Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5
This Advent, don’t get caught up in all the busyness. Don’t get lost in the anxiety of preparing for a day. Joyfully anticipate the coming of the person of Jesus through an encounter with his Most Blessed Mother.

**Prepare for Jesus’ birth as Mary did.**

Through this video retreat, Fr. Mark Toups will guide you through Mary’s experiences to shed light on how they relate to your preparation for Christmas and the coming of Jesus.

**Prayerfully draw more intentionally into the season of Advent.**

Tues, Dec. 11th, 6:30 PM in the Gathering Place

Please RSVP: www.stmarygostyn.org
Faith Formation Special Events tab, or email Kelly, kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org
Straighten It Out

On the first Sunday of Advent, we always hear Jesus’ instruction to stay awake and watchful for his second coming. On the second Sunday we always hear how John the Baptist appeared on the scene in the desert outside of Jerusalem calling for people to repent and “prepare the way of the Lord.” The Jews and early Christians of the first century would have recognized John as a prophet like those in the Old Testament. Like John, the Old Testament prophets were usually fiery, passionate characters who unsettled the rich and powerful while offering hope and consolation to the poor and outcasts.

In this passage, we hear John the Baptist urge everyone to get their act together because the Lord is coming soon. It’s as if children who were messing around suddenly realize their parents will be home soon. “They are on their way! We better clean up this mess and start behaving!” God isn’t a parent who wants us to behave out of fear of punishment, but God knows our habit of getting off track. That’s why Advent is the perfect time to be reminded by the prophet John that we need to repent, ask forgiveness, and get back to doing God’s work. As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath this week, we are invited to reflect on what we still need to straighten out in our lives so that we can better receive Christ when he comes to us.

Questions of the Week

1. Who do you think of as modern-day prophets who call others to turn away from their sins and toward justice and truth? They might be someone you know personally or be a famous figure. They may be Christian, but don’t have to be.

2. What can you do this coming week to “prepare the way of the Lord”?

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Activity Center News

We have received several bids for our project this week. We have revised our budget to $2,000,000 for the renovation/expansion of the gym based on feedback that we have received from many sources. The bids that are in thus far are running high to the this budget, so we are diligently working to make changes that we need to get the scope within the $2,000,000 max that we have set, which still maintaining the primary goals that we have set for the project: an eating space for the children to have lunch, a junior high school sized gym, and additional space for new academic opportunities as well as storage for athletic and PE equipment.

Our fund raising efforts to date are at $820,000. We know that many of you will be reviewing your year end charitable giving plans and hope that you will support us with a donation to this project.

Calling All Parish Children in grades 3-8!

There is still time to sing for the Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass with the St Mary's Children's Choir.

There are rehearsals on Thursday, December 13th from 5:45 to 6:45 PM and on Tuesday, December 18th from 5:30 to 6:45 PM.

Please e-mail Mr. Bisaillon if you would like to participate: sbisaillon@stmarygostyn.org

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Collection 12/3/18 $29,316.87
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00
Goals to Date Sunday Goal to Date $678,500.00
Collections to Date Sunday Collections to Date $664,074.56
Total (Under) Goals to Date ($14,425.44)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

In today’s second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ’s active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God’s overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn’t it give us reason to hope that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to be partners with others in promoting the Gospel? Food for thought in this second week of Advent.
John the Baptist Prepares the Way

John the Baptist, Jesus’ cousin, was a prophet who came to prepare the people for Jesus. John was a holy man who spent most of his time praying in the desert. When he left the desert, he traveled throughout the region of the Jordan calling people to repent and change their lives. “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” (v. 4).

God calls each of us to a close, intimate relationship. Toddlers and teens, grown-ups and elders are all invited to share in God's love. The invitation is extended in all sorts of ways: through Scripture and study; through friends, relatives and acquaintances; in quiet spaces and noisy places.

But God especially counts on parents to issue the invitation to children, to introduce them to a loving God and to nurture their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our church baptizes infants because we trust that children will be nourished by their parents’ faith until they are old enough to claim their own.

Like John the Baptist, parents are expected to prepare the way so their children will be open to accepting God’s personal invitation.

