

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 9th, 2000 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, except as follows:

TUESDAY, April 11, 2000, 7:00 PM

Helen Bullock (Joseph, Regina & Erik Brecht)

SATURDAY, April 15, 2000, 6:30 PM

Theresa Salkowski (CCD Teachers)

Altar Servers J. Zelina/D. Bednar/S. England

Euch. Minister Seymen

SUNDAY, April 16th, 2000, 10:45 AM

Michael & Margaret Sushinski (Max & Agnes Sushinski)

Altar Servers P. Florian/E. Gushanas/J. Lasak

Euch. Minister Lasak, Jr./Bugar

The following donations, in memory of Mary Shesko, have been received and are gratefully acknowledged:

Harry & Helen Marie Still, Agnes Novotny, Sylvia Halenar Family, Ann & Joseph Romanoski, Sophie Zelina, Steve and Ann Zelina, George and Helen Reynolds, Karen Stauffer, Peirre & Karen Annaballi, Joseph & Eleanor Wasko, June & William Lancaster, Gerald Bugar, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Graef, Charles & Patricia DiMarco, Alan & Peggy Coleman, Coatesville Area School District Co-Workers, and Nancy Mull & Randy & Shelly.

Welcome

St. Joseph's Parishioners cordially welcome the Sable Family – Alfred, Irene, Andrew and Kristina to our parish family. We are happy to have you worship with us.

Pastoral Council Elections

Each adult member of our parish family should have received a mailing this week about this year's pastoral council elections. There will be 2 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 received, 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 16th.

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,

Jeremy Henderson, Gerald Szweda, Corinne Yost, Jeremy Martin, Jimmy Culligan, and Jan Cisarik, as well as the Dead: Father George Spaits.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 8th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 16th, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Please consult our Easter mailing for additional opportunities in Holy Week for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Passion (Palm) Sunday Next Weekend

Palm, the ancient sign of triumph, will be blessed and distributed at both Masses next weekend: on Saturday, April 15th, at 6:30 p.m. and on Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 16th, at 10:45 a.m. This traditional sacramental is commonly used for display with crucifixes and religious pictures, as well as for display on the graves of our beloved deceased. It hails the ultimate triumph of Jesus Our King over the forces of sin and death.

Special Time Change

Please note that our Morning Mass on Passion-Palm Sunday, April 16th, 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 once 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 12th to May 14th. For more information, call Rosemary Conway-Bauer, 610/380-0606 or the Dominican Retreat House at 215/224-0945.

Community Event in Holy Week

On Good Friday, April 21st, congregations from the various Christian Churches of our community will be gathering in the yard of St. Cecilia Church, North 6th Avenue at East Diamond Street, for an Ecumenical Way of the Cross Walk throughout the Streets of the City of Coatesville. This moving Service begins promptly at 12 o'clock Noon. All, young and old, are invited to participate.

Lenten Communal Penance Service

A Communal penance Service for both West End congregations will be conducted in St. Joseph Church on Monday of Holy Week, April 17th, at 7:00 p.m. This Service, based on the Way of the Cross, offers the opportunity for the individual hearing of confession, in preparation for Easter. Three priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parish Mailing Coming Your Way

We expect that our Easter mailing, currently in preparation, will be reaching the mailboxes of our parishioners sometime this week. It will contain important information concerning the events and ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter. Please look for our mailing and retain the schedule therein for ready reference.

A Special Teen Presentation

The Life Teen Group of our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17th Avenue, invite young and old to their Living Stations presentation on Friday, April 14th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Church. One the threshold of Holy Week, the Living Stations are a touching dramatization of Christ's passion and Death. There will be no collection just come and journey with the Lord.

Day of Eucharistic Exposition

This Tuesday's Day of Eucharistic Exposition will be conducted in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The Exposition continues throughout the day and concludes at 5:00 p.m. with a brief Service of Prayer and Benediction. Do stop by the Church for a visit sometime during the day.

A Very Special Live Performance

Next Sunday, April 9th, 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 this Sunday afternoon in the West End.

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.

Mother's of Special Children

St. Joseph's-in-the-Hills, Malvern's Retreat House is host to a day of renewal for Mother's of Special Children on Tuesday, May 9, 2000. The theme is "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that they had and bought it." (Mt. 13:45-46) The Retreat Director is Suzanne Mayer, IHM. Sr. Suzanne is the Director for Immaculata Spirituality Center. The retreat is from 9 AM to 3 PM. The event includes quiet time, conferences, sacred space, lunch, and Eucharist. Cost is \$22 per person. For reservations call 610/644-0400.

A Family Perspective

Through the Prophet Jeremiah, God promises to "forgive our evildoing and remember our sin no more." As parents, siblings and children encounter real evildoing, failures, weaknesses or lack of success among family members, the offering of forgiveness enables all involved to become more like God and closer to His Son Jesus.

Women's Club News

Hopefully we will see all of you at our Annual Spring/Easter Bazaar "this" Sunday. Looking forward to having you join us for lunch or breakfast. We'll have our usual great menu.

Please don't forget your \$500 chance returns. We still need to hear from many of you. It's not too late to bring them with you to the Bazaar. Chance off time is 2:00 PM.

We still have some vacancies for officers for the year 2000-2001. If interested, please contact Ann Cigas 610/384-2955.

Our Women's Club Cookbooks will be available at the Bazaar. If you do not have one, stop at the "Flower Table" while at the Bazaar and pick one up. A great bargain at \$6.00 each. Maybe some of your friends or relatives might like one. Give them one as an Easter present!!