THE TWO DISCIPLES RECOUNTED WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE WAY AND HOW JESUS WAS MADE KNOWN TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD.

Luke 24:35
For over 200 years, Catholics have dedicated the month of May to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Toward the end of the 18th century, Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus (in Rome) instituted the practice of dedicating this month to our Blessed Mother. His desire was to promote devotion to Mary among the students as a way to counteract infidelity and immorality. From Rome, the May devotion spread throughout the Jesuit colleges, and eventually throughout the whole church. May probably seemed most appropriate month because the liturgical calendars mark several feast days honoring our Blessed Mother: Our Lady, Queen of Apostles (the Saturday following the Ascension); Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (May 13); Our Lady of Fatima (May 13); Mary, Help of Christians (May 24); Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces (May 31); and the Visitation (May 31).

Next weekend, we will celebrate a special May Marian devotion, the May Crowning. In it, we honor our Blessed Mother as the Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth, Queen of Peace. A May Crowning is a traditional devotion in which an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is crowned, usually with a wreath of flowers. It may be done within the context of a Mass or in a paraliturgy outside the Mass in which there might be Scripture readings, a homily, singing of hymns, devotional prayers such as the rosary, a procession, etc. There is no official format for this devotion. In some churches, the children are given the honor of crowning Mary; the children all line up and process towards the statue of Mary, each carrying a single flower. The flowers are placed in a vase in front of the statue of Mary; one child is chosen to place the crown of flowers on the statue of Mary. However, it must be differentiated from the “official” crowning done by the Church proper. Within the “Rites of the Catholic Church,” there is an Order of Crowning in which a precious bejeweled gold or silver crown is placed upon a particularly venerated image of Our Lady. If the image is found in a diocesan sanctuary, then it is performed by the bishop or his delegate. Some images of national or international renown are occasionally crowned in the name of the pope as a sign of special veneration. In this case, the Holy Father issues a special decree giving directives regarding the mode of crowning. An example of this crowning is the miraculous image located at the Holy Mountain Basilica in Gostyn, Poland.

Within our own parish, the ladies of the Catholic Council of Women (CCW) have borne the responsibility of coordinating the May Crowning. In the past, the CCW Woman of the Year would be the one to crown Mary during the May Crowning mass. That person was selected based on votes within the group for someone who exemplified CCW’s values and was being recognized for her volunteerism within the parish. This year, our parish staff will coordinate the May Crowning; the Stadtler family has been chosen for this honor. Please join your parish community in honoring our Blessed Mother this month during the May Crowning held after the 12:00 Mass this coming Sunday.

With your traveling companion as you walk, trying to sort things out and make sense of events that have unjustly taken the life of someone very dear to you. A stranger approaches and interrupts your grief-sharing with a rude and intrusive question: “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”

Wouldn’t you ignore him and keep walking? Or shout at him, perhaps even curse him, tell him: “Get lost, it’s none of your business!”? Who among us would patiently answer him as this pair did, explaining everything to him? Even when the stranger calls them “foolish” and reprimands their disbelief, they still don’t run him off!

In the space of a few hours of daylight, a few miles along the road, this man goes on to interpret all of the Hebrew Scriptures for Cleopas and his companion. As night begins to fall, the stranger is invited to break bread with them, and in the breaking of the bread, “their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.” It was Jesus.

It is only then that their journey makes sense. They realize in retrospect how their “hearts were burning within [them]” on the road, as the Scriptures were opened to them. Now he is gone again, but so is the grief and anguish. Now these two know that Jesus indeed lives, and they retrace their steps to Jerusalem to share the Good News with the others.

It is easy to imagine that the journey back takes much less time than the journey toward Emmaus had taken. We catch our breath, and run the road with them. And we give thanks and praise to God that our hearts burn within us when the Scriptures are opened to us, and that we, too, recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

Rev. Gary Lauenstein, C.Ss.R.
As today’s gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ’s presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.

Our Mother’s Day Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, beginning on Mother’s Day, May 14th thru May 22nd. Pick up a Mother’s Day (living) spiritual bouquet greeting card at the three entrances to Church (Prairie, Wilson Street and the parking lot) or at the Rectory, Parish Center, or School Offices. To include your deceased Mother, there is no need for the card, please use the envelope provided to enroll them.

The names of Mothers enrolled by Monday, May 8th, will be published in the bulletin on Mother’s Day.

This is a beautiful way to remember your Mother on her Special Day.

