

St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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Masses for the Week

Masses for the Week of April 16th, 2000 will be offered as follows:
The daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in St. Joseph Church.

Monday, 9:00 AM Elizabeth Taran (Sylvia Halenar Family)
7:00 PM Lenten Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, 9:00 AM Mary Michinok (Frances & Robert Shesko)
7:00 PM Jan Bartovic (Andrea Levenite)

Spy Wednesday, 9:00 AM Anne Cisarik (Nellie & Teresa Cisarik)

Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

Good Friday, 7:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

Holy Saturday, 7:30 PM Great Easter Vigil

Euch. Ministers *Seymen, Krupansky, Catanese, Bugar*

Easter Sunday, 10:30 AM

Frank & Francis Thomas Bogus (Joan Monko & Betty Bogus)

Euch. Ministers: *Hudock, Dubinski*

Altar Servers: *K. O'Malley, L. Rhoades, A. Reczek*

Parish Memorial Fund

Donations in memory of Mrs. Mary Shesko are gratefully acknowledged from the following donors: Mr. & Mrs. Robert O. Blount, Margaret Simpson, Betty Lou Lusky, Anna L. Mauer, Angelyn Cisarik, James R. McInerney, and Robert & Blance Wright. Thank you for your kindness.

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 Szwedra, Corinne Yost, Jeremy Martin, Jan Cisarik, Jimmy Culligan, Agnes Sushinski and Verna Seymen.

Lenten Communal Penance Service

A Communal Penance Service for both West End congregations will be conducted in St. Joseph Church on Monday of this 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.

Day of Eucharistic Exposition

This Tuesday's Day of Eucharistic Exposition will be conducted in St. Joseph 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.

Other Opportunities for Confession

In addition to the Penance Service noted above, several other opportunities yet remain for the hearing of confessions prior to the Paschal Triduum and Easter: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of this week at 8:30 a.m. (prior to the 9:00 daily Mass in St. Joseph Church) and Tuesday evening of this week at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the 7:00 Lenten Mass in St. Joseph Church).

Holy Thursday, April 20th

At 7:00 p.m., the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated for both West End congregations in the St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, concluding with the Eucharistic Procession to the Repository. It is a bittersweet night of gathering at table with the Savior who will lay down His life for us and of remembering with grateful hearts His lasting gifts of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. Eucharistic Adoration before the Repository concludes at 12:00 Midnight.

Good Friday, April 21st

The Church is opened at 9:00 a.m. for your private devotion before the Repository. At 7:00 p.m., the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's passion and Death will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church, featuring the Veneration of the Cross and the Distribution of Holy Communion.

Outdoor Way of the Cross

Good Friday, April 21st, brings the meaningful local tradition of the Annual Outdoor Stations of the Cross, a walk to fourteen different "Stations" within the City of Coatesville. Prayers that relate to life situations are spoken at each symbolic stop. This solemn procession lasts approximately two hours, rain or shine, unless the weather is very bad when the Service is conducted indoors. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and gather at 11:45 a.m. in the yard of St. Cecilia Church, 6th Avenue & Diamond Street. The walk itself begins at 12:00 Noon.

Holy Saturday, April 22nd

The Saturday Evening Mass is not offered at 6:30 p.m. this day, but at a later hour (as noted), so that the Liturgy may begin in darkness. At 7:30 p.m., the Great Easter Vigil is celebrated in St. Joseph Church, featuring the Service of Light, the Blessing of Water and Reception of four candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation. It is the church's Night of Nights, joyously hailing the victory of Jesus Christ, our Champion over death.

Easter Sunday, April 23rd

At 10:30 a.m., a Festive Mass of the Lord's Resurrection will be celebrated, featuring the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling with Blessed Water.

Blessing of Easter Foods and Candies

In keeping with the Eastern European tradition, the First Foods of Easter and Children's Easter Baskets will be blessed in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Holy Saturday, April 22nd, at 2:30 p.m. Also, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in St. Joseph Church, on Easter Sunday, April 23rd, the children will be invited to approach the altar for the blessing of their Easter baskets and the presentation of an added treat.

Special Appeals Associated with Holy Week

Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten Program of prayer and sacrifice for the world's starving and malnourished peoples, concludes this week. Your kind donation may be placed in the specially marked receptacles in the rear of the Church. Your personal Lenten observance has been transformed into the work of an ambassador for Christ. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world this Lenten Season.

Good Friday is the traditional day set aside for the collection of contributions for **the Holy Places in Palestine and the Shrines of the Holy Land**. These sites, sacred to the memory of our Savior, are under the care of the Franciscan Friars and are maintained by your free-will offerings.

Special Subscription Campaign

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Big Musical Event

The Archdiocesan Boy's Choir of Philadelphia invites you to their upcoming production of the Broadway hit, *Oliver*, at Archbishop Prendergast High School, Drexel Hill, on April 28-29-30. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:00 p.m. Your \$6.00 admission ticket may be purchased at the door or by calling our local Choirboy, Jonathan Beech at 610/383-9679. Proceeds from the production will benefit the Boy's Choir in their summer musical tour abroad.

Volunteers Badly Needed

The Meals-on-Wheels Program has an urgent need for volunteers to deliver meals to the needy. Your service requires only 1-1/2 hours per month. If you are interested in this praiseworthy cause, please call Mary Alice Keen at 610/384-1673. Thank you for your consideration.

Congratulations to the Ladies

Even a surprise snowfall could not diminish the energies and enthusiasm of the Women's Club of St. Joseph Church in mounting an outstanding Spring Bazaar last weekend. The various purchasable items on display brought to everyone's attention the look, color and beauty of Spring. And delicious baked holiday treats, as well as tasty foods from the kitchen were available. Clearly a good time was had by all. Heartiest congratulations to the ladies and their helpers! Thank you to our many patrons!

Congratulations to our Easter Bazaar Winners:

\$500	Margaret Florian
Basket w/Food	Sister Helen Loretta
Easter Basket w/Duck	J. Kriston

Large Pansy Planter	Margaret Florian
Baby Basket	Lisa Hillman
Snack Basket	Kathy Barnes
Wine Basket	Melanie McInerney
Garden Basket	Ann Good
Snack Basket	Jerry Bugar
Grooming Basket	Sarah Lasak
Activity Basket	Lisa Przychodzien
Candle Basket	Steffy Levenite
Tea Basket	Lillian Turansky
Spaghetti Basket	Ann Romanoski
Bath Basket	Katie Peck

A Family Perspective

Our life of prayer and worship intensifies as we gather our families to celebrate the great mystery of Christ's suffering and death and resurrection. As we journey with Him and join our own sufferings and disappointments to those of Christ, we experience the power of His redeeming love.



HOSANNA!

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!" At each Mass we join in the same cry, even to death on the cross." He, now our glorious Lord, shares his work with us when we take up the cross of our baptism and follow him on the way to glory. The man on the donkey leads us step by step through the gates of heaven into his paschal mystery. Follow him confidently, full of faith. Hosanna!