Jesus said,

“LET US GO ON TO THE NEARBY VILLAGES THAT I MAY PREACH THERE ALSO. FOR THIS PURPOSE HAVE I COME.”

Mark 1:38

February 4, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Lent & Libations

Tap into the Spirit of Lent
Are you curious about how to travel the Lenten Journey in 2018? Then come join us in a relaxed and welcoming setting as we explore ways to enrich our lives during this Holy Season.

**Place:** Ballydoyle Irish Pub, Highlander Room  
**Times:** 7:30 to 9pm, Wednesdays, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21  
**Details:** Appetizers provided • No RSVP required • ALL ARE WELCOME

Come join us—and bring a friend!

Here’s what one participant said:

“The L&L experience deepened my connection to the St. Mary’s community. Listening to and learning from Fr. Shaun in the informal Ballydoyle setting renewed my Lenten resolve and strengthened my relationships with fellow parishioners. Fun and formative.” —Andy Crowe
The age of bifocals came upon me some years ago. Amid the unavoidable jokes, it was confusing to judge distances and negotiate blur in order to focus sharply. The experience, however, gave me an image of how to “read” the world, and especially the Good News.

The Gospel of Mark cuts right to the chase. Unlike the other three gospels, Mark tells no moving stories about the background and childhood of Jesus. Rather, already in the first chapter of Mark, Jesus is shown healing large numbers of possessed and sick people. As a matter of fact, the chapters that follow are filled with exorcisms, healing miracles, and the forgiveness of sins.

For Mark, all these are signs of the kingdom. Exorcisms indicate both the presence of evil in the world and the fact that God’s kingdom is about setting people free from it. Just as we need to be fever-free to get over a flu, so we need to be rid of the hold evil has on us in order for healing to reach us. And the healing power of God expresses itself in the forgiveness of sin. This is “the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mk 1:1). For Mark, the Good News is in the signs that liberate and bring authenticity to people and structures (see Mk 16:17).

Do we believe this? Do we really believe that evil has been conquered? The Jews ask Christians a very challenging question about this: “If Jesus was the Messiah, then why are the signs of the Messianic age not more obvious?”

This is where the bifocals come in! As a human being, I see the world like everybody else through the upper part of my lenses; but as a Christian, I use the lower part to focus more closely so that, with eyes of faith, I may discern more closely on another reality: an authentic presence of God in hearts that love, forgive, heal, and set free.

— Hans Christoffersen

This February two events will take place on the very same day. Both Valentine’s Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the 14th of the month this year. Valentine’s Day encourages us to offer written expressions of our love and affection to others through cards and letters. Why not express our love for the Lord by keeping a prayer journal during Lent?

The season of Lent can be a great time of spiritual growth and keeping a prayer journal can help strengthen our prayer life. Journaling can help us listen more intently to God’s voice, track our spiritual growth, and deepen our relationship with the Lord.

There are different ways to keep a prayer journal. You can simply reflect on a passage from scripture, then write down your thoughts and feelings. Or, you can write down what the Holy Spirit places upon your heart during prayer. It is important to commit to a specific time and place each day to pray and spend time in silence with God. Then, as part of your prayer experience, write a few lines. Whether you want to express your gratitude, challenges, praises or laments, share them with the Lord in writing.

As Valentine’s Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on and express ourselves to those we love, prayer journals accomplish the same thing in our relationship with the Lord. If you’re not already in the habit of keeping a prayer journal, try it. You will be surprised by the spiritual awareness cultivated within yourself as you journey with Christ toward Easter.
In today’s Gospel we hear of a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father’s redemptive love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus’ footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ’s redemptive healing?

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Collection 1/21/2017 $26,380.46
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 17/18) $29,000.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $884,500.00
Christmas Goal to Date $110,000.00
Total Goals to Date $994,500.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date $877,079.80
Christmas Collections to Date $114,437.27
Total Collections to Date $991,517.07
Total (Short of) Goals to Date ($2,982.93)
A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
for February

The Road Ahead
My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain
where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am
following your will
does not mean that I am actually
doing so.
But I believe that the desire to
please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all
that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything
apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this,
you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore I will trust you always
though I may seem to be lost and in
the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever
with me,
and you will never leave me to face
my perils alone.
Amen.
- Thomas Merton

Vocation Awareness - February
Adoration & Silence

“O Come Let Us
Adore You, Christ
the Lord!”
Christmas Carol

“Be Still and Know
that I am God;”
PS 46:10

“Here am I, Lord; I come to
do your will.”
PS 40

“Speak Lord, for your
servant is listening.”
Samuel

“Do whatever He tells you”
– Mary, Mother of God – (Jn 2:5)

Question: In this fast-paced, demanding, noisy world,
“How and Where am I supposed to hear God?”

