

# *Saint Joseph Church of Coatesville*

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## *Masses for the Week*

Masses for the Week of March 12th, 2000 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Church except as follows:

### **Tuesday, March 14th, 7:00 PM**

Robert and Toni Zolenski (Rose Olise)

### **Saturday, March 18th, 6:30 PM**

Andrew F. Cigas, Jr. (Richard and Maryann Michinok)

Altar Servers - V. Florian/E. Gushanas/K.Kaufman

Eucharistic Minister - Hudock

Lector - Cy

### **Sunday, March 19th, 10:30 AM**

Nicholas Civitella (The O'Malley Family)

Altar Servers - S.Lasak/L.O'Malley/C. Ponto

Eucharistic Ministers - Seymen/Krupansky

Lector - Frank

## *The Rosary Society Intentions for March*

1. That this lent may be a time of prayer and reflection, a time of self-awareness, and self discipline.
2. For our world troubled by violence, terrorism, and drug traffic that God may not cast the world from his presence.

Jesus Group - Sorrowful Mysteries

Mary Group - Joyful Mysteries

Joseph Group - Glorious Mysteries

Entering our Lenten renewal, we implore God's loving assistance. Now is the acceptable time for prayer and reconciliation.

## *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, Liz Bradford, Anthony Paladino, Mary Murray and Dorothy Barnes, as well as the Dead: Anna Andrew.

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 11th, from 5:45 to 6:15 PM, prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 19th, from 9:45 to 10:15 AM, prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request at any time.

## *Special Collections*

This weekend, a special collection is being taken in support of the Archdiocesan High Schools. Our secondary schools are seen as a valuable instrument in promoting the Catholic Faith and passing it to another generation. Catholic education requires the endorsement of the total Catholic community, not just those families with children attending the schools. Your financial assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Next weekend, we are being requested to support the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. In this part of the world, the Church is emerging from 70 years of Communist rule and is vigorously involved in rebuilding the Faith of its people. Contributions are used for providing religious education programs, training seminarians, expanding social ministries and physically rebuilding. Your generosity can help provide the resources needed, so that the Faith can continue to grow and be nourished.

## *Our Newest Members-to-Be*

This Sunday's 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 on April 22nd. Sandi A. Alexander, Tammy M. Babcock, and Jeffrey A. Yearsley have been under instruction regarding the beliefs and practices of our Roman Catholic Faith since October, and now they are formally introduced to our faith community. We, in turn, applaud their intentions and achievement thus far, and we pledge our 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.

## *Welcome To Our New Parishioners*

A sincere welcome is extended to Mr. & Mrs. David Merth, who have found their spiritual home with us. And, in correcting the misspelling of a prior parish bulletin, we heartily welcome again Ms. Jennifer Leyda and her daughter Kirstan.

## *Our Special Lenten Opportunities*

### *at the West End Parishes*

Mid-Week Evening Masses - Throughout the Lenten Season, a Mid-Week Evening Mass will be celebrated in both churches. In St. Joseph Church, a Mass will be offered on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a Mass will be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

Weekly Eucharistic Exposition - On the Tuesdays throughout the Great Jubilee Year 2000, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed upon the altar immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. This Exposition will continue all day long, until a concluding Service

with Benediction at 5:00 PM. Like daily Mass, the site for Exposition will alternate back and forth between our two West End Parishes.

### *Stations of the Cross*

Throughout the Lenten Season, the traditional Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted in both churches. On Thursdays at 1:15 PM, in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, with the Parochial School pupils participating; on Fridays, at 1:15 PM, in St. Joseph Church, with the Parochial School pupils participating; on Saturdays, immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass, in the Church designated as the site for that week.

### *Lenten Publications*

Religious enrichment during Lent can be gained from the seasonal publications and other printed materials distributed to the congregations at weekend Masses. Two titles, "God's Lenten Invitation" and "A Time to Grow", make for good companions throughout these forty days.

### *Operation Rice Bowl*

Introduced as a nationwide Lenten practice in 1976, the now familiar Operation Rice Bowl solicits financial support for the Catholic Relief Services in its global efforts to alleviate hunger. Appropriate materials were distributed prior to Lent. Special containers for weekly contributions are displayed in both Churches.

### *Lenten Evening Conferences*

On three consecutive Tuesdays, in St. Joseph Church, immediately following the 7:00 PM Mass, a series of Lenten Conferences will be given on the theme: "To Forgive Is Divine." From a triad of aspects, these Conferences will address the notion of forgiveness, appealing not only to the mind but also the heart. Our presenter will be Stephen V. Walker, a veteran Teacher of Theology in the Archdiocesan Secondary Schools System and presently a Member of the Faculty of Archbishop Ryan High School, Philadelphia. All are invited to attend on March 21st, March 28th, and April 4th.

### *Women's Club News*

#### *Men's Communion Breakfast*

Sunday, March 19th, following the 10:30 AM Mass at the Downingtown Country Club, all the men of the Parish are invited to attend breakfast. There will be a representative of the Archdiocese Office of Public Affairs who will speak on the topic of Religion and Politics - Do They Ever Mix. An appropriate topic at this time.

Please make your reservations by signing the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Church Vestibule or calling Andrea Levenite at 610/384-4665. The cost is \$10.00.

#### *Spring Bazaar*

Sunday, April 9th, 2000 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the School Hall.

Various crafters will be on hand along with our Spring Crafts, food and children's activities.

Spring Bazaar Raffle tickets have been either mailed or delivered to all the homes of our parishioners. If you did not receive yours, kindly contact Ann Cigas at 610/384-2955. We are chancing off \$500. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. We sincerely hope you will buy or sell these chances for us. Thank you in advance.

### *Essentials*



"Ashes, ashes; we all fall down!" Lent is not about falling down, but about picking up. Lent is putting things simply in order, "coming round to where we ought to be." Alms are life-giving gifts for those who give and for those who receive; prayers are open windows for godly nourishment, and fasting is cleaning out the old ways of acting. Lent is getting back to essentials: to Adam and Eve's earth itself. Are you down to earth? Do you wish for the Lord to walk with you?