

Our Lady of Light Parish



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 25, 2026

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Light Parish is a spirit filled Faith community nourished by the Eucharist.

Committed to be disciples of Christ, we reach out in good stewardship to the entire Parish and the community at large. We serve God and one another by the values we proclaim.



St. Pascal Baylon

113th Ave and 199th St.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 10am

Monday to Friday: 9am

Adoration Thursday 7-8pm

Confession Thursday 6:30-7pm

After Every Mass or by

Appointment



St. Catherine of Sienna

Riverton St. and Baisley Blvd.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8am

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Sunday: Isaiah 8:23—9:3, Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17, Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8, Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19, Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10, Mark 3:31-35,
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17, Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30, Mark 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29, Psalm 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14, Mark 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17, Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11, Mark 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17, Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, Mark 4:35-41

Parish Pastoral Council Members

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 25th

8:00 AM
 10:00 AM

Monday, January 26th

8:00 AM
 9:00 AM

Tuesday, January 27th

8:00 AM
 9:00 AM

Wednesday, January 28th

8:00 AM
 9:00 AM

Thursday, January 29th

8:00 AM
 9:00 AM

Friday, January 30th

8:00 AM
 9:00 AM

Saturday, January 31st

8:00 AM
 9:00 AM

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Ricketts, Beverly Stanton
 Charmayne Roberts, Julia Hodge Hollis Ford
 Gemma LaRode, Gloria Wynter, Marion Henry
 Leonora Best, Lawrence Pitiler, Madeline Finney
 Ruth Wade, Jacqueline Pestano, Dawn Hewitt
 Connie Miller, Fran Hicks, Helen R. Coleman
 Dee Johnson
(Please let us know if a name should be removed from the Sick List)

Weekly Collections

Masses 01/19/25	#of Adults	#of Children	Collections	
8:00 AM	62	4	\$880.00	
10:00 AM	74	5	\$956.00	
Online	N/A	N/A	\$694.00	
Totals	207	19	\$2,530.00	

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings [Isaiah 8:23-9:3; I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23]

“REPENT AND FOLLOW ME, FROM DIVISION TO MISSION”

On this third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Word of God announces that the Light has come into our darkness, calling us to repentance, unity in Christ, and the courage to leave everything behind to follow Him.

The words of the prophet Isaiah resonate deeply with us: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” [Isaiah 9:1]. This promise reaches its fulfilment as Jesus embarks on His ministry in Galilee, not in a glamorous setting, but in a land marked by struggle and neglect. Instead of waiting for perfect circumstances, Christ plunges right into the messiness of real life. As St. Jerome wisely puts it, “He begins where hope seems least expected, so that no one may think themselves beyond salvation.” The Light does not shy away from darkness; it boldly transforms it. This message brings us hope at Our Lady of Light. In our vibrant parish, where diversity, generational differences, and occasional tensions exist, Christ walks among us, choosing to dwell in our midst.

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand”

Before inviting anyone to follow Him, Jesus first declares, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand” [Mt 4:17]. But what does repentance truly mean? It’s not about shame or fear; it’s an invitation to a profound change of heart, a turning toward God because something incredible is unfolding. St. John Chrysostom reminds us that Christ isn’t promising a distant future; He’s declaring that the Kingdom is here now because He has arrived. Without genuine repentance, the journey of discipleship becomes a challenge. Conversion opens our hearts, allowing us to truly hear the call of Jesus and respond with joy. Embrace this moment; a new beginning is always within reach.

Naming the Causes of Division: A Call to Conversion

St. Paul challenges the fractured Church in Corinth with a piercing question: “Is Christ divided?” [1 Cor 1:13]. This isn’t just about social rifts; it’s a deep spiritual concern, stemming from hearts that shy away from true transformation. Today, we often see division fuelled by selfishness instead of service, by a desire to dominate rather than a willingness to listen. We risk turning our personal opinions into absolute truths while letting suspicion fester towards anyone who dares to disagree. St. Augustine hits the nail on the head when he says, “Where pride enters, charity departs.” This is why the journey of repentance must start with each of us. It’s time for a sincere reflection: Am I genuinely seeking unity in Christ by approaching others with humility and love? Or do I let pride, resentment, fear, or the urge to impose my views create divisions within my family, parish, or community? Let’s challenge ourselves to break down these barriers and embrace a spirit of togetherness!