Answer: Come to the silence of the Adoration Chapel, see
Jesus present in the Eucharist, and listen for a whisper.
“Do whatever He tells you,” Mary said, offering us the path
to a fulfilling life.

Did you know? Many Christian vocations are clarified and
confirmed by regularly making time to sit in front of Jesus,
calming oneself down, and opening one’s heart in the si-
lence of Adoration.

What can I do? Can you join the St. Mary’s Vocation team
by offering 15 minutes or more in silent adoration? Bring
your kids and offer your prayers and sign the petition book.

If you are feeling a call to religious life, pray
about it daily, and contact Fr. Shaun.

Do you want to build a culture of vocations at SMG?
Contact Fr. Shaun to join our vocation team.
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).
Psalm - Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).
Second Reading - I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).
Gospel - Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45
ALTAR FLOWERS
The two lovely floral arrangements on the altar this weekend were donated by BARBARA & JOHN PURTELL in celebration of their 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. and BOB & ROSE JASKULA in celebration of their 67TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.
Congratulations!

Baptism
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently: Valentina Alexa Mauri, daughter of Craig & Gianna Mauri Madelyn Maeve Sease, daughter of Marc & Kelley Sease

A Warm Welcome
We welcome:
David & Anne-Marie LaSota Andrew & Laura Smith who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Medical Missions Meeting
Monday, February 5th ~ 9:00 AM - Gathering Place
On Monday, February 5, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place, we will be working on creating new lap throws for our homebound parishioners.

We could use more lap throws if you can knit or crochet. Please consider making one or two for us. This is a great way to use up all the all your extra yarn. It needs to be approximately either 36” by 36” or 36” by 40”. It can be any pattern. Any questions please call Clara Christiaens at 630-971-1702.

If you can’t help this month, our next meeting will be Monday, March 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place.

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As you will read in the opening report, the CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit so many throughout the Diocese of Joliet. Your gifts to the CMAA will make a difference to members of our parish, friends and neighbors, and our brothers and sisters in need. Please complete the pledge card you received from the Diocese of Joliet and return it in the provided envelope or bring it with you to Mass next weekend.

Our parish’s goal for the 2018 CMAA is $131,400. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your gift to this year’s CMAA, and making the most generous pledge possible.

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Sunday, the school opened Catholic Schools week with an **Open House** to showcase the fifth grade curriculum fair projects, as well as the breadth of extracurricular clubs, activities and sports. Even the Pope showed up for the festivities!

On Monday, the students wore their favorite hat to participate in **CRAZY HAT DAY**.

**Mix-it-Up Day** where teachers & staff switched places for an hour!

K-8th Grade participated in the **Wheel of Wisdom**

HSA hosted the staff and teachers at their **Annual Appreciation Luncheon**

We honored Mrs. Dianne Czopek for her 30 years of service to our School after the weekly children’s mass.

Mr. Andy Stapleton (class of 1987) received the **Distinguished Graduate of the Year Award** after the weekly children’s mass.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella  
Gabriella Beirne  
Tom Brown  
Jean Dahm  
Dennis Finn  
Gen Hadamik  
Donna Karlinski  
Virginia Mates  
James Murawski  
Mary Ann Papievis  
Eliza Skipworth  
Hugh Toner  
Ashley Woltman  
Martha Laughlin  
Breanna Deaton  
Michael Durkin  
Nicholas T. Almeida  
Abby Beranek  
Felicia Bubula  
Frank Davis  
Becca Gorman  
Robert Hayes  
Joseph Karlinski  
Eddie Mayerik  
Andrea Mutton  
Eleanor Pecka  
Yoshie Snider  
Mark Trout  
Katie Main Hwan  
John Sommer  
Robert Hayes  
Liam Langan  
Lois Bach  
Kathy Berg  
Ann Clark  
Jessica Davy  
Mark Gowgiel  
Erinn Henes  
Kenny Kern  
Spencer Mehr  
Fr. Ernie Norbeck  
Cynthia Petro  
Joey Stefka  
Laine Van Houton  
Dennis Stefka  
Lou Hodges  
Jaclyn Golly  
Dick Dibble  
Anna Bandur  
Sharon Binter  
Margaret Corbett  
Jim Donovan  
Diane Goyette  
Katie Main Hwan  
Doreen Lehner  
Dolores Mendoza  
Ken Norman  
Char Ryan  
Joan Tagglonia  
Audrey Waechtler  
George B. Metzger  
George Hejny  
Georgette Racine  
Logan Bannon  
Bill Brown  
Helen Czulak  
George Drobney  
Rion Goyette  
Bobby Johnson  
Robert Lehner  
Kate Moss  
Daniel Oliver  
Tom Salansky  
Sharon Tallerico  
Loretta Wies  
Tony Romazzatto  
Robert Earley  
Melvin Debs

