The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13
BREATHE...

The women of CRHP #33 cordially invite you for a weekend of reflection and relaxation.

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
First Sunday of Lent

A rainbow always catches our attention — what a beautiful phenomenon! Whether the first thought that runs through our heads is about white light being split up by particles of water in the air, or we are simply filled with a sense of God’s hand, God’s presence, God’s promise, we certainly take notice.

When we see a rainbow, oftentimes on a drive down an interstate highway, we usually experience a mixture of both thoughts. But soon after, you think of God’s covenant with Noah, symbolized by the rainbow: “I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth...When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth” (see Gn 9:13-17).

In the Scriptures, the idea of a covenant often follows experiences of floods and deserts—of too much or too little water. Such experiences of desolation have a way of bringing us face-to-face with the bare necessities—being deprived of companionship, or feeling barren and sorrowful. It is also, however, a unique moment in that this apparent emptiness is ripe with the presence of God, who almost appears to feel the way we do, or at least communicates “having been there,” and being with us in it.

Whether in the ark, in the desert, or entering Lent, covenant is not an “idea” through which we embrace God intellectually. Covenant is a hope and a solidarity we manifest in our daily lives, choices, and behaviors. Maybe that is why these readings are given us on the first Sunday in Lent. God’s promise to us—being with us, Immanuel— A rainbow stands forever, but does it move us to respond in always catches almsgiving, conversion, faith, and prayer? Does it our attention— make us want to be pure of heart— empty and what a beautiful open to see things as they really are— because phenomenon! That is the only way we will ever see God? Whether the first

Once again, Lent calls us to face our own thought that runs floods and deserts—to look terror and desolation in through our the face—in order to recognize the unadorned heads is about presence of God in our lives, and to come out white light being changed, strengthened, and with resolve on the other side.

Hans Christoffersen

Something....
To think about

Bruce Larson was in the service in post-World War II Germany and his life wasn’t what it should be. One night he was standing guard in a bombed out building in Stuttgart. As he lifted his eyes skyward, he could see hundreds of stars shining through the charred rafters of the wrecked building. With all the faith he could muster, he prayed, “Lord, if you are really there, and if you really care, take over my life.”

That night. Bruce Larson met Jesus Christ, believed in the good news, and reformed his life.

What keeps me from inviting Jesus to take over my life more completely, beginning this first Sunday of Lent?

Lord, you’re always near, inviting us and waiting for us to respond. And when we finally do, you’re there, holding out your hand to us and saying: “Come to me, I’m here for you. I’m ready to comfort and help you.”

From Our Family Prayer Book by Raneen Borkowski
Illustrations from the Book of Kells

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In today’s Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent: to acquire an openness to begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?
The story of Noah and the flood is one of the most fascinating narratives in the Bible. Not only is it a gripping saga of survival, it also relates the destructive power of sin and God’s desire to save us.

The book of Genesis tells us that when God saw the wickedness on the earth, “[He] was sorry that he had made mankind ...” (Gen 6:6). The people whom He created “very good” had turned out to be wicked. God is saddened by the sinfulness of His people.

This story gives us some insight into how sin offends God. Our Heavenly Father is all good, and He created us to be good also. However, when we sin, we reject God’s goodness and choose something less.

Because sin offends God who is “all good and deserving of all our love”, it warrants punishment. In civil society, when laws are broken, a fine or jail sentence is handed out to restore justice. Just so, when God’s commandments are broken, a punishment must be inflicted to bring the evil-doing to an end so that no one else may be harmed. In the story from Genesis, that punishment comes in the form of a devastating flood.

However, the story does not end with sin and punishment. For all the terror and destruction the flood inflicted on earth, the point of the story is that God wants to save us. For that reason, He commanded Noah to build the ark to protect his family and to give His creation a fresh start. On His own initiative, He promises never to destroy His creation again because He wants a relationship with the people He created. God is willing to forgo His right to punish so that He can love us and be loved by us in return.

The ultimate sign of God’s desire to save us is the cross of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus never sinned, his offering on the cross is pure. Like God, Jesus is infinite, and the blood he shed can be extended to all who have ever lived and ever will live. It can never be used up. There will never be a point at which the wickedness of humanity will exhaust the mercy that flows from the cross.

Sadly, many evils continue to beset the world. In fact, many more human beings have died from abortion since its legalization than would have died from the flood. Injustice in the forms of sexual harassment, the exploitation of immigrants, and racial discrimination continue to be rampant. There are also many ongoing threats to our planet, such as the ever-present menace of nuclear war.

In the face of all these frighteningly real evils, we proclaim our unshakable hope that good has conquered evil in the person of Jesus Christ. That hope motivates us to overcome our personal sin and fight injustice in our world up to the day that God’s victory stretches from one end of the earth to the other like a rainbow arching over the sky.

Douglas Sousa, S.T.L.

Prayer

It is truly right and just that we should give you thanks and praise, O God, almighty Father, for all you do in this world, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

For though the human race is divided by dissension and discord, yet we know that by testing us you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation.

Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples seek to meet together.