This can be done in subtle ways, such as creating a Christian environment at home with crucifixes and Bibles or beginning family rituals, such as nightly prayer or seasonal devotions (such as praying together around an Advent wreath).

But the most effective way for children to know who God is and what God asks of them is by listening to and watching the people who are most important to them. If God is going to be a reality in their lives, children must see in actions and hear in words that God is a reality in the lives of their mothers and fathers. For children, God’s invitation to a forever relationship is best delivered personally through the words and example of their parents.

**FAMILY RESPONSE**

Ask each family member to find something in the house that makes him or her think about God or faith. Talk about what each person finds.

**PERSONAL RESPONSE**

Are you comfortable talking about your faith with your family? Why or why not?
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).
Psalm - The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading - I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).
Gospel - The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS
For those who would like to remember their deceased loved ones during the Christmas season, you can use the envelope provided in the bi-monthly mailing of envelopes or the envelopes provided at the entrances of the church and at the Faith Network Desk in the Prairie Street Narthex. You may also use a plain envelope, and write your name on the envelope and the name of the person you wish remembered. We will publish the list of memorials in the parish bulletin.
**Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry ~ NOVEMBER 2018 REPORT**

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the Food Pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 270 Individuals within 111 Families. So far, this year we have fed 3,197 Individuals within 1,308 Families. From all of us at St Vincent DePaul we hope you had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. The support from you, our parishioners; is fantastic.

*In Memoriam: A former Saint Vincent DePaul member Alex Pawlowicz passed away this month. He will be dearly missed.*

**Item most in need is: Salad Dressing.**

**FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS**

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s, Fresh Thyme or Aldi’s, thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski from Jim/Lois Murawski.
3. Thank you, Lou Montana, and CIACO for your huge Thanksgiving donation.
4. Thank you, St Mary’s, 3rd graders for your large food donation of Tuna Fish.
5. Thank you Ron/Linda Cuchna for your large food donation.
6. Thank you Frank Szafranski for your large donation.
7. Thank you St Mary’s 8th graders for you large candy donation.
8. Received a nice monetary donation in memory of Jerry Papievis.

*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](http://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!*

November Adage: *Ban pre-sliced cheese and make America Grate again.*

Thank you, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all we have without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry. We are open every Wednesday from 8:00am until 11:00am.

**Oplatki is now available at the Parish Center offices.**

**Presider Schedule for Saturday, December 15th and Sunday, December 16th**

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Congratulations to all our students and their accomplishments this first trimester!

**8TH GRADE HIGH HONORS 4.0**
Ava Bechstein
Nora Casey
Celia Colucci
Kaitlin Jeschke
Samuel Panatera
Bennett Ruskusky
Grace Tierney
Michael Budzynski
Olivia Cieplak
Moira Jermak
Nicole Moravec
Amanda Quealy
Katherine Southworth

**8TH GRADE 1ST HONORS 3.5-3.9**
Maya Alikpala
Madeline Casey
Benjamin Farrell
Mary Catherine Gaughan
Morgan Lally
Michael Logan
Samuel Ruddy
Elizabeth Carlson
Lainey Devine
Christopher Fry
Wilson Kramnic
Luke Leahy
Sebastian Pappas

**8TH GRADE 2ND HONORS 3.0-3.4**
McKenzie Buchanan
Lucia Fernandez
Brendan Harker
Leah Sebo
Jamie Bukovsky
Anne Flynn
Lidan O'Flaherty
Pierce Walsh

**6TH GRADE HIGH HONORS 4.0**
Rylie Cieplak
Emma Heintzelman
Mary Panatera
Caroline Sobkowiak
William Tierney
Ruby Fernandez
Catherine Hernandez
Giovanna Russotieyi
Meghan Southworth
Alexander Tolczyk

**6TH GRADE 1ST HONORS 3.5-3.9**
Brody Bohan
Grace Fremgen
Matthew Fry
Gianna Kurelko
Thomas Majchrowicz
Annabelle Ruskusky
Peyton Farrell
Julia Fremgen
Sean Hubeny
Quinn Leahy
Isabel Okuku
Shane Walsh

**6TH GRADE 2ND HONORS 3.0-3.4**
Lucas Adams
Dylan Casey
Ian Dzambazi
Isabella Gleason
Annabelle Nelson
Joseph Rodi
Declan Walsh
Luke Cakuls
Robyn De Los Santos
Natalie Garlant
Kendall Mallers
Matthew Nelson
Gabrielle Slevin