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Margaret Augustyniak
Joseph Bukovsky, father of Jeff Bukovsky
Griffin Connell, nephew of Carrie & Tim Schneider
Adeline Glowaty
Elizabeth Hanley, mother of Mary Beth Langan
Hope Hathaway
Victor Kubelsky
Robert Lazzeroni, father of Denise Kavanaugh
Robert K. Noonan, brother of Kathleen Noonan
Lawrence Stromberg

GRIEF SUPPORT TEAM

....“And Jesus wept” John 11:35

Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, and because of his grief, Jesus wept.

If you have lost a loved one and you are experiencing the pain of loss and grief, please join the Grief Support Team at St. Mary of Gostyn to share with us and others who have experienced the grief and pain you are now feeling.

Grief Support Group starts meeting on Tuesday, February 13th, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Living Room. We will be meeting every Tuesday starting February 13th for six weeks.

Call Moira Barker at the Parish Center (630) 960-3565 to register. If you have questions, you will be referred to the appropriate person to contact for further assistance.
Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar:

- February 6: 1st Holy Communion Enrollment—Students and Parents
- February 7 & 8: Regular RE/Conf. Sessions
- February 14 & 15: NO SESSIONS

First Holy Communion Enrollment

February 6, 2018
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
In the Church

All Families of students in Grade 2 or in the RCIC Track program should plan to attend. There will be short meeting at 6:30 and Children will receive an enrollment blessing following the meeting.

Confirmation 2018

St. Mary of Gostyn celebration of Confirmation this year will be held on

Saturday
March 10
1:00 pm

Fr. James Schwab Presiding

All are welcome to attend and celebrate with the Candidates and Families.

Ash Wednesday

Just a reminder to all St. Mary Families, especially those who choose Religious Education for their children;
There will be no Religious Education on
February 14 & 15

Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday

Please choose to attend Mass or a Service that week.

On Ash Wednesday there is Mass at 4:30 or 7:00 pm

Foundations of Faith Formation Series

All adults of the parish are invited to the Foundations of Faith Series provided to parishes of the Diocese of Joliet. We have two remaining dates this year.

Tuesday February 20, 2018
Topic: Creed II

Tuesday April 17, 2018
Topic: Creed III

Totus Tuus

Save the Date!

June 9-15, 2018
“Those who have a true encounter with Christ find their lives filled with happiness.”

Journey with Joy

Lent 2018

Make this A Lent to Remember,

“A Lenten Encounter with Mercy”.

Sign up information and discussions dates to come.

Opportunities this Lent to enrich your life and deepen your faith.


Tuesday Evenings During Lent
Mass at 6:00 pm
followed by
Reconciliation at 6:45pm

Lent & Libations
Wednesdays during Lent.
A unique way to journey this Lent.

Discover
Eucharistic Adoration
We live in troubling times with many worries and decisions.
Who better to bring them to than Jesus!

Encounter the Lord.

For more information on all Lenten programs
www.stmarygosyn.org Faith Formation - Adult - tab
Presider Schedule for Saturday, February 10th and Sunday, February 11th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.

### St. Mary Book Group
**Wednesday, February 14**  Parish Center  9:30 AM  The Aviator’s Wife by Melanie Benjamin
Anne Morrow, wife of Charles Lindbergh, a pilot, an author, adventurer and world traveler was viewed only as his wife.

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

### SMG Evening Book Discussion
**Thursday, February 15**  Parish Center  7:00 PM  The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
The legacy of slavery and the dramatic escape of Cora from a Georgia plantation and her traumatic journey to freedom.

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.