By the working of your power it comes about, O Lord, that hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and discord is changed to mutual respect.

Therefore, as we give you ceaseless thanks with the choirs of heaven, we cry out to your majesty on earth ...
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017
6:15 AM - Mirjana Pendergass req. Lillian Petrovich
8:00 AM - John Korsack req. Chuck & Donna Golly

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017
6:15 AM - Larry O’Brien req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
6:00 PM - Ralph Staples req. Vogrin Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
6:15 AM - Dr. Edmundo Manzano
8:00 AM - Marilyn Zubak req. Cantlin Family
Salvatore Madonia req. Quealy Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017
6:15 AM - Maribeth Gillies req. G-ma & G-pa Cudzilo
8:00 AM - Patrick J. Cahill req. Joyce Duffy

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017
6:15 AM - Fr. Valentine Boyle O’Carm
8:00 AM - Peter May req. Mike & Mary Signer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017
8:00 AM - Eustace D’Souza req. Rebello Family
4:30 PM - Patricia McDonnell req. Mahlke Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017
8:00 AM - Kay Martinek req. Daughter Christine
Gertrude Arndt req. Enochs Family
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Jim Smith req. Phillips Family
6:00 PM - Jeanette Brandstedt req. The Feasters

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - God’s covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).
Psalm - Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).
Second Reading - The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).
Gospel - This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
Thank You, St. Mary’s, for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 374 Individuals within 149 Families. We continue to support five Chicago inner homeless shelters with food that is out of date or items we cannot use.

**Item most in need is: Pasta**

**FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS**

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s or Fresh Thyme thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski from Jim/Lois Murawski.
3. Thank you St Mary’s third graders for your donation of toilet paper.
4. Received a large donation from Ron/Linda Cuchna family.

_Proverb for January: Good friends are like quilts-They age with you, and they never lose their warmth. Take good care of them._

**Don’t forget Amazon Shoppers!** You can donate to St. Mary’s SVDP Conference at no cost to you by going to smile.amazon.com and selecting St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mary of Gostyn. A percentage of your purchase is automatically donated to SVDP with every Amazon order you place. **Thank you for your support!**

**Thank you St Mary’s** from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all we do without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry. Pantry hours are from 8:00-1100am every Wednesday unless Wednesday falls on a holiday.

**A Message from St. Mary of Gostyn's St. Vincent DePaul Society**

The mission of SMG’s St. Vincent DePaul Society includes projects like the Food Pantry, Home Visits, Outreach Ministry, Clothing Drives and the Christmas Adopt-A-Family program.

This year the SVDP Adopt-A-Family program sponsored a total of 91 families. We want to thank all our volunteers and everyone that sponsored a family! You really made a difference and brought joy to the 335 individuals that benefited from your generosity.

St. Vincent DePaul members enjoy spending time together and helping those in need. Please consider attending one of our meetings held every other Saturday at 9:00 am in the Parish Center. **Our next meeting is February 24th.** You can help as much or as little as your schedule allows. Come join us, we are excited to meet you!
It's time again for the Box Tops for Education™ program at SMG. Thanks to everyone’s help, the school was issued a check for $487 in December!

Here is how you can continue to help our school:

1. Look for pink Box Tops on products & clip them.
2. Place all Box Tops in a labeled Ziploc bag or envelope and place in the brown basket (decorated with blue/yellow ribbons) located in the Narthex of the Church.

For more information, visit www.BTFE.com or contact Anne Doyle at annedoyle1@yahoo.com.

Water With Blessings is an organization that helps people and children in poverty-stricken areas throughout the world. They provide water filter systems with training and encouragement for use. The filters are simple, no chemicals, no power needed, just gravity. Students at St. Mary of Gostyn School are helping by donating funds to sponsor water filters to help families drink and use clean water. Each student is bringing in $2.00 to help provide a mom with all her equipment and training for a lifetime of clean water. Our children were amazed at how dirty water can be filtered into clean drinking water during the presentation at school. A family donation to be a sponsor is $60.00. Anyone wishing to help out can make checks out to Water With Blessings and drop it off at school. Thank you and God bless you.

Meet St. Mary of Gostyn’s new school Viking mascot. He made his debut at the Catholic Schools Week Pep Rally. There is currently a school-wide contest to give the Viking a name.

Last year, we announced one of our goals for this year was to hold an All-School Mass on a Sunday. The original plan was for this special mass to be a part of Catholic Schools Week. Due to the complexity of Open House on 1/28 and the Diocesan appeal on 2/4, an alternative date had to be chosen. We have identified the date for this mass to be on Sunday, February 25th at the 8:00 mass.

All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this special All-School Mass. The purpose for this event is to celebrate mass as a school and parish family, alongside some of our parishioners. At this special mass, our students will be serving as greeters, readers, gift bearers, reading the petitions, and singing in the choir as well.

Students will be asked to attend in their school uniform, as they will be recognized by Fr. Jim during mass. They will also be rewarded with a special out of uniform pass for attending mass in their school uniform.

Our goal for this mass is 100% attendance from all of our students, families and teachers. We look forward to celebrating with all of you during this special time!

