andrew Stanko (Dorothy Bodnar)

Wednesday, 9:30 AM Rose Guldán
..... (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)

Wednesday 7:00 PM Father Ponisciak (Maryann Illes)

Thursday, 9AM Tony & Josephine DiAgastino
..... (Rose Olise)

Friday 9AM Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)

Saturday, 9 AM August & Helen Horenci
..... (Bob & Steffe Levenite)

Saturday 3/11/2000 6:30 PM

Helen Bullock (Dot & Lou Kornet)

Altar Servers S. Lasak/M. Swinty/J. Zelina

Eucharistic Minister Bugar

Lector Kathleen

Sunday 3/12/2000 10:30 AM

Girl Scout Troop (CACES)

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

Eucharistic Ministers Catanese/Lasak, Jr.

Lector Bill

Welcome

We welcome Ms. Jeffifer Leyda and her daughter Kirstan Nicole to our parish. We are pleased they will be making their spiritual home with us.

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, Mary Murray and Dorothy Barnes, as well as the Dead: Father A. James Chapman.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 5th from 9:45 to 10:15 AM, prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 11th, from 5:45 to 6:15

PM, prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request at any time.

A Huge Thank You

Broad smiles were to be seen on all faces last Saturday as we hosted the Pastoral Visit of His Eminence, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua. A noticeable spirit of happiness prevailed throughout the course of His Eminence's day with us from his stopping by the homes of several shut-ins to his celebration of the Parish Evening Mass to his meeting approximately three hundred people at the concluding Reception. Our fondest hopes for a memorable event, perfect in every way, certainly were fulfilled on February 26th. As he himself stated, Cardinal Bevilacqua left St. Joseph Church with a most positive impression of the spirit of its people and the vitality of its life. It was clear that His Eminence enjoyed immensely his five hour stay among us.

A huge thank you goes out to all whose participation made the Cardinal's Pastoral Visit so successful. There were boundless details to complete and various plans to execute, and everyone did their part in stellar fashion. We are deeply grateful to all for shaping a wonderful day in keeping with the respect and admiration we have for such a distinguished Visitor and Church Leader. God love you!

Our Newest Member

On February 20th, Tanner Lee Burns became part of our household of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. With his parents, Steven and Victoria Burns, we share in the joy and pride of this christening event. Congratulations to the newly baptized and his fine family.

The Lenten Season

This Wednesday, March 8th, brings the call of the Church to enter into a forty day program of prayer, fasting and works of charity. It is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Season of Lent. We ask that you consult the flyer attached to this Parish Bulletin, which lists the times of the Ash Wednesday Services and the other Lenten opportunities of both West End Parishes. It is suggested that this flyer be posted somewhere in the home for ready reference throughout all of Lent.

Special Features at Sunday Mass

This Sunday, March 5th, the 10:30 AM Mass features a brief rite of Enrollment for our First Communion candidates: Skylar Babcock, William Hackmeister, Lindsey Harlan, Luke Henderson, Amy Hoopes, Nicholas Malavolta, Derek Martin, Kellie Martin, Nicholas Mello, Hannah Reczek, Morgan Sibbett and Donald Taylor. With this special recognition by our faith community, these boys and girls are assured that they have our prayers, encouragement and best wishes as they advance to the important moments of First Confession and First Communion.

Next Sunday, March 12th, the 10:30 AM Mass features the Rite of Welcome for three adults who are candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Great Easter Vigil (April 22nd). They have been under instruction regarding the beliefs and practices of our Roman Catholic Faith since October, and now they will be introduced to our faith community which pledges their support in prayer and good example to

the candidates. Our Easter joy will be even greater as we receive them into full membership with us on the Church's coming night of nights.

Congratulations to our Scholars

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, recently notified us of the outstanding performance of our high school students on their First Semester report. We heartily applaud the academic excellence of the following students who earned Second Honors: Elizabeth Kinnier, Kathryn Catanese and Karen Powderly. Congratulations on a wonderful achievement!

Big Event at Shanahan

On Saturday, March 25th, Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will host their Annual Spring Auction and Social at 6:00 PM in the school gymnasium. Admission is \$25/person or \$40/couple. If you are unable to attend, but care to contribute, call the Development Office at 610/343-6256 for more details. Come join in the fun!