**Stewardship**

**A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Collection 4/23/2017 $33,680.79
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 16-17) $29,300.00

Goals to Date
- Sunday Goal to Date $1,215,950.00
- Christmas Goal to Date $115,000.00
- Easter Goal to Date $77,000.00
- Total Goals to Date $1,407,950.00

Collections to Date
- Sunday Collections to Date $1,206,193.20
- Christmas Collections to Date $111,116.10
- Easter Collections to Date $83,026.93
- Total Collections to Date $1,400,336.23
- Total (Short of) Goals to Date ($7,613.77)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity to our parish and second collections!
The passing of Prince a year ago was surprising on many fronts. Foremost was the death at such an early age of such a prolific and well revered artist. Equally as shocking, however, was the revelation that he did not have a will to determine who will receive the proceeds of his estimated $300 million estate. Experts’ proffer it will likely to take years to sort through the myriad of legal claims.

Actually Prince is in good company as other prominent people such as Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., Michael Jackson, Pablo Picasso, and Howard Hughes also went to their grave without a will either.

While this lack of foresight might be an eye opener for many it shouldn’t really come as a complete surprise as it is estimated that over 54% of Americans age 55 and older have also not taken the steps to create a will or trust for their estate. The three most common excuses offered were: 1) they didn’t get around to it, 2) they underestimated the value of their estate thinking they don’t have much to contribute, and, 3) they feel that lawyers are expensive.

On Wednesday, May 17, the Advancement Board of St. Mary of Gostyn is sponsoring an Estate Planning seminar. It will be held in the Gathering Place beginning at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude by 7:30 p.m., including allowing time for questions. The goal for the evening is simple…..that all parishioners, who have been so generous to our parish and school over the years, walk out with sufficient knowledge to take the next step to ensure their hard earned money and savings will be distributed to the people and organizations they love and cherish.

Our presenter will be Eileen Fitzgerald, a local attorney who has her offices in Downers Grove and, who specializes in Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts, and Probate. She gave a presentation at the last such seminar we hosted back in 2011.

Those planning on attending are asked to RSVP to Frank Glowaty at 630-737-9621. Light refreshments will also be served.

Important SMG Manna News

Changes are coming! The Manna Group, our gift card provider, is being sold to Great Lakes Scrip Company. SMG will be evaluating the new provider’s program over the next few weeks. Therefore, the last SMG Manna sale will be May 1st. We will then be temporarily suspending the program until further notice. Please email manna@stmarygostyn.org with any questions.
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017
6:15 AM - Art Picard req. Matt & Kay Selfridge
8:00 AM - Dawn Nickeas req. Elizabeth Pinter

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017
6:15 AM - Evelyn K. Contos req. Charlotte Sholeen
8:00 AM - Lorette Nadeau req. Massura Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017
6:15 AM - Fr. Athanasius Lovrencic, OFM
8:00 AM - Rose & John Bonato req. Ron & JoAnn Rodi
Frank Kluzek req. Friends & Family

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017
6:15 AM - Jeff Jeffers req. Robert Gorden
8:00 AM - Joan Perniconi req. Bill & LeAnne Brown

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017
6:15 AM - Dave Craven req. Esther Byrne
8:00 AM - Dan Chorney req. Michael & Marianne Ward

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017
NO 8:00 AM MASS TODAY DUE TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
10:30 AM - Parish Mass of First Holy Communion
2:00 PM - Parish Mass of First Holy Communion
4:30 PM - Antoinette Venziano & Anastasia Guertler req. Family
  In celebration of the 55th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Adrienne Stefka

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017
8:00 AM  - Corey Walgren req. Cathy Cosgrove
10:00 AM - Joan Fry req. Jodi Walsh & Family
  Terrence Hawkins req. Adam Walsh & Family
12:00 PM - People of the Parish
6:00 PM - McGoorty & Selfridge Families req. Matt & Kay Selfridge

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading - God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).
Psalm - Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).
Second Reading - Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).
Gospel - Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2017 SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our last clothing drive. Your generosity was overwhelming.

SHOP THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOPS

We are a great source of bargains. You can find many treasures including clothing, housewares, furniture, books, toys, DVDs, CDs, collectables, giftware, electronics, small appliances and more! You never know what you might find!

Not only are the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops a great place to shop but they also serve the needy in the community. Last year our stores were able to give away approximately $200,000 in free clothing, housewares and furniture to needy families.

