

# St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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Father John V. Oulds, Pastor

Masses for the week May 21st thru May 27<sup>th</sup> will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

## **Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.**

*Rose Kozacheson (St. Joseph Women's Club)*

Altar Servers	Bednar/Neff/Gushanas
Euch. Minister	Dubinski
Lector	Elaine

## **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 A.M.**

*Andrew & Jennie Lasak (Mary Czirjak)*

Altar Servers	Zelina/Englund/Lasak
Euch. Minister	Lasak/Hudock
Lector	Frank

## **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, William Gabriel, William Lowrey, as well as the Dead: Rose Dziadosz, Danielle Duncan.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **Manna Food Collection**

Your Manna Bag, containing non-perishable food items, may be returned to our Church vestibule this weekend, so as to replenish the shelves of our own Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard. Thank you for your donations that will help to stamp out hunger locally during the coming summer months.

## **Cemetery Mass on Memorial Day**

Weather allowing, on Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>, in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Waterworks Road, West Caln Township, a Mass

will be offered at 9:30 a.m. for the repose of the souls of all those buried in this hallowed ground. Participants are asked to gather at the Shrine of the Pieta, in the upper left hand section of the cemetery, and to bring with them a folding chair. Should weather be unfavorable, Mass will be offered in St. Joseph Church at 9:30 a.m., honoring the same special intention. Plan to join us for an observance in keeping with the spirit of our National Holiday.

## **Our Garden Angel**

We wish to express publicly our sincere gratitude to Mary Arvay, our parishioner of many years, who acts as a "Garden Angel" with regard to the lovely flowers planted on the Parish grounds. Her love of beauty and spirit of dedication are a blessing for us, as we behold the fruit of her labors in magnificent bloom all around the Church and Rectory. Thank you, Mary, for your thoughtful efforts, giving us the opportunity of taking in the wonder of God's creation.

## **Catholic Charities Appeal 2000**

This year's Catholic Charities Appeal enters into its third and final week. Please join with your fellow parishioners in support of this important campaign of charity in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Gifts of the Appeal help provide services such as marriage preparation, domestic counseling, foster care and adoption for thousands of men, women and children in our area. Many are the programs, institutions and agencies of service funded directly by the Appeal. If your means permits you to support only one charitable cause, let this be the one. To our kind donors, thank you for your caring response to the Appeal. If you have not yet made your gift, please do so by placing it in the collection basket or vestibule drop box or by sending it to the Rectory Office. God bless you for your goodness to His needy!

## **A Report from your Catholic Charities Chairperson**

The Archdiocese has assigned a goal of \$6,060.00 for St. Joseph's Parish. The first week we received \$450.00, the second week \$975.00. This makes a total of \$1,425.00 – a long way from our goal - \$4,635.00! From the beginning of Catholic Charities Appeal, St. Joseph has always made their goal and most times, surpassed it. If you forgot your gift this week, won't you make a special effort to contribute to our goal as soon as possible, so that we can include it in our report due the end of May. God Bless You for your interest and support!

## **Your Pictures, Please**

A few weeks ago our Sunday Bulletin provided us with a delightful gallery of the pictures of our First Holy Communion Class, thirteen in all. This was the talented undertaking of Craig Cigas. We wish to attempt a similar bulletin display for our Confirmation Class, as well as for those young parishioners who are graduates from elementary schools, high schools, colleges and other programs of higher learning. **Confirmands** should direct their snapshots to Frank Lasak, Jr. and **graduates** of all sorts their snapshots to Father John by way of the collection basket or the vestibule drop box. Graduates, please include

your name, school/college, specific degree awarded and destination after graduation. In this way, appropriate honor will be given our newly confirmed on the weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> and the recently graduated a week or two later.

### **A Timely Publication**

To assist us in our spiritual celebration of the Jubilee Year 2000, the parish is making special editions of *The Word Among Us* magazine.

The Word Among Us features helpful daily meditations, based on the Mass Readings that are designed to help us come to know the love of Jesus more deeply. These meditations take only a few minutes to read each day and will bring new hope and encouragement as we continue to celebrate the Jubilee year.

This special Jubilee Edition highlights one of the main themes of the Jubilee Year, and a constant theme of John Paul II's papacy, opening wide our hearts to Christ. The articles in this issue will help us draw closer to Jesus through prayer and the liturgy.

Pick up a copy as you leave church today.

### **A Family Perspective**

Through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the domestic church of the home, family members allow Jesus to be the true vine—the source of life which enables them to “love each other in deed and in truth.”

### **Women's Club News**

Regular Monthly Meeting – Next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the School Hall. Very important meeting to discuss amending our By-Laws.

Don't forget to bake for our “Bake Sale Fund Raiser” this Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> following the 10:30 A.M. Mass. Let's send Jessica Ryan off to Texas with all the prayers and funds we can muster. The whole St. Joseph Parish family will be rooting for you, Jessica! The best of luck to you!

If you are unable to bake, a monetary donation will be gratefully appreciated.

### **Pastoral Council Meeting**

There will be a pastoral council meeting on Monday, May 22nd at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held in the rectory meeting room. Topics will include pastoral council elections and an update on the cluster implementation team meeting. All members are urged to attend.

The orientation meeting for pastoral council nominees will be held this Sunday after Mass in the rectory.

### **Good Wine**



Vines and wines and vineyards – the rituals of tastings, and the good wine, were shared by Jesus at Cana's wedding. Jesus is our vine and we his branches. The fruit we produce is the life of the Holy Spirit in us. “We know he lives in us by the Spirit he has given us.” Taste and see how good the Lord is. Jesus himself gives the best wine of divine life to those who ask. Come to the wedding feast of God! RSVP.

### **Bridge of Hope**

Bridge of Hope's annual WALK-FOR-HOPE is being held on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hibernia Park at 9:00 a.m. This year there will be three choices of walk routes: a 10-kilometer (6.2 miles), a 5-kilometer (3.1 miles) and a Kid's Adventure Hike and Activities. Registration is from 8:30-9:00 on the morning of the walk. The Walk will be followed by a free lunch and special music. Join us for this fun event which benefits Bridge of Hope's ministry to homeless women and children. For more information contact Bridge of Hope (610) 380-1360.