Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20:27
Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 8th, 2018
Devotion begins at 1:30 p.m. with option for Confession
Service begins at 2:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Liturgy:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Praises of Mercy
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Veneration of Image
Benediction

The Church, through the Power of the Keys given to St. Peter and his successors, gives us the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for the removal of all punishment due to sin already forgiven. To obtain such a great gift, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace:

♦ Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
♦ Have sacramentally confessed their sins within the last twenty days;
♦ Receive the Holy Eucharist;
♦ Pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, our Holy Father.

This indulgence may be gained only once a day and it may be for oneself or a deceased relative or friend. Why not take advantage of so great a gift of God’s mercy and love? It takes so little effort and carries so great a reward.
Second Sunday of Easter

The Resurrection challenged the faith of the first followers in Jerusalem, as it does our faith today. The Resurrection challenged them both individually and as a community, as it challenges us today: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Unlike the image of new life budding in empty tombs in the gospel reading from Easter Sunday, today’s gospel tells us of Jesus appearing in the midst of the disciples. “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.”

What are we to make of this “presence”? Perhaps taking a closer look at what the risen Lord spoke will help us answer this question. Of all the glorious and triumphant things he could have chosen to say in his “Resurrection speech,” Jesus chooses to invoke the presence of peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the presence of forgiveness to characterize his presence among the disciples.

We feel the presence of the risen Lord when we, in mutual respect and service, allow a spirit of peace and forgiveness to reign in our hearts, wounds, and disbelief. There is nothing triumphant in the words of Jesus. There is nothing triumphant in Thomas’ confession of faith, either. “My Lord and my God!” was spoken out of accepting and entering the wounds of a crucified body—wounds inflicted by people like you and me: well-meaning and sensible, but who also resort to violence when we dare not believe that peace, forgiveness, or even the presence of the Holy Spirit will stretch quite far enough to make us feel safe, trusting, and secure.

Resurrection faith is redemptive when we trust that a “My Lord and my God!” is enough to fill every emptiness, wound, pain, and hurt with the meaning, peace, and healing forgiveness bestowed on us by the Spirit.

The Easter story keeps unfolding.

Hans Christoffersen

In Man’s Search for Meaning, psychotherapist Viktor Frankl notes that many war prisoners caved in under the pressure of Nazi death camps. But not everyone. As a prisoner himself, Frankl probed for the reason why some caved in and others did not. He discovered that those who held firm believed that their lives and sufferings had “ultimate meaning.” He concluded that faith gave prisoners a remarkable energy and power.
When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we’ve heard proclaimed before: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Stewards of the mysteries of God’s love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them and through the Sacrament of the Eucharist which strengthens and sustains them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.
A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for the Easter Season

Loving Father,

Christ is risen
and with him all creation!
Light replaces darkness,
joy replaces sadness,
life replaces death.

Through the power of your Spirit,
there is no failure
his love and mercy cannot reverse,
no humiliation he cannot exchange
with blessing,
no anger he cannot dissolve,
no routine he cannot transform.
All is embraced
by the victory of your son’s
cross and resurrection.

Help us always be good stewards
of Easter’s light,
see Resurrection as a daily event,
and yearn for the love of Christ
as intensely
as he yearns for our love.

We pray this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

Sharing the Responsibilities of Ministry is Good Stewardship

by Leisa Anslinger, author and co-founder of Catholic Strengths and Engagement Community (CSEC).

Recently, I was invited to offer a morning of reflection for a gathering of youth ministry leaders. The topic I was given was “self-care for people of ministry.” I must admit, my first thought was, “Me? Talk about self-care? You’ve got to be kidding!” Like many, perhaps most, people of ministry, I often feel overextended, pressed for time, and just a bit stressed. Still, I reasoned that the people who had invited me had their reasons for doing so. As I reflected on this further, I realized that I did have something to contribute, from the perspective of stewardship.

We do not need to do it all on our own. In fact, we must not do it all on our own.

I remember many years ago, my college roommate had a poster that read, “Too blessed to be stressed.” This could be our stewardship mantra. When we are overextended, feel pressure to complete multiple tasks at once, or are challenged by the daily circumstances of life and ministry, we remind ourselves that all is blessing. All is gift! All we are and have is entrusted to us by God and we are called to steward it well. Self-care in ministry is not always about doing or giving less. In fact, many stewards would say exactly the opposite, that growing as a steward has resulted in more giving, service, and sharing. What changes is the sense of purpose in living as disciples, and the self-awareness of our particular talents, skills and resources, all of which we are called to steward.