By shopping at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops not only will you be able to purchase items at low prices for your family but you are also helping the needy in the community. Stop by and see us soon!

Visit one of our six fabulous locations:

90 W. Lake Street, Addison, IL 630-628-9008, 1014 N. Farnsworth, Aurora, IL 630-820-5370
105 N. Kennedy, Bradley, IL 815-932-2203, 307 N. Chicago Street, Joliet, IL 815-722-1140
1427 N. Division Street, Morris, IL 815-942-9288, 213 Main Street, West Chicago, IL 630-562-4801

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US HELP OTHERS AND GOD BLESS.
Please join us for St. Mary of Gostyn’s Spring musical: *Disney’s Mulan Jr.*

The middle school students will be performing on the following dates:

- Thursday May 11th at 7:00 pm
- Friday May 12th at 7:00 pm
- Saturday May 13th at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- Sunday May 14th at 2:00 pm.

All shows will be performed in the auditorium at Montini Catholic High School; 19W070 E 16th St. Lombard, IL 60148.

Tickets for each performance can be purchased online at:


Questions? Please email Julie Boyle – julie.boyle@me.com

We hope to see you there!
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Sharon Allard
Abby Beranek
Felicia Bubula
Jessica Davy
Rion Goyette
Donna Karlinski
Doreen Lehner
Dolores Mendoza
Rob Noonan
Cynthia Petro
Yoshie Snider
Laine Van Houton
Barbara Cirko
Ben Tomchek
Fr. Tom Sularz
Nicholas T. Almeida
Kathy Berg
Ann Clark
Dennis Finn
Joseph Karlinski
Robert Lehner
Kate Moss
Fr. Ernie Norbeck
Char Ryan
Joey Stefka
Loretta Wies
Rosalie Dombrowski
Fr. Arthur Maher
Marion Orlock
Lois Bach
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Becca Gorman
Darlene Hammer
Kenny Kern
Diane Main
James Murawski
Ken Norman
Tom Salansky
Joan Tagglonia
Ashley Woltman
Frances Boland
Jeannie Fredericks
George Drobney
Anna Bandur
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
Mark Gowgiel
Robert Hayes
Ken Krupp
Eddie Mayerik
Andrea Mutton
Daniel Oliver
Kay Selfridge
Sharon Tallerico
Tom Dehner
Kenneth Conville
Tammy Possidoni
Justin Rogers
Gabriella Beirne
Tom Brown
Frank Davis
Diane Goyette
Bobby Johnson
Mary Ann Lang
Spencer Mehr
Bob Noonan
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Hugh Toner
Ken Norman
Jean Matuszak
Donna Miciunas
Virginia Mates

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Mary Ann Etzkorn

Pray for our Military

Let us pray for all of our military personnel, especially the men and women of our parish who are serving in harm’s way:

Jason Weeks
John Svoboda
Bob Lang
Kevin Braasch
Christopher Fountain
Zachary Frana
Michael Martel
Nathan Kijowski
Natalya Brechlin

St. Mary of Gostyn Ministry to the Homebound

Do you have a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor who would like to receive the Eucharist on Sunday mornings?
If so, please have them contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Center at 630/960-1063, ext 244.
A Minister to the Homebound will be happy to visit them.
First Friday visits are also offered.

Nursing Home/Hospital Visitation

Notify the Rectory, (630) 969-1063, if you or a family member want a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility. Without such notification, the rectory has no method of knowing who wants visitation.
(please also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).
**Totus Tuus**

Catholic Summer Camp
Is Coming to St. Mary
June 10—16
Incoming Grades 1-12
Check the website for more info.
stmarygostyn.org

Registration Phase II Begins
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
Religious Education and
Sacramental Preparation

**Come for FAITH And FUN!**

Open to all children entering grades 1-12

April—May
RE Calendar Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- April 30
- May 1
- May 2 & 3
- May 3 & 4
- May 6
- May 7

**Diocese of Joliet Newman Institute Series**

**Presents**

Foundations of Faith Sessions

Bishop Conlon, Bishop of Joliet, requests that all catechist commit to six hours of continued formation on topics of the faith. The Diocese offers parishes a series of formation sessions to help catechists reach this goal in a simple way. These sessions are available to **not just catechists**, but all adult **members of the** parish, **including NEW catechists** for 2017-18. Interested in continued learning. St. Mary has four of these sessions scheduled. Come if you can!

