

St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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Masses for the Week

Masses for the week of April 30th, 2000 will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday 9am	Parishioners
Tuesday 9am	Frank & Regina Olise (Rose Olise)
Wednesday 9am	Helen Bullock (Blanche Hood)
Thursday 9am	Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)
Friday 9:30am	Margaret Lacey (Mike & Mary Kay Hennessey)
Saturday 9am	Jan Bartovic (Cindy & Stamate Kousisis & daughters)

5/06/2000 Saturday, 6:30 PM

Dorothy Hayes (Parish Pastoral Council)

Euch. Minister: Hudock

5/07/2000, Sunday, 10:30 AM

First Holy Communicants

Euch. Ministers: Krupansky/Hillman

Your Prayers are Requested

In the kindness of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, John Yankech, Mary Riley, Jean Moister, Lyndsey Conner, Carolyn Pechin, Ann Hook, Jeremy Martin, Gerald Szweda, Corinne Yost, Jan Cisarik, Jimmy Culligan, Agnes Sushinski, Verna Seymen, Michael Zacierka, Donna Colgain, Carole Girafalco, Joanne Krupansky.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 30th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 6th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of the Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

Special Appeal This Weekend

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up in all parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia this weekend, April 29th-30th. It aims to build up the Body of Christ domestically, by helping the struggling missions in our country to keep their doors open. Our kind response to this special collection would be greatly appreciated.

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. Every Tuesday in the Jubilee Year 2000 offers this grace-filled opportunity.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Revisited

We are indebted to so many parishioners, young and old, whose time and talents, enthusiasm and energies made possible a truly magnificent Celebration of Holy Week and Easter Sunday this year. Our deepest gratitude is extended to those who physically prepared the Church for worship all throughout the week, as well as put into place the tasteful decorations and lovely flowers. Also, thank you goes out to those in service to Sacred Liturgy: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Music Ministers, Choir Members and Ushers. We certainly appreciated the attentive participation of our parishioners and friends of the parish in the Solemn Ceremonies of this very special time. Together, as a household of faith, we did our best to enter into the dying and rising of Jesus, and to capture the meaning and gladness of Easter.

Our Heartfelt Welcome

At the Solemn Easter Vigil of Saturday, April 22nd, we were privileged to welcome into the embrace of the Catholic Church four new members. Two of this number have become parishioners of St. Joseph Church, and we heartily congratulate them on their entering into the full communion with us through the Sacraments of Initiation. Our newest members are Tammy Michelle Babcock, presented by her sponsor, Roger Babcock, and Jeffery Alan Yearsley, presented by his sponsor, Donna Yearsley. They are a special blessing for our Parish Family, and we pray that they will always find us to be a source of encouragement and perseverance in their continued pursuit of the Catholic Faith. Again, our glad congratulations to Tammy and to Jeffery!

First Communion Sunday

Our Easter happiness is doubled next Sunday, May 7th, as several of our young parishioners approach the Table of the Lord for the first time. Plan to join us for the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in which the First Communion Class will be taking a very special part. Undoubtedly, with their parents and relatives, our pride and joy in these youngsters will be showing forth. Keep them in your prayers.

Hazardous Waste Collection

The Chester County Health Department will be conducting the collection of unwanted, hazardous, household waste, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 13th at Owen J. Roberts, on June 10th at the Tredyffrin Township Building, on September 16th at the New Garden Township Building and on October 7th at the Government Services Center. For more information, call 610/344-6692.

St. Martha Manor Jobs

St. Martha Manor, Downingtown, has currently a few employment opportunities available. They are in need of certified nursing assistants, RNs and LPNs, dietary aides, dishwasher, housekeeper and laundry aide. Kindly contact 610/873-8490 for more information regarding these positions.

Vocation Discernment Program

Blessed Katherine Drexel Discernment Group for high school students is being sponsored by the Vocations Office for Diocesan Priesthood. Meetings will be held in St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, on 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning May 16th. The group is intended for 11th and 12th grade young men who are discerning the call to the priesthood. Call Father Joseph Devlin at the Vocation Office, 610/667-5778 for details and to register.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2000

Stewardship is the call to realize our Christian vocation as Disciples of Christ. God asks us to be responsible caretakers of His gifts, expressing our gratitude by eagerly sharing our time, talent and treasure out of love for Him and one another. Your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal 2000 is an authentic response to this call of His. The CCA Jubilee year Campaign opens next Sunday, May 7th, and continues for three weeks. Please join with your fellow parishioners in support of this important campaign of sharing and caring in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Look for our Catholic Charities Appeal mailing to be arriving in your mailbox someday this coming week. Thank you for your kindness!

Young Adult Festival

Women and men, married and single, ages 18 to 35+, are cordially invited to the Springfest 2000 Young Adult Festival; Open The Doors! It will be held on Saturday, May 13th, at Archbishop Prendergast High School Drexel Hill, PA. This all-day gathering of several hundred young adults includes: internationally known speaker Matthew Kelly, twenty workshop choices on appropriate topics, faith-sharing and Liturgy, an evening party with a live band and enjoyable fellowship. A \$40.00 registration fee covers lunch and dinner, as well as all festival activities. For details, call the Young Adult Ministry at 610/649-9476 or check out www.ovya.org.

Jobs Available

Camilla Hall Nursing Home, Immaculata, PA has numerous jobs currently available with excellent benefits and competitive salaries. Needed are a cook (10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. shift), relief cook (40 hours/week), weekday housekeepers (7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), a custodian (7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), RN and NAs at various shifts. Kindly call the Director of Personnel at 610/644-1152.

Shanahan Presents

The Fine Arts Department of Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, PA will present its Spring Concert and Art Exhibit on Thursday, May 11th, at 8:00 p.m. The public is most welcome to attend. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Something Special at Immaculata

A day-long Workshop, A Quest, with two of the foremost speakers on the integration of the Spiritual Life with Psychological Growth, Father Adrian Van Kaam and Doctor Susan Muto, will be conducted in the Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata, PA, on Sunday, May 7th. The day opens with Mass at 9:00 a.m.; the first Conference follows at 10:30 a.m. The \$35.00 fee for the day includes a refreshment break and lunch. To register, please call the I.H.M. Center at 610/647-4136.

Archdiocesan Marian Event

The Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th Street & The Parkway, Philadelphia will host its Annual May Procession, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, May 21st. All are invited to participate in this beautiful tribute to Mary, The Mother of God. For additional information, please call 215/561-1313.

A Family Perspective

Each baptized member of the Christian family continues Christ's healing presence in the home and community by a consistent willingness to forgive and to work toward reconciliation and peace.

Thoughts for The Week

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.

It is better to walk in the dark with God than to go it alone in the light.

Women's Club News

Due to a prior commitment, the regular meeting of the Women's Club of St. Joseph's Church has been rescheduled from this Sunday, April 30th to Sunday May 7th at 7:00 PM in the school hall. Sorry if this has inconvenienced anyone.

A Future Unknown

Times past lead us toward a future unknown. By our baptism and confirmation into the risen Jesus, our future is with the Good Shepherd. We are God's children. We know this, but we do not know exactly what it means. "Now we see only in a foggy mirror." We do know that "we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is." We do know that only in Christ Jesus can we be saved. We know he sends the Holy Spirit to give us his grace. *Maranatha!* Come, Lord; come quickly!