We will be less likely to overextend when we are conscious that we are to be responsible stewards and that we are to lead others to responsible stewardship. Every person is created in God’s image and is entrusted with gifts and blessings. We do not need to do it all on our own. In fact, we must not do it all on our own. Leading others to embrace the call to live as disciples and grow as good stewards requires us to invite people to contribute their unique gifts and talents, their time and attention, their service, caring, and sharing for the sake of others. Serving together, we make Christ’s presence known and in doing so, give glory to God.
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018
6:15 AM - Salvatore Pagano req. Calistro Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018
6:15 AM - Dean Newey req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
8:00 AM - Lawrence Kovacevic req. Jim & Barb Holmes
Fr. Ron Hart req. Mike & Mary Signer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018
6:15 AM - Julie Eylander req. Calistro Family
8:00 AM - Sal Madonia req. Jeri Bolek

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018
8:00 AM - Larry O’Brien req. Gail Ann Bradshaw

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018
6:15 AM - Joseph Govednik
9:15 AM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Aument Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018
8:00 AM - Debra Ineich req. Jack & Anne Himpler
Anton & Mary Pinter req. Family
4:30 PM - Jim Swiglo req. Barb Tatge

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018
8:00 AM - Gertrude Arndt req. Frank & Dianne Czopek
Phyllis Eichhorn req. Kay Papineau
10:00 AM - Frances Kopec & Josephine Hallman req. Gail & Konrad Miskowicz-Retz
Stephan Gunther req. Elena & Bob Truby
12:00 PM - People of the Parish
6:00 PM - Deceased Members of the Rebello Family req. Rebello Family

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).
Psalm - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
Second Reading - Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).
Gospel - The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS FOR APRIL.

On Monday, April 9, 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 have depleted our inventory of lap throws and we need your help to make more lap throws. We need lap throws throughout the year as our deacons will take them to our parishioners. If you need a pattern or some yarn to create a throw, we will have yarn and simple patterns available at the meeting.

Also, at this meeting, we will be starting to cut up sheets into strips which we then roll into bandages. We have a little device that rolls the strips up quickly and efficiently. If this is something that you would like to do, please come to the meeting. We can also send you home with a sheet and the device. These bandages are used overseas.

We could use more lap throws if you can knit or crochet. Please consider making a lap throw 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 Kay Papineau at 630-963-4617. If you can’t help this month, please look in the bulletin for our April meeting.

Thank you helping the Medical Missions to help the homebound with a lap throw and overseas missionaries with bandages.

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR OFFERED

Do you feel confident you are adequately planning for your retirement and, that once you quit work, you’ll have the financial means to be able to enjoy the lifestyle you envision?

Are you turning prematurely grey worrying that your future is tied to a stock market that you don’t understand and are powerless to influence?

If you’ve answered a resounding YES to each of these questions, and want to avoid some of the common mistakes people make in investing, then mark Wednesday, May 16, on your calendar.

As a service to our parishioners, we have invited Doug Towsey from Merrill Lynch to speak on the topic of Financial Planning. Mr. Towsey is a Professor of Finance and Economics at DePaul University and a Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch. He has more than 25 years of business and investment experience as a corporate business executive, professor and financial advisor. He holds a B.S. degree in Finance and Economics from Indiana University and a MBA in Finance and Management from Northwestern University Kellogg.

Mr. Towsey’s presentation will begin at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place. Light refreshments will be served.

To reserve your seat, please call our parish Advancement Director, Frank Glowaty, at 630-737-9621.

OUR SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT IS PARTIALLY COMPLETED!

DO YOU NEED A PORTABLE AC UNIT FOR YOUR HOME, OFFICE OR DORM?

We have lightly used AC units from our school that we are selling for $50, while the quantity lasts.

The model is Sharp CV-2P10SX. Dimensions are 34”x19”x20”. BTUs 10,000.

If interested, please call Terri O’Dekirk at 630-737-9621 or email at: todekirk@stmarygostyn.org.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS FOR APRIL.
Meet Our New Mascot... Viktor E. Viking!

Mr. Tiritilli sat down with Viktor the Viking to get to know him better, through the help of some questions developed by our Student Council.

How do you do your hair? Every morning I put gel in it, and then I braid it.

What is your favorite food? My favorite food is Swedish fish.

Where do you come from? Denmark

How many times do you shine your armor everyday? I shine my armor once a day with Viking wax.

Do you have any family members? Yes, my Uncle Victor is the Minnesota Viking. My two other brothers are still living in Denmark.