- Tuesday, May 16  6:30 pm  GP
- Methods II: Planning an Engaging Catechetical Sessions

Phase I Registration Ends
Phase II Registration Begins
First Communion Rehearsal. Come at your assigned time.

RE sessions meet. No 2nd grade RE sessions this week.

First Holy Communion 10:30 am and 2:00 pm.

Parish Celebration of May Crowning at the 12:00 noon Mass. Reception to follow in the Gathering Place. All invited.

Last RE Session for 2016-17
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**Interested in a Ministry? Want to become more involved in parish life? We would love to hear from you!**

Contact Deacon Bob Miciunas at 630-969-1063, ext. 244 or e-mail him at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org to find out more about volunteer and ministry opportunities here at St. Mary of Gostyn!
LIFE CHANGING.
LIFE SAVING.

### St. Mary Book Group
**Wednesday, May 10**  
**Parish Center**  
9:30 AM  
Bring a book you have read to share with the group. Everyone is welcome. For further information contact Pat Burton (630) 852-2168.

### SMG Evening Book Discussion
**Thursday, May 18**  
**Parish Center**  
7:00 PM  
**Every Fifteen Minutes by Lisa Scottoline**

A psychiatrist is the target of a sociopath that plunges him into a maelstrom.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the SMG Evening Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

### Employment Opportunity
**We are currently in the process of hiring a new Youth Minister.**

For a complete job description visit our homepage at www.stmarygostyn.org

### TO ALL ST. MARY OF GOSTYN PARISHIONERS AND SCHOOL FAMILIES
Thanks to all of you who supported the Spring Basket Ministry during this Lenten Season. Your efforts and generosity made it a great success! Your participation and kindness helped provide clothing, shoes, toys, gifts and so many extras to 100 children in need. Your contributions were amazing and greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

### Sunday, May 7
In the Underground.  
4:30 to 6PM  
more info at  
www.stmarygostyn.org Youth Ministry tab
Volunteers Needed
Catholic Communion Ministry
Good Samaritan Hospital – Downers Grove
Contact: Gail Miskowicz-Retz
Gail.Miskowicz-Retz@advocatehealth.com
or 630-852-5347

PLEASE PRAY WITH US!
Need You Right Now Mass
Know someone who needs your prayers?
There is tremendous beauty in those who carry the cross.
There is tremendous hope in Christ to carry the weight of
that cross. Please, come pray for tremendous Hope for
someone special.

Mass for Mental Health, Addictions, Eating Disorders,
Special Needs, Suicide & Survivors
Feast of St. Dymphna – Patroness of Mental Health
St. Elizabeth Seton
2220 Lisson Rd, Naperville
Friday, May 12, 7:00pm
A reception to follow with National Alliance on Mental
Illness DuPage and Mental Health Professionals.
Find more information at:
www.NeedYouRightNow.com, call Deacon Gerard
Erickson at 630-669-5653, or email him at
FunDeacon@yahoo.com

ANNUAL DIOCESAN ROS-A-REE SCOUT RETREAT
Attention ALL Scouts – Male and Female.
The Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat / Campout for this year will be
held starting on Friday, August 11th, at
5pm until Sunday, August 13th at 12pm. It
will be held on the grounds of St. Mary’s
church in Plano (901 N Center St). This
retreat satisfies the retreat requirement needed for many of
the Religious Recognitions. This year a special Ad Altare
Dei Orientation class will be held at the Ros-a-Ree for
those who pre-register for it and the class itself.

The event is open to ALL Scouts (male or female) who are
entering the 6th grade or higher in the Fall. Registration
beforehand is required. For more information and regis-
tration forms, visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click
on ‘A-Z Directory’ from the main page and from there
scroll down the left side menu and click on ‘Ros-a-Ree
Retreat / Camp Out’.

St Vincent DePaul Society
We have a parishioner that has an
electric hospital bed in excellent
condition that would like to donate it to
a parishioner with limited resources.
This parishioner is willing to set the bed
up for the new owner. Call the St Vincent DePaul
line in the rectory if interested (630-969-1063).

