

# St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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## Masses for the Week

Masses for the Week of March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2000 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka except as follows:

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

*Adele Kowalczyk (Gerry & Lew Branson)*

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm**

*John & Anna Saska (Bob & Ann Hamilton)*

Altar Servers      *P. Florian, V. Florian, T. Gushanas*

Euch. Minister      *Seymen*

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30am**

*Rose Guldán (Harold & Mary Frances Johnson)*

Altar Servers      *S. Lasak, K. Kaufman, D. Neff*

Euch. Minister      *Hudock/Bugar*

## In Sympathy

The parish Family of St. Joseph Church extends their deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Mary Shesko who passed away. May her soul rest with the Good Lord.

## Your Prayers Are Requested

In the kindness of your prayers, please remember the Sick: 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, Mary Murray, Dorothy Barnes, Jeremy Henderson and Gerald Szwedá, as well as the Dead: Father James Bones and Mary Shesko.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request at any time.

## 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 p.m. In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a Mass will be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. We welcome your participation.

## Lenten Evening Conferences

The second of three Conferences on the theme: "To Forgive Is Divine" will be presented on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, in St. Joseph Church, immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. From a triad of aspects, these Conferences address the notion of forgiveness, appealing not only to the mind but also to the heart. Our presenter is 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 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 a.m. Mass. This Tuesday's Day of Exposition will be conducted in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. 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.

## 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 p.m., in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, with the Parochial School pupils participating; On Fridays, at 1:15 p.m., in St. Joseph Church, with the Parochial School pupils participating; On Saturdays, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in the Church designated as the worship site for that week.

## Women's Weekend Retreat

When was the last time that you took time for yourself: A time for you to slow down and to listen quietly to and talk with your God without interruption or distraction. Are you longing for a chance to catch your breath and to be refreshed apart from the daily routine? This might be the right time for you to experience the many life-giving qualities of a Retreat. You are invited to Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park, PA on Mother's Day Weekend, May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call Rosemary Conway-Bauer, 610/380-0606 or the Dominican Retreat House at 215/224-0945.

## Golf Outing Alert

The Coatesville Catholic Home & School Association will hold the C.A.C.E.S. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing at Honey Brook Golf Course on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 a.m. If you are interested in either sponsoring or playing the Golf Outing, please contact Jim Maguire at 610/942-0269. He will be happy to supply you with full details of this important fund-raising event, always guaranteeing a good time.

## Free Service to Travelers

The Perpetual Help Foundation offers a free ministry to traveling Catholics. You can obtain nationwide Mass times and Church

locations, as well as directions and phone numbers, by calling 1-800-MASS TIMES (1-800-627-7846) or Internet [www.massimes.org](http://www.massimes.org). All 22,000 entries for churches and missions are kept current and up-to-date.

### **An Invitation to High School Students**

Teenagers at Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Parkesburg, are hosting a Vocations Awareness Program on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Schneider Parish Center, 2995 Cemetery Road. The evening begins with a Mass at 5:00 p.m., 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 direction, kindly call 610/857-3510.

### **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.

### **Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion**

Annually in March, approximate to the Feast of St. Joseph, our Parish holds the Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion, with the Blessed Sacrament solemnly exposed on the altar for a three day period. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, however, has requested that we do not schedule our Forty Hours Observance now, but rather hold it in October when all parishes will conduct the Forty Hours on the very same three days. This collective celebration is planned as a special Great Jubilee Year 2000 event, made all the more impressive by its simultaneous occurrence throughout the Archdiocese. Look for more details to be forthcoming at a later date.

### **American Cancer Society**

Again this year, our parish is participating in the "Daffodil Days Campaign" of the American Cancer Society. A contribution has been made to assist the fine programs of the Chester County Chapter.

### **Pastoral Council Nominations**

It's that time again! In the near future each family of the Parish will be receiving information regarding the Nominations and Election of two new members to the Pastoral Council. Watch the mail!

### **Women's Club News**

**Easter/Spring Bazaar – Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

#### *Bazaar Work Dates*

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM Steam Cabbage & Set up  
tables (men needed!)  
Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 AM Make stuffed cabbage  
10:00 AM Crafters Set-up

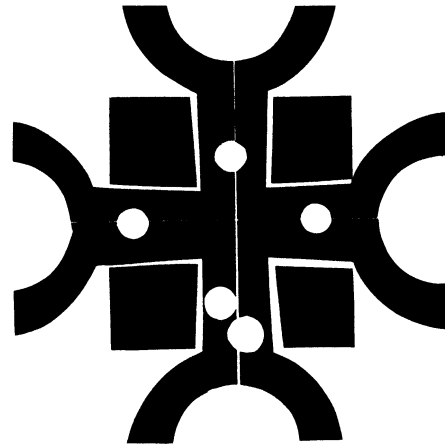
**BAKE TABLE** – We desperately need a variety of Baked Goods for this table. We will have kiefli and nut rolls but we could also use

some paskas, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, breads, etc. Won't you help us? Looking for a nice variety to complement our Slovak Baked Goods. You can drop off your goodies either Friday evening, or Saturday morning. Thank you in advance.

**\$500 CHANCES** – Don't forget to turn in your \$500 Raffle tickets. We have heard from quite a few of you – can I hear from the rest of you? This Raffle is our biggest fundraiser at this Bazaar so – we're counting on you. Please give to Ann Cigas, drop into the Drop Box or Collection Basket. Thank you very much.

**WOMEN'S CLUB COOK BOOKS** for sale at \$6.00 each. Our Cook Book Coordinator is on vacation this week but they will be available next weekend and also at the Bazaar.

### **Strength**



God's foolishness and God's weakness, the Ten Commandments and the foolish wisdom of humans – all lead us to the crucified Jesus, the sanctuary destroyed and raised up in three days. Prejudgments are obstacles to our standing by the cross of Jesus who ties the heavens and the earth and all else together. Through Jesus, we are redeemed and our life has meaning. By his glorious cross we are saved. Jesus knows what each of us has inside. He offers strength for our weakness.