Saturday, February 24 - 25, 2018
9:00 AM
St. Mary of Gostyn Church
Gathering Place

RSVP to Carolina Menapace
cmenapace@gmail.com
or
732.670.4099
or visit the SMG website to register

The women of CRHP #33 cordially invite you for a weekend of reflection and relaxation.
MASS AND SACRAMENTAL ANOINTING
FOR ALL SENIORS AND ALL WHO DESIRE GOD’S MERCY AND HEALING
Fr. David Medow
February 6, 2018
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Mass & Anointing of the Sick, Luncheon & Presentation.
Fr. Medow is Pastor of Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills. No cost for the afternoon, but reservations are required. Contact jane@hinsdale.com or 630-655-5918

SEMI-RETIRED? RETIRED?
OPEN THE DOORS OF YOUR HEART!

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for You! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities 2 days per week (Sept-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions, hospital chaplains, and more! Detailed information is online at www.ivcusa.org/chicago.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

“Because you were there, I changed my mind. I was looking for a sign from God.”...

…and Baby David was born!

You can be that sign from God. Join us to pray for moms and their babies during a 40 day prayer vigil. Select the same hour to pray each week or different hours whenever you can. Invite a friend to join you as a “prayer buddy” or bring your kids to teach them what is important. Or, if you cannot join us on site, pray and fast from home – you will still make a difference!

When: February 14 to March 25, 7am to 7pm
Location: Access Health Center
1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove

MID-LIFE SINGLES (MID-30S TO 50S)

Looking to start 2018 off with a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on March 2-4, 2018. Take a chance and get involved... this is one New Year’s resolution you won't regret!

Cost is $215 for meals and a single room.
Call (630) 222-8303, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visitwww.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

RETREAT/WORKSHOP FOR WIDOWED MEN/WOMEN

The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life’s journey. “I felt welcome.” “Found hope.” “Am more at peace.”

Upcoming Dates:
March 3 & 4, 2018 and April 21 & 22, 2018

For more information contact us at Joyful Again!
Widowed Ministry Ph: 1-708-354-7211
Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
Website:www.joyfulagain.org

IMPORTANT: Register early, space is limited.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TO BENEFIT FROM FIRST LOOK FOR CHARITY

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, along with 17 other charities, will benefit from First Look for Charity, the official kick-off to the Chicago Auto Show. The black-tie event will be held on Friday, February 9 at McCormick Place from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Guests who purchase tickets through Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet will enjoy an incredible evening on the showroom floor, complete with champagne and hors d’oeuvres from around the world, and first class entertainment. Guests will also be treated to all the amenities of the Catholic Charities hospitality suite including private coat check, open bar, incredible food, free professional photographs, live music, and warm cookies as you depart for the ride home. Plus, when you purchase tickets and attend the event, you are automatically entered to win a new car!

Tickets are $275 each and are available at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815-724-1140.

PRESERVING INDEPENDENCE & SAFETY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH AT 3:30 PM

Is your current housing situation the best for you and your spouse? What are different housing options? What are the costs? If these questions have crossed your mind, please join us for this presentation by Alan & Lee Ann Hoffman R.N., owners of Oasis Senior Advisors of Naperville.

Where: Villa St. Benedict
5450 Subiaco Drive, Lisle
R.S.V.P. to 630-852-0345

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This Week

Monday / 5
9:00 AM  Medical Mission  Gathering Place
2:30 PM  Daisy Troop #55326  Gath. Pl. A
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Tuesday / 6
9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music Class  Underground
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  First Comm. Enrollment Svce.  Church/G.P.
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground

Wednesday / 7
11:00 AM  Golden Agers  Gathering Place
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School/Chapel
6:00 PM  Gala Cmte.  Large Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/Ch/Gath. Pl.
7:00 PM  Evangelization  Underground

Thursday / 8
9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study  Gathering Place
1:15 PM  H.S.A.  Large Conf. Rm.
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/Ch/Gath. Pl.
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM  Cub Scouts  Gathering Place
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church

Friday / 9
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 10
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  Basketball  Gym
8:30 AM  CRHP #17 - Women  Living Room
8:30 AM  RCIA  Chapel
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 11
7:30 AM  CRHP #24 - Men  Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  RCIA  Underground
8:30 AM  Fellowship  Gathering Place
10:00 AM  RCIC  Underground
1:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
1:30 PM  Baptism  Church
4:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
8:00 PM  Men’s Basketball  Gym
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, December 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.