What’s your favorite subject? Why? Math, because I get to learn how to use the compass to sail my ship.

What do you do in your spare time? I like to go fishing and sailing.

What’s your favorite sporting event? Basketball.

What is your favorite sport to play? Why? Fencing because that was the childhood game I played with my friends.

What’s your favorite part about being the mascot? I like to meet everyone and put a smile on their faces.

Who is your mascot inspiration? My mascot inspiration is Benny the Bull. I admire the cool tricks he does and it looks like he is always having lots of fun!

School Advisory Body (SAB) Seeks New Members

The School Advisory Board (SAB) is seeking new members to serve on the board starting Fall 2018. The SAB provides advice and assistance to the pastor and principal on a variety of issues including school policy, strategic planning, public relations, budgeting, endowment development, fundraising, athletics, marketing, and development.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30pm in the Learning Resource Center for an evening of information. If you have any questions or would like to nominate a candidate, please contact Bill Myers at wmyers1978@yahoo.com
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella               Nicholas T. Almeida               Lois Bach               Anna Bandur
Gabriella Beirne            Abby Beranek                  Kathy Berg             Sharon Binter
Tom Brown                  Felicia Bubula              Ann Clark                Margaret Corbett
Jean Dahm                  Frank Davis                  Jessica Davy            Jim Donovan
Dennis Finn                 Becca Gorman                  Mark Gowgiel           Diane Goyette
Gen Hadamik                 Robert Hayes                  Erinn Henes             Katie Main Hwan
Donna Karlinski             Joseph Karlinski             Kenny Kern              Doreen Lehner
Virginia Mates              Eddie Mayerik                Ken Norman              Dolores Mendoza
James Murawski              Andrea Mutton                 Char Ryan              Daniel Oliver
Eleanor Pecka               Cynthia Petro                  Joey Stefka             Joan Taglioni
Yoshie Snider               Dennis Stefka                Audrey Waechtler       Loretta Wies
Hugh Toner                  Mark Trout                    Peter Kavanagh         Verine Kavanagh
Barbara McCammon            Baby Jackson Ruggiero       George Lindell          Sandy Lindell
Theresa Herman              Adam Frankel                  Baby Fiona Kent        Baby Sofia Kent
Grant Bahr                  Paul Mintautus               Bethany Johnson

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Cindy Ruginis

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
Christopher Fountain
Timothy Randazzo
Joe McSweeney

Michael Martel
Nathan Kijowski
Kyle Ng

Natalya Brechlin
Bob Lang
Christopher Randazzo

John Svoboda
Zachary Frana
Richard Ciner

MAKE ST. MARY OF GOSTYN YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!
If you are new to St. Mary of Gostyn or have been attending and do not have a church home, you are most welcome to become part of our Parish Family. Please fill out the information form below, and we will mail you a registration form to become a member of the Family of St. Mary of Gostyn! Welcome to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish!

Name_________________________________________________________
Address_______________________________________________________
City, State, Zip________________________________________________
Email address___________________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________ (circle one: cell      Home)

Please drop off in collection basket or mail to:
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 444 Wilson Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515
For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: http://www.stmarygostyn.org/?page=ParishRegistration
Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- April 10: Confirmation Class of 2019 Parent/Student Meeting. 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place. Please be prompt
- April 11 & 12: RE Sessions
- April 18 & 19: RE Sessions
- April 25 & 26: RE Sessions
- April 30 & May 1: First Holy Communion Rehearsals 6:30 pm in Church
- May 2 & 3: RE Sessions

St. Mary of Gostyn Teachers Arrive June 9
Teen Program Starts June 10
Grade 1-6 Starts June 11

2018 Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp
Hosted by Parishes throughout the Diocese of Joliet

Keep Calm and Totus Tuus

Register Now!
www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ttjoliet/

Confirmation Class of 2019
Parent/Student Meeting
Tuesday
April 10, 2018
6:30 pm

In the Gathering Place.
Come to hear the information about the Sacramental Prep
Please be prompt, we will start on time.

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 6 of your Encounter with Christ Child and Parent resources. Remember to use the website as well.

Find the website here: sacraments.osv.com/eucharist for the week 6 video.
The ONE topic ONE night Speaker Series aims to provide our parish a platform to foster dialogue, cultivate enriching ideas, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process.