**7TH GRADE HIGH HONORS 4.0**
Dominic Krzeczkowski
Jonathan Moscinski
Gabriella Okuku
Ella Reiser
Erin Stapleton
Jennifer Lucina
Curtis Mysliwiec
Daniel Petersen
Tanner Sebben

**7TH GRADE 1ST HONORS 3.5-3.9**
Grace Babich
Mary Kate Casey
Hugh Flannery
Isabella Kurelko
Alana Oplanic
Brooke Bobbitt
Erin Crowe
Joseph Giannola
Brett Nolan

**7TH GRADE 2ND HONORS 3.0-3.4**
Aidan Beirne
Sophia Montalbano
Rory O'Connor
Alexandra Ulisano
Olivia Warmke
Elizabeth Laverty
Jordan Moran
Easton Rossi
Anna Walsh
Tyler Wayman
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Krystyna Gnyla        Leonard Fisher           Jaclyn Golly     Andrea Hoover         Spencer Mehr
Veronica Tschosik       Declan Robert Bronk      Patricia Hurley        Hugh Toner             Joseph Karlinski
Irene Karlinski         Sr. Loretta Glanz

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

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 630/969-1063, 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).

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, 445 Prairie Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515
For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: https://stmarygostyn.org/new-parishioner-registration/
Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- Dec. 12/13  Advent Reconciliation Grades  6,7,8
- Dec. 19  Advent Mass 6:30pm All RE Sessions
- Dec. 19/20  No RE classes because of Advent Mass
- Dec. 20-Jan 6  Winter Break  No RE classes

Confirmation Reminder
Sponsor Forms are due on Monday, December 10th to the RE office.

RE Advent Mass
Wednesday December 19th at 6:30pm.
All sessions should attend Mass. There will be no regular RE classes on the 19th & 20th due to Advent Mass.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Join us on the following Sunday’s at the 8am & 10am Masses:

12/2  12/9  12/16
1/13  1/27

It’s perfect for kids 3 to 8 years old to learn about the Gospel story through song, prayer and activities.

No RE classes December 20th to January 6th due to Winter Break!
Classes resume January 9th & 10th
Thanks for joining us last week!

Thanks to your donations, we packed a TON of care packages for the Homeless!!!

COMING SOON:
Youth Alpha

Starting January 24th: Thursday nights 7-9PM
Free food, watch a video, and have some great honest discussion!
Christmas Mass Greeter Opportunities!

Be a Joyful Witness as we welcome all home to our Christmas Masses!

Looking for a fun and simple way to live your faith? This works! And it’s family friendly – People love to be greeted and welcomed!

Join us at a Christmas Eve or Day Mass at St. Mary of Gostyn (SMG) as a greeter. 40 spots available in Church and School Gym doors for Masses. We ask our greeters to arrive 30 minutes early. We will welcome, meet & greet, and allow our ushers to seat. Nametags will be available.

Click this link to see our Sign-Up site: http://signup.com/go/vbPFLe
Choose your time slot.

OR Contact: Tom Strolia / 630-253-0663 cell-text / tom12336@comcast.net – SMG Evangelization Coordinator

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection TODAY!

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view. Discover blessings in caring for another.

December’s topic: A Season for Everything
Recognizing the Ebbs & Flows
Scripture reminds us, “there is an appointed time for everything”. Caregiving too is an ever-shifting period of loss and growth, solitude and rebirth. Our Catholic faith helps us recognize this ebb and flow, so we can embrace our purpose and direction.

Be nourished.

Nourish for Caregivers

More information: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygosyn.org or www.stmarygosyn.org Faith Formation- Nourish tab.

www.nourishforcaregivers.com
BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE & WREATH SALE

Downers Grove Boy Scout Troop 89 will host their annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Fundraiser from 11/23 - 12/14. The Boy Scout Christmas Tree Lot will once again be located in The St Mary of Gostyn lower parking lot (near the Children’s Garden).

