

St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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Masses for the Week

Masses for the week of May 7th through May 13th, 2000 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, May 13th, 6:30 P.M.

John Magala (Kathryn Magala)

Euch. Minister Seymen

Lector Karyn

Sunday, May 14th, 10:30 A.M.

All Mothers (Living and/or Dead)

Euch. Minister Dubinski/Bugar

Lector Kathleen

The Rosary Society

1. For all mothers, both living and dead that the goodness and dedication of their lives may find fullness in God's presence.
2. For good weather, abundant produce and peaceful times under JESUS' everlasting dominion.

Jesus Group – Glorious mysteries
Mary Group – Sorrowful mysteries
Joseph Group – Joyful mysteries

Your Prayers are Requested

In the kindness of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, John Yankech, Mary Riley, 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, Cy Reali, as well as the Dead: Jean Moister, Memory Dougherty and John Cardinal O'Conner.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 6th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 14th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

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

First Communion Sunday

Our Easter happiness is doubled this Sunday, May 7th, as thirteen of our young parishioners approach the Table of the Lord for the first time. They are Skylar Babcock, William Hackmeister, Jr., Lindsey Harlan, Luke Henderson, Amy Hoopes, Nicholas Malavolta, Derek Martin, Kellie Martin, Nicholas Mello, Morgan Sibbett, Hannah Reczek, Donald Taylor and Jeffrey Yearsley. With their family and friends, our pride and joy in these first communicants certainly show forth. May they continue to hunger for Jesus, the Bread of Life, and grow in their appreciation for the Holy Eucharist. Our heartfelt congratulations go out to these boys and girls on their First Communion Day. God bless them abundantly!

Congratulations to our Dedicated Parishioner!

The parish Pastoral Council, the Ministries of Lector and Eucharistic Minister, The Confraternity of Christine Doctrine (C.C.D. Program) and other assorted parochial activities continually claim the time, enthusiasm and abilities of Frank Lasak, Jr. Yet, with dedication and generosity, he can always be counted on to promote the mission of St. Joseph Parish. No wonder then that we are so very pleased to recognize Frank's having recently completed the Church Ministry Program sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook. Despite the demands imposed by the Program on a weekly basis over two years, Frank persevered and gained much by the experience. His enrichment academically and spiritually, of course, adds to the wonderful treasury of service he renders to our parish family. Three cheers and hearty congratulations to Frank Lasak, Jr. on his valuable achievement!

Local Blood Drive May 19th

The Coatesville Catholic Churches, through the agency of the American Red Cross, are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Friday, May 19th, from 2:00 to 7:30 p.m., in the St. Stanislaus Kostka School Hall, North Church and East Diamond Streets. Donors may complete the form found in the rear of Church and return it in the collection basket next weekend, May 13/14th, or they may schedule an appointment for their blood donation by calling the Church Office at 610/384-1172. Please give the gift of life, give blood! Thank you!

Recognizing Our Young Scholars

St. Joseph parish recently received notice from Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, that several of our teen parishioners demonstrated academic excellence on their 3rd Quarter Reports. It gives us much pride and great happiness to acclaim the achievements of the following scholars: First Honors to Elizabeth Kinnier '00; Second Honors to Kathryn Catanese '01 and Karen Powderly '03. Hats in the air and congratulations to Elizabeth, Kathryn and Karen!

Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

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 200 is an authentic response to this call of His. The CCA Jubilee Year Campaign opens this Sunday, May 7th, and continues for three weeks. Join with your fellow parishioners, please, in support of this important campaign of sharing and caring in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If you failed to receive our parish mailing in behalf of the Appeal, please notify us at 610/384-0360. We would appreciate your completing your current address on your Catholic Charities Returns which will help to update our parish records. Thanks for your cooperation. Thank you for your kindness!

World Wide Marriage Encounter

DAD: Are you stumped on what to get Mom for Mother's Day? Give her something lasting, something that truly says, "I Love You!" Give her a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next dates are May 26-28, June 23-25, July 14-16 and August 11-13. For more information call 1-800-4LOVE30.

A Family Perspective

By gathering as family for a prayerful reading of the Easter-tide Scriptures we open our hearts to experience greater love and understanding of Jesus and to comprehend the real difference it makes in our lives that "God has raised him from the dead."

Thoughts for the Week

Though fear destroys faith, faith can destroy all fear. Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). Fear of faith? You make the choice!

Girl's Summer Basketball

LaSalle University's Women's Basketball Camps at the Tom Gola Arena

June 3-4th: Offensive Skill Camp, girls grades 7-11
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

June 18th-22nd: Overnight week camp, girls ages 9-18

For brochures and more information, call the LaSalle Women's Basketball office, 215/951-1512.

Saint Joseph's Girls Basketball Camp

Head Coach Stephanie Gaitley would like to announce the dates for the annual **Basketball Camp for Girls**, ages 8-17, to be held at Alumni Memorial Field house here on **Hawk Hill**. There will be three great sessions – Weekend Overnight (June 16-18), Day Camp (June 19-23 9:00 am to 3:00 pm) and Day Camp (July 10-14 9:00 am to 3:00 pm). The cost of overnight camp is \$165 – the cost of day camp is \$175 per week. The camps will again feature a great staff of current **Hawks** and other outstanding players from around the country. Topnotch instruction with an emphasis on fundamentals will again be the focus of our camp. Don't miss out on all the fun here on **Hawk Hill**. Call 610/660-1737 for more information and a camp brochure!

Retreats for Healing After Abortion

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience of the healing love of Jesus on Rachel's Vineyard retreat on **June 2,3,4, 2000**. This retreat will be held in Darby, Pennsylvania, which is located just outside of Philadelphia. For more information call **May Alice Toll Free #1-877-HOPE 4 ME** or reach us online at www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.

Camp Neumann

Camp Neumann in Jamison, Bucks County, operates a summer day and residential camp during the months of June, July and August. Registration may be for one week, two weeks, etc. or for the full eight-week season. We offer swimming, boating, archery, arts and crafts, sports, nature lore, wood-shop, Native American history and much more.

Your children line in a safe, Christian atmosphere supervised by seminarians, teachers, college students and selected high school students.

For a Free Brochure, Call or Write To:

Stephen M. Taylor, Director
Camp Neumann
1965 Deer Run Drive
P.O. Box 297
Jamison, PA 18929

Women's Club News

Don't forget our Regular Monthly Meeting of the Women's Club Sunday evening at 7:00 PM in the School Hall. Your attendance will be appreciated.

Truth

"We bear witness to God's raising Jesus from the dead." A witness experiences facts and tells the truth, Jesus explained the law, the prophets and the psalms. Today truth demands that it be preached to all the nations that those who repent are forgiven. Credibility differs: Some are trustworthy. Others, not. Becoming credible witnesses takes practice. Today you witness the paschal mystery. How do you proclaim Christ Jesus? Be a credible witness!