**One topic. One night. One faith.**

April 12th at 7:00pm
Speaker: Father Shaun
Topic: Forming a Catholic Conscience

*one holy catholic apostolic church*
Easter Memorial Flowers

The following parishioners have made donations towards our beautiful Easter flowers. We thank them for their generosity.

Mrs. Frances Belcastro
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Belcastro
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chrzanowski
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Clouston
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Cox
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dunn
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Faron
Mrs. Mary Featherstone
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Johnson
Mr. Jerry Kolpa
Mr. & Mrs. John Kwong
Mr. Patrick Lally
Mr. & Mrs. Scott McCauley
Mrs. Dolores Mendoza
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Piekaraski
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Reiser
Ms. Charlotte Sholeen
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Stella
Mr. & Mrs. Bela Szefert
Ms. Julia Tran
Mrs. Nancy Worrell

Presider Schedule for Saturday, April 14th and Sunday, April 15th

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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, April 11  Parish Center  9:30 AM  Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

A deeply moving memoir of a family and culture in crisis - poor white Americans.

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, April 19  Parish Center  7:00 PM  Warrior of the People by Joe Starita

The first Native American woman doctor, daughter of a Lakota Chief, and the plight of her people.

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.
CONFERENCE FOR THE DIVORCE AND WIDOWED
SET FOR APRIL 21, 2018

Whether a loss of a spouse is through death or divorce, it is a painful process and often difficult life transition. The Office of Family Ministry is pleased to offer a day of encouragement and support for those who are divorced or widowed. The goal of this day is to help you learn ways to Rebuild and begin to move forward in your life. During the day there will be opportunities to give and receive support from others in transition as well as from our Single-Through-Loss Committee members.

Our speakers for the day are: Dr. Barb Jarvis-Pauls, Danette Perry and Dr. Mary Amore.

The conference day begins with a 8:30 a.m. check-in at the Joliet Diocesan Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4:00PM. The suggested donation is $35 which includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch, and materials. Please register by April 11, 2018 by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 by using the enclosed registration form, or online at http://conta.cc/2Aiybgf.

RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN DUPAGE COUNTY

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet will benefit from The Human Race 5K run/fitness walk in Downers Grove. This fun event is on April 28th and starts at 9:00am at The Esplanade at Locust Point (1901 W. Butterfield Road). Register or donate online at dupagehumanrace.org and please choose “Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet” to receive your donations. Money raised will help fund vital programs to help the poor and vulnerable in DuPage County. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

“BEFORE THE FLOOD”
SHOWING AT CHRIST THE SERVANT PARISH

Please accept the invitation of the Green Team at Christ the Servant parish to view, “Before the Flood,” a National Geographic video about environmental pollution and global climate change. The film will be presented on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22 2018 at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 for socializing and refreshments. The movie will be presented NO Charge, but free will offerings will be accepted. Families are welcome.

Christ the Servant is located at 8700 Havens Dr. Woodridge.
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**This Week**

**Monday / 9**
- 9:00 AM  Medical Missions  Gathering Place
- 2:30 PM  Daisy Troop #55326  Gathering Pl. A
- 6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

**Tuesday / 10**
- 9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music Class  Underground
- 6:30 PM  Confirmation 2019 Mtg.  Gathering Place
- 6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
- 6:30 PM  School Advisory Body  L.R.C.
- 6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
- 7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground

**Wednesday / 11**
- 9:30 AM  Morning Book Discussion  Living Room
- 4:30 PM  Religious Education  School/Chapel
- 6:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
- 6:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/Ch/GP
- 7:00 PM  Gala Committee  Underground
- 7:00 PM  Nourish for Caregivers  Living Room
- 7:00 PM  Parish Council  Large Conf. Rm.

**Thursday / 12**
- 9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study  Gathering Place
- 1:15 AM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
- 4:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/Ch/ GP
- 5:45 PM  Children’s Choir Rehearsal  Church
- 7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
- 7:00 PM  One Topic: One Night  Gathering Place

**Friday / 13**
- 9:15 AM  Special Person’s Day Mass  Gath. Pl./Church
- 5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place
- 5:00 PM  School Play Rehearsal  Gym

**Saturday / 14**
- 12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
- 8:30 AM  CRHP #17 - Women  Chapel
- 9:00 AM  School Play Rehearsal  Gym
- 5:30 PM  Athletics Sports Awards  Gathering Place

**Sunday / 15**
- 7:30 AM  CRHP #24 - Men  Large Conf. Rm.
- 8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gathering Place
- 1:00 PM  School Chess Tournament  Gym
- 4:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
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.

BAPTISES: 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: Evening 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.