After our all school Mass, we invite all parents and parishioners to visit the school gym for donuts and coffee. We will also have our Parent Ambassadors present to answer any questions any prospective families may have about our school.

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Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

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

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Fr. Valentine Boyle, O’Carm
Charlene Kaczkowski
Jodi Mark, sister-in-law of Marge Mark
Deacon Al Symonanis

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:

Kevin Braasch  Michael Martel  Natalya Brechlin  John Svoboda
Christopher Fountain  Nathan Kijowski  Bob Lang  Zachary Frana
Timothy Randazzo  Kyle Ng  Christopher Randazzo  Richard Ciner

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).
**Religious Education Dates**
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- February 22: Regular Sessions with 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews.
- February 28: Regular Sessions with 6-8 Grade Lenten Reconciliation
- February 29 & March 1: Regular Sessions with Lenten Reconciliation. Grade 6-8
- March 1 or before: Grade 8 Christian Living Journals due
- March 5: Confirmation Rehearsal 6:30 pm
- March 10: Sacrament of Confirmation 1:00 pm in the Church. Candidates arrive at 12:40 pm

**Attention All Grade 8 Families**

**Christian Living Journals**

Last year all then 7th grade students who are now 8th graders were given a Christian Living Journal to record your service opportunities as well as Holy Encounters. The due date for Grad 8 has arrived. All completed journals are due on or before:

**March 1, 2018**

Students should be prepared to discuss this during their Confirmation Interview.

**Confirmation 2018**
St. Mary of Gostyn celebration of Confirmation this year will be held on

**Saturday**
**March 10**
**1:00 pm**

Please pray for our candidates!

**First Holy Communion Families**

This is the first full week of family preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Families are reminded to use this week to complete Chapter 1 of your Encounter with Christ Child and Parent resources. Remember to use the website as well.

Find the website here: [sacraments.osv.com/eucharist](sacraments.osv.com/eucharist) for the week 1 video.
Feb 21st
7:00 pm
Parish Center
Living Room

February Topic:
The Spirituality of Asking for and Receiving Help
All are Welcome

Asking for help is often one of the most difficult things for us to do. Yet, it is in these times that we can see Christ at work in our lives. Learn to embrace the humility and strength of Christ as we explore the grace in asking for and receiving assistance.

Discover Adoration
Eucharist Adoration
St. Mary of Gostyn

“Those who have a true encounter with Christ find their lives filled with happiness.”
Pope Francis

February 18, 2018
Presider Schedule for Saturday, February 24th and Sunday, February 25th

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

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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

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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!
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 visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

Storytelling Fundraiser
Community Adult Day Center is holding a storytelling fundraising event for community members to share their memories of life on Wed. March 7th from 6 - 9PM at Mayslake in Oak Brook. The proceeds from the event support engaging programs for older adults with dementia and memory loss and provide respite for caregivers. The evening will include a wine and appetizer reception, ten amazing storytellers, coffee and dessert, a silent auction, and FOX news sportscaster, Bruce Wolf, as emcee. Tickets are $35. To purchase tickets visit our website www.communityadultdaycenter.org. For more information call 630-968-1060 or email info@communityadultdaycenter.org.

“Doc” Diamond: Neil Diamond Tribute
Tuesday, February 27th at 1:30 PM
Villa St. Benedict, 5450 Subiaco Dr., Lisle
Enjoy the music and entertainment of “Doc” Diamond. A dedicated Neil Diamond tribute performance that will give you the chance to relive and experience all of his classic hits. Join us in the piazza on the first floor of the Villa Center for a wonderful afternoon of music! Call 630-852-0345 to RSVP

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.

Free Personal Change Class Offered by Catholic Charities
Are you seeking personal change in 2018? Do you want to understand your gifts and move toward feeling more competent, peaceful and productive?

Catholic Charities is offering a free program to help you achieve personal change. We’ll focus on emerging from poverty, both financially and poverty of the spirit. Discussion within a group setting encourages honesty and focuses on who you are and what you want out of life. It helps untangle unhealthy behavior and feelings that have held you back. We help you set realistic goals and move toward the life you would like to have.

Classes are free and meet weekly on Monday evenings for seven weeks from 6:30-8:30 pm starting March 5th at 3130 Finley Rd., suite 520 in Downers Grove. For more information or to register, call Joy Newburn at 630-519-6547 or email jnewburn@cc-doj.org. To learn more about Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

The Comboni Mission Center is announcing the departure of Fr. Jose Manuel Garcia Oviedo.
Fr. Jose will be leaving the LaGrange Park location to move on to a new assignment with the Comboni Missionaries. He would like to thank everyone for the support and kindness he has been shown, during his seven year stay in America. Fr. Jose especially thanks the supporters, volunteers & friends of the La Grange Park Comboni Mission Center.

Please join us, for a farewell Mass and reception:
Saturday, March 10th, 2018
Mary Queen of Heaven, 5300 24th Street, Cicero
6:30pm Mass and Reception to Follow

Check us out on the web!
www.stmarygostyn.org
Parish, School, Religious Education and Diocesan news at the click of a mouse!
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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.