God, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer:
grant them your peace;
let perpetual light shine upon them.

Those who have received the Rite of Christian Burial or held a
Memorial Mass from St. Mary of Gostyn Church this past year.
St. Mary of Gostyn’s St. Vincent de Paul Society
2018 Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program

Adopt-A-Family is a Christmas outreach program for needy families. For more than 28 years, this program has provided Christmas gifts and dinner for 100+ families. Typically, we have about 50 families from the Downers Grove area and 50 families from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in Joliet. If you wish to participate, your family purchases a new Christmas gift valued at $20-25 for each member of a needy family. Each needy family provides a ‘wish’ list to St. Vincent de Paul. You also provide all the food necessary to prepare Christmas dinner (or grocery gift cards for one meal).

This is a wonderful experience that you and your family and friends can be involved with during the coming Christmas season. We welcome extended families, school groups, religious education classes, scout troops, office groups, neighborhoods, and others to participate.

How to Get Involved

Fill out the form below and place it in the red baskets located at each church entrance. On the form, indicate the needy family size (1 to 10 or more) you would like to adopt.

Schedule

Sign-up: Nov. 3/4, 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25 or until all families are adopted
Gift Drop-off: Saturday, Dec 15, 2018, from 8-10AM at SMG parking lot

Questions? Please call Cathy at 630-241-3447 or email at ihorcathy@sbcglobal.net

2018 Adopt-A-Family Sign-Up

Name ________________________________________________________________

If applicable, please identify the group you represent ______________________________

Street address ____________________________________________________________

Town ___________________________ Zip ________

Home/cell Phone: (______)____________________________

Email: ______________________________________________

Size of Family Wanted (circle number): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Can you help with the program or delivery on December 15? Yes No Maybe

Drop your completed form in any of the red baskets located at each church entrance.
Today’s Gospel shows us we need to have our “act together” before we can spend time with Him in prayer. In this passage from Mark, we see that Bartimaeus received a powerful answer to prayer at a very low point in his life. There, he sat, begging at the side of the road in a very undignified manner. His posture wasn’t exactly reverent, and his prayer wasn’t eloquent, just a desperate, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.”

But it was a sincere cry from his heart. And Jesus, though surrounded by a sizable crowd, heard it, and called for Bartimaeus to come to Him. Folks from the crowd called to Bartimaeus, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” And right there on the spot, Bartimaeus experienced a profound moment of personal encounter with our Lord and the healing of his vision he desired.

How simple it is to encounter Jesus! All we must do is reach out to Him in prayer and we can be assured that He will hear us and call us to Himself. So let’s all take courage this week knowing that Jesus is calling us right now to spend time with Him just as we are, in all our weakness and brokenness. Tell Him, the great High Priest, what your needs are and then, like Bartimaeus, follow Him, and keep on keeping on in this stewardship way of life. It’s a life with the ultimate happy ending.

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**All Saints Day**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Nov. 1, 2018

This Thursday is the *Solemnity of All Saints* (November 1), a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday at 6:15 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7 PM.

**All Souls Day**

Nov. 2, 2018

**Masses for All Souls Day**

will be at 6:15 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7 PM.

The Mass at 7 PM will be our *Annual Memorial All Souls Day Mass*, remembering those who have been given Christian Burial or have had a Memorial Mass held at St. Mary of Gostyn this past year. Families attending this Mass are invited to bring a picture of their loved one and place it on the sanctuary steps prior to the Mass. A Memorial Candle will be given to each family during the liturgy.

**Daylight Savings Time**

Just a reminder, you have an extra hour of sleep next Sunday night – or you can come to Mass an hour early and spend some time extra time in prayer and reflection!
Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 10/21/2018 $28,306.59
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00
Goals to Date Sunday Goal to Date $501,500.00
Collections to Date Sunday Collections to Date $483,259.37
Total (Under) Goals to Date ($18,240.63)
Other Collections World Missions $4,656.92

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Special Appeal for 2018 Disaster Relief

Baskets will be available at all entrances of the Church on November 3rd and November 4th for donations to provide assistance to the victims of Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Michael and other storms in the southeastern states. Many have lost homes, businesses or places of worship as a result of the storm winds, debris, torrential rain and catastrophic flooding.

We offer our prayers to families who have lost loved ones or are among those injured. As so often occurs, the poorest communities are hit hardest by these conditions and will have the least recourse to address their losses. The funds collected will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church at home and abroad.

Thank you for your generosity.

Activity Center News

Our plans for this project are moving along quickly now. We meet with the Diocese to share the completed plans and renderings for the project on November 6. At that time we will also be sharing with them our fundraising plan and budget for the project.