Opening Day is Friday 11/23 from 12PM - 8PM. Weekend hours are 8AM - 8PM. Weekday hours are 6:30PM - 8:30PM. They will offer all natural Christmas Trees (3 to 10 feet tall); Christmas Wreaths (20” to 72” wide); and Christmas Garland. All proceeds and donations will be used to fund activities, programs, and equipment for Boy Scout Troop 89. For questions or special orders please call Rich at 630-215-3409.

SERRA CLUB MASS AND DINNER

The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, December 10, 2018 at St Michael’s Parish in Wheaton. The evening will begin at 6:00PM with Rosary and Mass in the Church. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center. The Speaker at the Dinner will be Father Burke Masters.

When Fr Burke was in college at Mississippi he played in the College World Series and began work for the Kane County Cougars. While working for the Cougars, Father Burke felt the call to the priesthood and was ordained on June 1, 2002 out of Mundelein Seminary. Later, while he served as Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Jolie, he saw a 32 year high in the number of seminarians. He is currently Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechetics for the Diocese. And on the side, he serves as Chaplain for the Chicago Cubs.

To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann Carr: carrgeojo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994

SPONSOR A NEEDY INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Catholic Charities is providing the opportunity for you to help their clients at Christmas this year. The Gift of Christmas is an annual program that fulfills wish lists for individuals who are served by Catholic Charities.

Read stories about clients and choose who you would like to help this Christmas. Or, if you prefer, you can direct your donation to an individual or family who hasn’t been chosen yet.

Donating is simple: visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org and click on “donate.” Or, call 815-724-1140 to make your donation over the phone. To send a check, please note “Gift of Christmas” in the memo and send checks to: Catholic Charities 16555 Weber Rd. Crest Hill, IL 60403

If you have any questions, please call 815-724-1140 or email msnow@cc-doj.org. Thank you and God bless you! Merry Christmas!

Bingo for Safe Beds!

Friday, December 14
1:00 – 3:00 pm

St. Joseph Church
4801 Main Street, Downers Grove
Church lower level

Did you know that it costs approximately $51.00 per night to provide one safe bed for a victim of domestic violence? For over 40 years, Family Shelter Services has been providing safe beds and other vital services to turn victims into survivors. They serve women and children in our area who could be our neighbors, coworkers, friends and even family.

This holiday season - emulate the innkeeper who provided a safe haven for a woman and her family in need. Come play Bingo to benefit Family Shelter Services. All proceeds go to them!

Prizes to all winners! Refreshments will be served.

Freewill donations at the door greatly appreciated.

For more information, call or text Linda Kosck at 630.292.2566.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER POSITION

Our Lady of Peace Catholic School in Darien, Illinois is seeking an energetic, caring individual to fill a part time temporary teaching position open in our early childhood education program. The position opening is from January 2019 – March 2019. The temporary position is in our four year old preschool program and would require approximately 18 hours a week every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Experience: Previous teaching experience with 4-year-old preschool children is preferred. Protecting God’s Children program completion and a background check are required. To Apply for this Position: Please send your resume to Fr Mark Baron, Parochial Vicar at Mbaron@olopdarien.org

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St. Mary of Gostyn
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SCHOOL: 440 Prairie Avenue 630-968-6155
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This Week

Monday / 10
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
6:00 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Band Concert Gym

Tuesday / 11
9:00 AM School Reconciliation Church
2:30 PM Junior Troop #51979 Gath. Place A
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
6:00 PM Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM Rejoice! Advent Reflections Gathering Place
6:30 PM School Advisory Body L.R.C.
7:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal Church

Wednesday / 12
9:00 AM School Reconciliation Church
1:00 PM H.S.A. Meeting Large Conf. Rm.
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education School, Church
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Gathering Pl. C
6:30 PM Religious Education School/Church
7:00 PM Nourish Living Room
7:00 PM Parish Council Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 13
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education School, Church
5:30 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday / 14
2:30 PM Junior Troop #50689 Gathering Pl. A
5:00 PM Basketball Gym
6:30 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 15
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
8:00 AM Basketball Gym
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 16
7:30 AM CRHP #24 - Men Underground
8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word Gath. Pl. B & C
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
10:00 AM Liturgy of the Word Gath. Pl. B & C
12:30 PM Basketball Gym
1:30 PM Communal Baptism Church
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
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.