The Apostles’ Immediate Response

When Jesus approached Peter, Andrew, James, and John, the Gospel shares a powerful moment: “Immediately they left their nets and followed him” [Matthew 4:20] and “They left their boat and their father and followed him” [Matthew 4:22]. Their response wasn’t about being flawless or fully prepared; it was all about their willingness to embrace a new path. Jesus doesn’t seek the perfect; instead, He transforms those who are ready to respond to His call. As St. Gregory the Great beautifully explains, “The Lord does not look for what we are, but for what we are willing to become.”

The nets, boats, and even the presence of their father symbolise much more than mere objects or relationships. They represent the very core of our security, identity, and control. In today’s world, these

might manifest as careers and ambitions that take precedence over our relationship with God, our attachments to comfort and status, our fears of letting others down, or traditions and habits that no longer align with the Gospel. Even titles and accolades that seem important can quickly fade into obscurity. Remember, worldly recognition is fleeting, positions will eventually come to an end, and our achievements will be forgotten. Yet, the impact of serving the Lord lasts for eternity [1 John 2:17]. *Isn't that a calling worth answering?*

Called to be "Fishers of People"

Jesus says, "I will make you fishers of people" (Matthew 4:19). In Scripture, the sea represents chaos and forces that are hostile to human life [cf. Psalm 74:13]. To fish for people means to rescue, not to dominate; it involves entering dangerous waters with faith rather than fear. A repentant heart transforms into a courageous heart. St. John Chrysostom writes, "The apostles were sent not to avoid danger, but to save others from it." Nothing, neither fear, resistance, nor failure, can overcome a disciple who trusts in the Holy Spirit and the grace of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

A Word to Young People and to Parents

Jesus continues to call, especially the young. His call is not about being flawless, but about being open. To young people: Christ is not asking whether you are ready; He is asking whether you are willing. To parents, the Gospel highlights Zebedee, who lets his sons go. He does not cling, protest, or resist. In his silence, he teaches us a profound lesson: Our children are not our possessions. They are gifts entrusted to us by God. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Children are a gift entrusted to parents, not a possession to be controlled." Parents are called not to block God's call out of fear, but to trust that the One who gives life also gives a future.

An Endless Mission

Jesus walks from place to place, teaching and healing, with His disciples by His side. The mission never pauses. St. Gregory the Great states, "The proof of love is in action; love cannot remain idle." All are called: youth and elders, newcomers and longtime parishioners. Repentance keeps the mission alive by keeping our hearts open and our hands ready.

Our Lady of Light, Our Model

Mary is the first disciple. She listens, receives the Word, and allows it to transform her life completely. St. Irenaeus writes, "Mary's obedience became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race." Her "yes" teaches us that true freedom is found not in holding on, but in trusting God.

A Call to Hope, Conversion, and Mission

The Light has come. The Kingdom is near. The call is urgent. Jesus still says to us today: "Repent, and follow me."

May Our Lady of Light help us leave behind whatever keeps us from Christ, trust God with our children and our future, and choose the service that endures forever.

Fr. Erick Balderas Vega M.Afr and Fr. Henry Byamukama M.Afr

MASS EXPLAINED SERIES # 9

FROM HOLY COMMUNION TO EXIT PROCESSION

Holy Communion

It is the heart and purpose of the mass. All that precedes it, scripture, prayer, sacrifice, and consecration, lead to this sacred moment, when we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. **It is also a real encounter with the Living Lord. It is accepting Christ's self-gift and being drawn into his sacrifice of love. It is the union with Christ and His Body.** It nourishes the new life received at baptism. While the sacrament of Penance is required for mortal sins, Holy Communion cleanses us from venial sins, strengthens us against future sin, and heals spiritual weakness. It is a medicine for the soul, not a reward for perfection. St Ambrose said, "*Because I always sin, I must always have a remedy*".