On Tuesday, November 13, we will be presenting our plans to the Downers Grove Village Council for their consideration. We invite you to attend this meeting to show your support for the project. Once the Council hears our petition, they will have a vote within a couple of weeks, hopefully a positive vote, to move forward with our plans.

We thank all of you who have already committed to this project. As of October 22, 2018, we have $430,000 in pledges towards our goal of $1,500,000. We will need 75% of the money in hand by April 1, 2019, our planned starting date so that most of the heavy work will be able to be completed over the summer break.

After healing the blind man in today’s Gospel Jesus told him to go, to be on his way. But the man chose to follow Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus is a choice. The stewardship way of life likewise involves a choice, in fact many choices. We choose to be grateful, we choose to live generously, and we choose to trust that God will always provide for our needs. These are three choices central to the stewardship way of life. What choices will we make this week that give witness to our decision to follow Jesus Christ?
The Annual
Boy Scout
Troop and Pack 89

All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast
and Bake Sale is
Sunday, November 4th
8:00am – Noon
in the St. Mary of Gostyn School Gym

Tickets are only $6.00 (Ages 5 and under are free)
All proceeds benefit Scouting Programs

The Cub Scouts will be selling tickets after some of the Masses leading up to the breakfast. Please listen to the announcements for more details. Tickets will also be available at the door.

We are looking for donations of Baked Goods for the sale. If you would like to make a donation you can drop off your Yummy Treats after 7am on the morning of the breakfast. Please have your donation packaged and labeled. For more information you can contact Nick Michalek at pancakebreakfast@troop89.net
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018
6:15 AM - Dorothy Jean Downey

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018
6:15 AM - Marilyn Armondo req. Joe Panico
8:00 AM - Ken Bensfield req. Graczyk Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018
6:15 AM - James DeKanic req. Cathy Prochazka
8:00 AM - Kay Selfridge req. Pam Stefik

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018 - All Saints Day
6:15 AM - Joseph Massura req. Family
8:00 AM - Helen Duncan req. Krystocek Family
7:00 PM - Loretta Barrett req. Yahiro Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018 - All Souls Day
6:15 AM - Reakela Lambertz
8:00 AM - Chester & Veronica Cisowski & Charles Bach req. Lois Bach & Family
7:00 PM - All Souls Memorial Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018
8:00 AM - Betty Kolpa req. Jerry Kolpa
Kathleen Shea
4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018
8:00 AM - Steve Janetka req. Mary Pilney & Family
10:00 AM - Gertrude Arndt req. Groberski Family
Diane Main req. Corbett Family
12:00 PM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Jerry Kolpa
6:00 PM - Frank Bava req. Barb & Jim Holmes

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).
Psalm - The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading - It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).
Gospel - Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Friday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34
**Book of the Dead**

During the month of November, the Church honors our beloved dead. In memory of those loved ones who have gone before us, the Book of the Dead will be enshrined in the Prairie Street Narthex during the month of November. Please feel free to write the names of your loved ones in this book. These names will be remembered at mass during November.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend’s beautiful Fall flower arrangement on the altar was donated in loving memory of **TIMOTHY BRODIN** on the 6th Anniversary of his going Home to be with the Lord. by **KATHLEEN BRODIN & FAMILY**

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised $4,656.92. You may stay connected year round to the Pope’s missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org

**St. Mary Book Group**

Wednesday, November 14  Parish Center  9:30 AM  **The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio by Terry Ryan**

The mother of 10 uses her skill with words to win prizes and provide for her family.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

**SMG Evening Book Discussion**

Thursday, November 15  Parish Center  7:00 PM  **Shannon by Frank Delaney**

A priest, who served in WWI, travels to Ireland to find his roots and soul.

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.

**SAINT MARY APPALACHIA MINISTRY ~ CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Once again Saint Mary Appalachia Outreach Ministry will be furnishing Christmas gifts for the children of McCreary County, Kentucky. Names will be available in the Narthex before and after the 4:30 PM mass on Saturday, October 27 & Sunday, October 28 after the 8:00 & 10:00 AM masses. You may choose your child’s name at this time. If you cannot make it on this day and would like a name, or would like more information, please call Deacon Al at (630)960-3565 ext. 221 or Nancy Babel (630)852-2692.

The gift of New Clothing will be: a pair of jeans, socks, underwear, a winter hat and a shirt or sweat shirt

For some of the children this may be the only Christmas gift they receive. Gifts will be collected in the Narthex on Saturday, November 17th from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM and Sunday, November 18th from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM. It has been through your generosity for the past thirty-three years that we have been able to provide thousands of Christmas gifts to the children of McCreary County. This year we will have 185 names.
St. Mary of Gostyn students were invited to use their gift of music to thank Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) donors for their gift of education during the eighth annual Sounds of Sacred Music event. The concert was held from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Sacred Heart Monastery in Lisle, and also featured the student choirs of Joliet Catholic Academy.