April Organ Concert

The Association of Young Organists will present a Concert locally in the Chapel of the St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, Elverson, at 7:30 PM, on Saturday, April 1st. Members of the Association will be performing a varied program to benefit the Retreat Center. For ticket information, kindly call 610/584-0909. Founded in 1995, the AYO promotes the organ and its music to young people around the world.

Day of Recollection

The St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, will conduct a Lental Day of Recollection on Thursday, March 30th, from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Father John Denny, O.S.A. will act as Spiritual Director throughout the course of the day's events. To register, please call 610/942-4166.

Reach Out 2000

The School Sisters of Notre Dame invite single, Catholic women, ages 19 to 30, to join them in a week of service to God's people. Reach Out 2000 will be held June 5th-10th in Baltimore, Maryland. Participants will live together in community and have the opportunity to volunteer each day in various SSND ministries. They will be invited to reflect and pray together on their service experiences. For further information and registration forms, please contact Sister Kathy Jager, S.S.N.D. at 410/377-5179 or e-mail at K-jager @ jun0.com.

Healing Service at the Shrine

A Healing Service will be conducted at the National Shrine of St. John Neumann, 5th Street and Girard Avenue, North Philadelphia, on Saturday, March 11th, at 2:00 PM. The Service will include Scripture Readings and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All are invited to attend, especially the sick and the elderly. Parking is available off Lawrence Street. Additional information may be obtained by calling 215/627-3080.

Catholic Men's Morning of Recollection

Share your faith with other Catholic men on Saturday, March 11th at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Coatesville. Fr. Ralph Chieffo and several Catholic leaders will witness to the value of our faith in transforming their lives. All are welcome for all or part of the morning beginning at 8:30 AM and closing with Mass at 11:30 AM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Call 610/384-1415 for directions.

Women's Club News

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! – I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the men and women of the parish who worked so hard to prepare the reception for the Pastoral Visit of His Eminence Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua. In particular, I want to thank my co-chairpersons Susan Sandoski and Lisa Hillman. Our kitchen crew, especially, Joe and Kathy Trumpleman, Jim and Patty Kriston, Lori Rhoades, Fran Shesko, Sue Sandoski and Lisa Hillman. In addition, I would like to thank Steffie Levenite, Pauline Howell, Babes Horenci, Sue Dunlap, Popie Kousisis, Ann Hamilton, Pat and Corrie Babcock, Laura Henderson, Trish Swinty, Marie Reali, Frank Lasak and Gerry Bugar. Also, I would like to thank the teenagers of the parish who helped to serve. They are: Elana and Rebecca Kousisis, Lauren and Michelle Swinty, Lindsey Keehn, Katie Dodds, Nick and Chris Ponto and Lynn Rhoades.

Through the dedication of these individuals, a beautiful reception was presented to the Parish. I believe we really out did ourselves. The Cardinal commented on the caliber of the reception. I believe by his comments, he was truly impressed with St. Joseph's Parish. This day, I am sure, was a highlight of our Parish's Jubilee Year. I know it was for me!

God Bless You for making St. Joseph's Parish a priority in your life. Gratefully, Andrea Levenite, President

Reminder

Regular Monthly Meeting, this Sunday, March 5th at 7:00 PM in the school hall.

Easter/Spring Bazaar Workshops

Next Saturday, March 11th, beginning at 8:00 AM, we will be making pierogies instead of nut rolls. The nut roll work session will be rescheduled. Looking forward to all our regular helpers and look for some new ones also. We especially can use the strong arms of our men of the parish to help with the rolling of the dough.

Men's Communion Breakfast

The Women's Club of St. Joseph's Church, cordially invites the Men of St. Joseph's Parish, to attend a Communion Breakfast following the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, March 19th, at the Downingtown Country Club. Featured guest speaker will be a representative of the Archdiocesan Office of Public Affairs, addressing the very topical issue: RELIGION AND POLITICS – Do They Ever Mix? If interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet posted in the Church Vestibule or call Andrea Levenite at 610/384-4665.