Communion is the purpose of the entire Mass. We do not merely receive Christ individually; we are made more fully part of His Body. St. Augustine tells the faithful, "*Behold what you are; become what you receive.*" The church teaches that communion is so sacred that it should be received in a state of grace, with faith in Christ's Real Presence, and with reverence and humility. *Scriptural Basis:* "*Whoever eats this bread will live forever*" [John 6:51], 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

Prayer After Communion

It asks for the Mystery to Bear Fruit. After communion, the priest prays on behalf of the whole Church, asking that the sacrament transform our lives. **This prayer bridges communion and mission, asking that what we have received inwardly shape how we live outwardly.** *Scriptural Basis:* Colossians 3:3-4, "*The one who began the good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ*". [Philippians 1:6]

Final Blessing

God Sends Us with His Authority. **The priest blesses the people in the name of the Trinity. This blessing is not a farewell; it is a commissioning. The same God who fed us now sends us into the world under His protection.** St. Cyril of Jerusalem taught, "*After receiving Christ, you are sent forth as a living tabernacle.*" *Scriptural Basis:* Numbers 6:24-26; "*Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*" [Matthew 28:19]; 2 Corinthians 13:13.

The Dismissal

The Mass becomes a call to Mission. The words "*Go forth, the Mass is ended*" come from the Latin [*ite, missa est*] meaning "*You are sent.*" **The dismissal reminds us that the liturgy does not end; it continues in daily life. We are sent to live what we have celebrated.** The Church exists for mission. St. Augustine preached, "*You are the Body of Christ. Go and be Christ to the world.*" *Scriptural Basis:* Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 24:47, Acts 1:8.

The Exit Procession

Christ Goes with His People. The priest and ministers process out just as they processed in. **Christ does not remain behind on the altar; He goes with His people. The Church leaves the sacred space to become a living sacrament in the world.** St. John Chrysostom warned, "*Do not say you cannot find Christ among the poor after receiving Him on the altar.*"

Summary: The sequence moves us from sacrifice to communion and then to mission. The Mass does not end; it changes location. Fed by Christ, sealed by the Spirit, and blessed by the Father, we are sent to live out what we have received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS



COME JOIN US!!!

Our Lady of Light Parish

St. Catherine of Sienna Rosary Society

Will be hosting a Very Tasty Valentine's Bake Sale on Sunday, February 8, 2026, after the 8 A.M. and 11 A.M. Masses in the SCS Parish Hall.

Assorted Home Baked Cakes, Cookies, Brownies, Breads and Pastries

RAFFLES: TO BE ANNOUNCED!!!

INDULGE YOURSELVES-WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!

Our Lady of Light St. Pascal Rosary Society

Presents Silent Auction

Saturday, February 28th from 6:00pm-9:00pm.
St. Pascal's Parish Hall

Tickets \$30.00 per person

Tickets must be purchased in advance.
For tickets speak to any Rosary Society member.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Catherine of Sienna Rosary Society

Our Lady of Light Parish

Annual One Day Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 9AM - 3PM
at St. Catherine's Parish Hall
Details to follow!!

The Activity Coordinating Committee

A Fun Day at the Casino

Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 8:am

Cost: \$60

Bus departs from St. Catherine's parking lot at 8:am sharp

Trip includes: roundtrip transportation and \$10 return for the Casino

If interested please contact:

Allister Gillaume 718.840.8142

Mary Lee 516.379.4736

Millicent Platts 718.527.9165

Annual Catholic Appeal

We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2024 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal. Our Lady of Light parish goal is **\$43,036.00**. As of 01/19/26 we have received \$82,465.00 pledged \$73,470.00 paid and balance due is \$8,994.00.

If you have already pledge, thank you for your support. **We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2025 Appeal. If you haven't completed your pledge payments.**

Second Collection

To help support our neighborhood Catholic schools—Sacred Heart in Cambria Heights and St. Clare's Catholic Academy in Rosedale—we will be taking up a second collection on **Sunday, February 1st**. Your generosity helps strengthen the mission of Catholic education in our community, and ensures these schools can continue forming students in faith and excellence. We are grateful for any support you can offer.

Our Lady of Light

St. Pascal Baylon Rosary Society

Women's Retreat 2026

In Mary's Footsteps: A Journey of Faith, Strength, and Compassion!

Retreat Facilitator. Rev. Henry Byamukama, M.Afr.

