

St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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Masses for the Week

Masses for the Week of March 19th, 2000 will be offered in St. Joseph Church.

Monday, 9AM	Parishioners
Tuesday, 9AM	Ernest and Paul Popovich (Ange Verlin)
Tuesday, 7PM	Pauline Ross (David Hanks)
Wednesday, 9AM	Betty Pesto(Michael and Eleanor Labik)
Thursday, 9AM	Helen Bullock (Kathryn Magala)
Friday, 9AM	Anne Cisarik (MM James Havrilak)
Saturday 9AM	Jan Bartovic (Steffie and Bob Levenite)

3/25/2000 Saturday, 6:30PM

George Lahm
(Branson and McBride Families)

Altar Servers	L. Rhoades/S. Reczek/M. Swinty
Eucharistic Minister	Hillman
Lector	Sara

3/26/2000 Sunday, 10:30AM

Matthew and Frances Lonchar
(Mary Shesko and Family)

Altar Servers	J.Zelina/D. Bednar/S.Englund
Eucharistic Ministers	Dubinski/Bugar
Lector	Laura

Our Newest Member

On March 12th, Hunter Bradley Watterson became part of our household of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. With his parents, Robert and Stacy Watterson, we share in the joy and pride of this christening event. Congratulations to the newly baptized and his fine family.

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, Jeremy Henderson and Gerald Szweda, as well as the Dead: Father Joseph St. Clair, Father Gerard McCaffrey.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 19th, from 9:45 to 10:15 AM, prior to the morning Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 25th, 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.

Special Collection

This 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.

Mid-Week Evening Masses During Lent

Throughout the Lenten Season, a Mid-Week Evening Mass will be celebrated in both West End 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. We welcome your participation.

Stations of the Cross Devotion

Throughout the Lenten Season, the traditional Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted in both West End 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 worship site for that week.

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 Tuesday's Day of Exposition will be conducted in St. Joseph Church, and will conclude at 5:00 PM with a brief Service of Prayer and Benediction. Please keep in mind the Eucharistic focus of every Tuesday, and stop by the Church for a visit sometime during the day.

Lenten Evening Conferences

On three consecutive Tuesdays, beginning this Tuesday, March 21st, 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 to 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 cordially invited to attend on March 21st, March 28th and April 4th. Please see the attached letter of invitation from our guest-presenter.

Day of Recollection

St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, will conduct a Lenten 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.

An Invitation to High School Students

Teenagers at Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Parkesburg, are hosting a Vocations Awareness Program on Sunday, March 26th, in the Schneider Parish Center, 2995 Cemetery Road. The evening begins with a Mass at 5:00 PM, followed by Life Night and guest speakers representing the priesthood and religious life. All high school students from the area are cordially invited to attend. For added information or directions, kindly call 610/857-3510.

St. Martha Manor Employment Opportunities

St. Martha Manor, Downingtown have the following positions available. If interested, call 610/873-8490 for more information or stop in at 470 Manor Avenue to fill out an application.

- Certified Nursing Assistants, Full-Time, Part-Time
- Pool positions.
- Dietary Aides & Dishwasher, Full-Time, Part-Time, as well as Day and Evening Shifts
- Housekeeper/Laundry Aide, Full-Time – Day and Evening Shift

Census 2000

As is well publicized, the Federal Government is conducting its once-a-decade census of the nation's population. You will soon receive your census survey in the mail. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, working in concert with the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, urges you to complete and submit your survey. An accurate count not only helps our government, but it also ensures that very necessary programs and services will be available to those in need. If you have any questions, please call the Archdiocesan Office for Public Affairs at 215/587-3509.

Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a pastoral council meeting on Monday, March 20th, 2000 at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Women's Club News

Don't forget our Easter/Spring Bazaar scheduled for Sunday, April 9th. We are looking for your support with this Spring Fund Raiser. For Take-Out Orders for Pierogies, Stuffed Cabbage, Nut Rolls or Kiefler, please call Fran Shesko at 610/384-6221. Our supplies are limited so get your order in early. Also, please remember to turn in your \$500 Raffle Tickets to Ann Cigas or drop them in the Drop Box in the Church Vestibule.

NUT ROLL BAKING SESSION – Saturday, March 25th, 8:00 AM

COOK BOOKS – Have you seen our new COOKBOOKS which include many of the favorite recipes of the women of our parish? It is one that you must have in your home. Members of the Women's Club will be selling them at the Masses this weekend at a cost of \$6.00. Stop by and pick up your copy. Also, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the women of the Parish who have so graciously agreed to share their favorite recipes which are included. Good luck to all who try them – and succeed with some delicious food for your families.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS – It's that time of the year again, and we are in the process of looking for volunteers to serve as officers for the Women's Club. Our organization is very vital to our Parish and the only way to keep it going is by the hard work of those who agree to lead our group. If interested in serving, please contact Ann Cigas, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at 610/384-2955 or Anne Reshey or Frances Shesko. Please keep the Nominating Phone Line ringing as it used to for the Lottery.



Test

“Test; test; this is a test.” The Lord tries us out, even tantalizes us, before choosing to work with us. God did this with Abraham, with Peter, James and John – even with Jesus! But Jesus, God's own Son, “stands and pleads for us now,” that we not be “led into temptation or put to the test beyond our means.” “God is on our side and who now can be against us?” With the Trinity's prompting and our willing obedience during this Lent, we can come closer to salvation.