Jim Almeida          Emma Heintzelman          Mary Panatera
Elizabeth Carlson    Ionna Koukoutsakis       Samuel Panatera
Rylie Cieplak        Gianna Kurelko           Sophia Pitra
Erin Crowe           Isabella Kurelko          Amanda Quealy
Peyton Farrell       Morgan Lally             Ella Reiser
Julia Fremgen        Abby Mendez              Giovanna Russoties
Isabella Gleason     Jon Moscinski             Caroline Sobkowiak

Musicians:
Kate Southworth
Kiki Gaughan
Mary Claire Albion
Annie Flynn
Brody Bohan
Mary Panatera
Claire Schultheis
Matthew Nelson

Songs Performed:
Your Grace Is Enough / Lord, I Need You / Go Make A Difference

Directed by Richard Barker
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Kim Varsolina  
Emil Cici  
Mica Mendez  
Spencer Mehr  
Joshua Zacarski  
Jerry Papievis  
Bill Durante  
Terri Shepherd  
Peter Caracello  
Jaclyn Golly  
Theresa Hurley  
Elizabeth McIlvain  
Nelson Sanchez  
Dick Dibble  
Paul Mintautas  
John Duffy

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Michelle Maloney, sister-in-law of Michael & Sheila Maloney and Bill & Kate Conniff

To request to have your name, or with permission, the name of another, on the bulletin prayer list, please contact the Parish office. Names will be listed for four weeks and then removed automatically. You will need to call for an additional four weeks.

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  
Michael Martel  
Nathan Kijowski  
Kyle Ng  
Natalya Brechlin  
Bob Lang  
Christopher Randazzo  
John Svoboda  
Zachary Frana  
Joe McSweeney

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 4th to 10th, 2018

WHAT IS A VOCATION?

A vocation is a personal calling, a mission, a purpose... it’s more than a career. The Christian Vocation is our holy call to live daily like Jesus Christ and is answered in Marriage, Single life, Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Life (Sister, Brother, or Missionary.)

Every vocation is born in prayer and from prayer. – Pope Francis

Lord Jesus, guide me to my true vocation. Amen.

Families that practice holiness - a desire to follow Jesus - produce holy vocations. Why not yours?

If you are feeling a call to religious life, pray about it daily, and contact Fr. Shaun
Due to the All Saints Day Mass on Thursday November 1st at 5:30pm, which **ALL RE Sessions** should attend, no RE classes will be held on Wednesday October 31st or Thursday November 1st.

**First Reconciliation**

**Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30pm**
All SMG 2nd grade students AND Thursday 4:30 RE students

**Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30pm**
All Wednesday 4:30 and Wednesday 6:30 2nd grade students.

**Religious Education Dates**

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.
- Oct. 31 No RE Classes
- Nov. 1 All Saints Day Mass & Fair All RE sessions attend
- Nov. 13/14 First Reconciliation
- Nov. 21/22 No RE classes
- Nov. 28/29 Regular RE classes

**All Saints Day**

On Thursday, November 1, the Religious Education Students will come together to celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation with the Parish at 5:30 pm Mass. Afterwards, all are invited to come to the Gathering Place to enjoy some festivities, including a Saints Art Museum, games and activities. Please join us.

In the Gathering Place:
- Grades K & 1 will display artwork at the “Saints Art Museum.”
- Grades 2 & 3 will display their Saint Banners
- Grades 4 & 5 will inform us about “Saints Around the World”
- Grades 6 & 7 will staff the “Fair” for the little ones with games, activities, etc.

All are invited to simple refreshments at the “All Saints Café”
Youth Ministry Wish List:
SMG Youth Ministry is in need of snacks for our Sunday Youth Group Nights!

Please consider donating:
- Salty Snacks (chips, crackers, pretzels, popcorn, etc.)
- Granola bars, trail mix, cookies or candy
- Fresh fruit
- Drinks (pop, sparkling water, juice)

THANKS IN ADVANCE!! 😊

**Drop off donations at the parish center!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK:
Thanks for joining us for our Adoration & Confession night!

TONIGHT: Pumpkin Carving Contest!
7-9PM
Are you interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who may be interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith - a relative, a neighbor, a friend? If so, please call Fr. Shaun. We will be forming inquiry classes to answer questions about the Catholic faith. There is no obligation, we are just learning about what the Catholic church teaches, her history, and her traditions. This is a time to discern through inquiry and prayer as to whether or not you are being called to join the Catholic faith. The classes are open for three categories:

1. Those who have never been baptized.
2. Those who have been baptized but never completed their sacraments of initiation, namely Confirmation & Holy Communion.
3. Those who have been baptized in another religious tradition who now feel they are being called to the Catholic faith.

