

# St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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Father John V. Oulds, Pastor

## Masses for the Week

Masses for the Week of April 2nd, 2000 will be offered in St. Joseph Church.

Monday, 9 AM	Parishioners
Tuesday, 9 AM	Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)
Tuesday, 7 PM	Shirley Hanks (David Hanks)
Wednesday, 9 AM	Mary Sweeney (Dorothy Bodnar)
Thursday, 9 AM	Frank Sweeney (Rose Olise)
Friday, 9 AM	Father Cyril Ponisciak (Mary Shesko)
Saturday, 9 AM	Theodore Sestak (Helen Popovich)

### **4/08/2000 Saturday, 6:30 PM**

*Andrew Bullock (John & Helen Fregede)*

*Altar Servers L.O'Malley/C. Ponto/L.Rhoades*

*Euch. Minister Catanese*

### **4/09/2000 Sunday, 10:30 AM**

*Michael Hudock (Mary Anne Illes)*

*Altar Servers A&S Reczek/M.Swinty*

*Euch. Minister Dubinski/Hillman*

## 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, Dorothy Barnes, Jeremy Henderson, Gerald Szwedra, Corinne Yost, Jeremy martin and Jimmy Culligan.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This 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. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available upon request at any time.

## Lenten Evening Conferences

The third and final of three Conferences on the theme; "To Forgive Is Divine" will be presented on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, in St. Joseph Church, immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mass. 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. He is presently the acting Vice-Principle of Academic Affairs for Archbishop Ryan High School, Philadelphia. All are cordially invited to attend the concluding Conference.

## 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. Joseph 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.

## Special Time Change

Please note that our Morning Mass on Passion-Palm Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, will be celebrated at 10:45 a.m. that day. The fifteen-minute difference from the usual time will allow Father John to participate in the Solemn Liturgy opening Holy Week. Also, the one half hour between the conclusion of C.C.D. classes and beginning of Mass will permit us to organize the youngsters in the Passion-Palm Sunday Procession. Our candidates for First Communion and Confirmation are especially requested to be a part of this traditional procession honoring the Kingship of Christ.

## Operation Rice Bowl

Established as a Lenten practice nationwide in 1976, Operation Rice Bowl fosters the eating of a sacrificial meal one a week, and with the money saved from such a meal making a donation toward feeding the world's hungry. Your weekly contributions may be placed in the special containers found in the rear of Church. Thank you for your caring and sharing.

## Mid-Week Evening Masses During Lent

Throughout the Lenten Season, a Mid-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.

## 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 the 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 your are interested in either sponsoring or playing in 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.

## **A Very Special Live Performance**

Next Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, nearby St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will host the powerful and riveting drama, "The Passion According to Mary Magdalene," featuring Gina McKenna Smith. In keeping with the spirit of Lent and as an appropriate preamble for Holy Week, this prayerful production in narration and song will assuredly touch your heart and possibly change your life. Hear and enter into the life and death of Jesus Christ as told by one who truly loved Him. Mary Magdalene come to life, interacts with the congregation and deepens your relationship with Jesus. The memory of this unique drama will remain with you long after the performance ends. It is a must see experience for the entire family at 4 o'clock next Sunday afternoon in the West End.

## **The Rosary Society**

### ***Intentions for Fall***

1. That the Holy Week Commemoration of Jesus Sacrifice may enable us to understand God's saving love more deeply.
2. That Easter Joy and Peace may fill the world and we rejoice in the resurrection through which we have salvation.

Jesus Group - Joyful Mysteries  
Mary Group - Glorious Mysteries  
Joseph Group - Sorrowful Mysteries

This is the day the Lord has made-let us remember, rejoice and give thanks.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Are you a caring individual? Do you have a little time to help the sick and elderly? If you do, Saint Martha Manor in Downingtown is seeking volunteers to assist in a variety of opportunities. Assistance is needed with bingo, friendly visits, entertaining, mail distribution, craft making, distributing water pitchers, saying the rosary, prayer services and communion visits. We provide training for you and you receive gratification knowing you are helping others and participating in the mission of the Church.

Please call Sister Dorothy Goodrich today at 610/873-8490 or drop in at 470 Manor Avenue in Downingtown. We would love to meet you.

## **To Whom It May Concern**

### ***Hallahan High School Class of 1975***

25<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion is being held on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Keenan's Valley View Inn, 468 Domino Lane, Philadelphia, PA 191228 from 7:00 to 12:00 PM. Please contact Jackie Meyers 215/482-4184 or Trudy (Boyce) Rauscher 215/483-1449.

## **Pastoral Council Elections**

Each adult member of our parish family will be receiving a mailing about this year's pastoral council elections. There will be two members elected this year to a 3 year term starting in September 2000. The first step in this election process is to develop a list of potential candidates. In the letter you will receive, there is a nomination form. Please take a few moments to fill in your nominations and place the form in the collection box in the rear of the church. This is your chance to have your voice heard! Nominations will be accepted through April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Women's Club News**

Don't forget our Spring/East Bazaar slated for Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM to 2:00PM in our school hall.

REMINDER to make something for our bake table. Bring your donation to the school hall anytime Saturday morning. "Paskas Needed"!!

REMEMBER to turn in your \$500 Raffle tickets. We only have another week to return them to us. If you need more call 610/384-2955.

Thank you for your support!

## **Temple**

Cyrus, the great anointed king of Persia, ordered a temple built for God's presence in Jerusalem. Jesus, the anointed Son of God, is himself raised up to be the new temple of God's living presence for every believer. He is the healing sign of salvation by faith, our "gift from God of infinite richness." His flourishing cross is "God's work of art created in Christ Jesus," the vine on which we can be the branches that bud and flower during Lent.