Passionate and Dynamic Catholic
Preschool Principal Sought
A faith-filled Catholic leader who is committed to ‘growing’
a world-class preschool program is sought to serve as the
part-time principal of St. Anthony Catholic Preschool in
Frankfort, Illinois. The successful candidate must love
children and understand the educational and developmen-
tal needs of three and four-year-old students. In addition,
the applicant must hold a current Illinois Professional
Educator License with an administrative endorsement (or
equivalent), and must have to his or her credit at least five
years of successful teaching experience, preferably in a
Catholic school.
To apply for this position, access the Diocese of Joliet
Frontline Applicant Tracking website at https://
www.applitrack.com/dioceseofjoliet/onlineapp/
Should you have questions regarding this unique position,
contact Karen Udell, Catholic Schools Office Assistant
Superintendent of Leadership and Personnel, at 815-221-
6123.

Our Lady of Peace Parish
Rectory Cook Position
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Parish, in Darien, is seeking to
hire a part time-hourly unbenefted rectory cook to prepare
meals for two parish priests each week Monday - Friday.
This position performs duties to include the weekly grocery
shopping and daily preparation of dinner in the rectory
facility. The candidate must have their own transportation
and flexibility to accommodate the schedule of the priests
and other guests. A routine work week is approximately
10-15 hours, Monday – Friday, from late afternoon through
approximately 6:30 pm. This position is available with an
immediate start date.
Applicants interested and meeting the necessary qualifica-
tions please email a cover letter, resume and references to
Resume@olopdarien.org. Please call the business office at
630.323.4392 if you have additional questions.
This Week

Monday / 1
10:00 AM Medical Missions Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
7:00 PM Athletics Parish Library

Tuesday / 2
6:00 PM First Communion Practice Gathering Place
6:30 PM Children’s Choir Church
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Prayer Group Chapel
7:00 PM Evening Bible Study Underground

Wednesday / 3
11:00 AM Golden Agers Gathering Place
4:30 PM Religious Education School
4:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Library
6:30 PM Religious Education Sch/LR/Cha/CH
6:30 PM Children’s Choir Church
7:00 PM Evangelization Commission Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM School Gathering Place

Thursday / 4
9:00 AM Morning Bible Study Underground/PC
9:00 AM Kindergarten Round-Up Gathering Place
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
2:30 PM School Musical Gathering Place
4:30 PM Religious Education Sch/LR
6:00 PM Athletics LRC
7:00 PM Baptism Prep. Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Choir Church
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Gathering Pl. A

Friday / 5
2:30 PM School Musical Gathering Place
5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 6
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
9:00 AM St. Vincent DePaul Society Large Conf. Rm.
10:30 AM First Communion Church
2:00 PM First Communion Church

Sunday / 7
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM Fellowship Gathering Place
4:30 PM 6:00 Choir Church
4:30 PM Sunday Teen Study Underground
NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register either in person at the Rectory, or register online through our website, www.stmarygostyn.org.

BAPTISMS: St. Mary of Gostyn offers baptismal preparation sessions on a monthly basis. If this is your first child or it has been more than five years since you attended a baptismal preparation session at St. Mary’s or another parish, you will need to participate in a session before you can receive a date for your baby’s baptism. Parents are the first and primary educators in the practice of the Faith. Godparents play an important role in the faith life of your child. While considering godparents for your child, be aware that at least one must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic who is active in his/her faith. Please call the parish office at 630-969-1063 to register for a preparation class and to schedule a baptismal date.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of welcoming and preparing adults for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation - for full membership in the Catholic Church. Unbaptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics with little or no formal religious education are invited to participate. Please call the rectory for further information.

ANNULMENTS: We are available to help anyone who is in need of information about how to apply for an annulment. Please contact the rectory at (630)969-1063.

LITURGY of HOURS: Morning Prayer (Lauds) is prayed Monday through Saturday following the morning liturgies.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available at regularly scheduled liturgies throughout the year, or by appointment. You may ask the presiding priest before any Mass for an anointing. Communal Anointing Masses are held on the 1st Saturday of the month in August, November and April at the 8:00 AM Mass. The Eucharist will also be brought to those who are ill, upon request. Please notify the Rectory if members of your family are in the hospital or homebound.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are usually made by the Funeral Home or by a family member. A member of our Bereavement team will meet with you to plan the Funeral Liturgy. Eulogies can be given at the Wake Service, Interment at the Cemetery or at the Funeral Luncheon, but not at the Mass of Christian Burial.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament.

PRAYER GROUPS: Monday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Parish Center; Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center chapel.

ROSARY DEVOTION: Monday through Saturday, 7:30 AM in the church; Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings in the church.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 PM in church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available by appointment. Please call the Rectory (630-969-1063) to arrange to have your confession heard by a priest.