This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a journey that leads to the Easter sacraments of Initiation. There is no obligation. It is a time of learning and discernment. It’s not too late to join us.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Shaun   (630) 969-1063, ext. #212

Presider Schedule for Saturday, November 3rd and Sunday, November 4th

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

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 is a beautiful opportunity to join others in prayer, fasting, keeping vigil, and reaching out to the community. Through God, lives are changed during 40 Days for Life; people at various peaceful prayer locations have helped women embrace life for their children, watched as abortion clinic workers have quit their jobs, and experienced some clinics close completely. We often forget the incredible power of prayer and loving witness, but 40 Days for Life reminds us of the fruits of dialogue with the Lord and others. Join 40 Days for Life and make a difference for life!

Access Health Center, 1700 75th Street, Downers Grove
Contact: Irene Lopez Larucci (to pray with a group from St. Mary’s) 331-481-3083

**WHITE MASS**
Sunday, October 28, 2018 - 11:00 AM
All health care professionals are cordially invited to attend the White Mass with Bishop Conlon at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet.

The White Mass celebrates those who serve as guardians and servants of human life: physicians, nurses, health care providers, along with their families and friends. Blessed Medals for Health Care Professionals and Caregivers will be available in the Commons. Refreshments will follow in the Commons.

**TREE OF LIGHT MEMORIAL MASS**
Sponsored by The Office of Family Ministry Diocese of Joliet
November 4, 2018
2:00 p.m. Tree-Blessing
Ceremony preceding Mass.
Reception following.
Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill, IL  60403

This special Mass remembers infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death.

To register, or to have a baby remembered please call 815-838-5334 by November 2, 2018.

**FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS**

Be with others who understand.
Learn coping skills to help with life changes.
Renew hope!

**Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry program presents a**

Retreat/workshop for men & women
Nov 10 & 11 - Nazareth Retreat Hse., Batavia
Nov 17 & 18 - Our Lady of the Angels Retreat House, Lemont
To register call: 708-354-7211.
e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
website: www.joyfulagain.org (incfs.video)

**ANNULMENT INFORMATION DAY**
An annulment information seminar will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill. Persons interested in petitioning for annulment, those already in the process, or anyone who wants information about the annulment process are welcome to attend. The annulment process will be explained and all questions will be welcomed. This day does not start the process but offers a friendly atmosphere to learn what annulment means and what is entailed in the process. During the day those in attendance will have a "hands on" review of the Joliet diocesan annulment paperwork. **Please register by November 8.** A $25 fee includes morning coffee, lunch, and a binder with handouts. Check-in begins at 8:30 am. To register, please call the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or online at https://conta.cc/2JtnVD4.

**SAFE RECOVERY MEETINGS**
SAFE Recovery meetings are for women who struggle with addictions to alcohol and drugs and/or have loved ones who do. We support one another by working through the Christian 12 Steps together. We invite you to join us on this journey of hope and healing as we meet every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center at St. Joseph’s Church in Downers Grove.
Contact us at carrie@sacredatmosphere.com

**RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT**
November 2 - November 4, 2018
Post abortive women and men are encouraged to attend the Rachel’s Vineyard Weekend Retreat. The next scheduled retreat will be held November 2 - 4, beginning Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. and continuing through Sunday early afternoon.
Contact Kay at 1-866-99-4-GIVE (4483) for additional information.
This Week

Monday / 29
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Finance & Admin Cmte. Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Catechism Course Fac. Lunch Rm.

Tuesday / 30
3:00 PM Basketball Gym
6:00 PM ALPHA Gathering Place
6:00 PM Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.

Wednesday / 31
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church

Thursday / 1
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
6:00 PM Volleyball Team Photos Gym
6:30 PM Religious Ed. Saint Fair Gathering Place
8:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday / 2
5:00 PM Basketball Gym
6:30 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 3
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
8:00 AM Basketball Gym
9:00 AM St. Vincent DePaul Society Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 4
7:30 AM Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast Gym
7:30 AM CRHP #24 - Men Underground
8:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Gathering Place
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
10:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Gathering Place
10:00 AM RCIC Underground
2:00 PM Basketball Gym
2:00 PM Simbang Gabi Choir Rehearsal Church
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Volleyball 8th Gr. Awards Gathering Place
7:00 PM Youth Ministry Underground
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, you will need to participate in a baptismal preparation 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 6:00 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.