When: Friday, May 15th to Sunday, May 17th

Where: Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road Huntington, NY 11743

Cost: \$370.00

1st payment of \$70.00 due to reserve room

2nd payment of \$100.00 due February 22nd

3rd payment of \$100.00 due March 22nd

Final payment of \$100.00 due April 19th

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The Food Pantry is in need of men volunteers to help with deliveries and on Pantry day. Deliveries are every other Tuesday's from 9-12pm at St. Catherine's. Food Pantry is on Wednesday's 12pm-2pm at St. Catherine's. **We are looking for men because of heavy lifting is involved on both days.** If interested please contact Junie Hopkinson at 917.261.1808 or the rectory 718.468.3511.

NEWS NOTES COMING SOON

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers List St. Catherine's FOR JANUARY 2026

DATE TIME LECTOR

Jan 4	8 am	K. Clinton
Jan 11	8 am	Elicia James
Jan 18	8 am	D. Taylor
Jan 25	8 am	D. Nichilson

DATE TIME EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Jan 4	8 am	P. Brown - G. St. Festin
Jan 11	8 am	T. Guillaume - A. Odua
Jan 18	8 am	R. Lambert - V. Hodge
Jan 25	8 am	F. Roden - Margaret Joseph

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled Mass or have questions about the schedule, please contact me at (718)723 9722

Catholic Charities Consolation Ministry Training

There has been a need identified to begin a consolation ministry. The ministry will focus on providing support to grieving families, assistance at wake services and preparation for the funeral mass. It is an opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ during their time of need.

Catholic Charities will be offering free training on. February 7, 2026, from 9am-Noon at The Shrine of Church of St Jude 1667 Canarsie Road Brooklyn NY. Lunch will be provided and free parking is available.

If you are interested in this ministry, you can contact Deacon Al Saldana 646-684-5938 before January 21, 2026.

Heart to Hands Ministry Donation

Our Lady of Light's crochet and knitting group, Heart to Hands, is bringing joy and comfort to women and children of Hour Children this holiday season. With over two large bags filled with handmade crochet, knit, and loom hats, gloves and scarves, their gifts will keep the children and adults warm.

Heart to Hands now meets at the Best Life Senior Center on Farmers Blvd., after relocating from St. Pascal's parish hall to ensure accessibility for all members.

A special thank you goes to the Loomers of Rochdale Village Library, whose generous donation of loom-crafted items added even more love to this collection.

Together, these groups embody the true meaning of community—hands and hearts working in harmony to uplift others. If you would like to donate yarn to Heart to Hands, please contact the rectory.

Catholic Charities Call Center

Catholic Charities Call Center will help you get assistance with

- Behavioral Health Services
- Care Coordination
- Early Childhood & Head Start Programs
- Emergency Food Pantry
- Family Stabilization Programs
- Housing Information
- Immigration Services
- Limited Financial Assistance
- Senior Services
- Information & Referrals to Other Services
- Access to the Community Outreach Services

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy 115-50 221st St, Cambria Heights New York 11411 Registration is now open for the 2024/25 Academic School Year Seats available from prek-8 th Grade Call us now 718-527-0123 or email us @ shcaoffice@gmail.com for more information about registering your child with Sacred Heart Catholic Academy, Cambria Heights.

“What Do You Have in Your Hands?”

CHRISTIAN GIVING IS EUCHARISTIC

When the Lord asked Moses, “*What is that in your hand?*” [Exodus 4:2], **He invited Moses to recognise the power of what he already possessed.** The staff he carried, ordinary and shaped by daily life, became extraordinary when he returned it to God in trust. This poignant question resonates throughout Scripture and finds its deepest meaning in the Eucharist, whose very essence is thanksgiving.

Time and again, **God begins not with abundance, but with what is already held in grateful hands.** A widow may possess only a small jar of oil, yet when she offers it in faith, it never runs dry. A young boy provides five loaves and two fish, and in Jesus’ hands, they transform into nourishment for thousands. Another widow places two small coins into the temple treasury, and the Lord sees in her gift the fullness of a grateful heart. **In every instance, the gift may be small, yet the offering remains total. And in each case, thanksgiving unlocks God’s transformative power. This is the mystery we enter every time we approach the altar.**

The bread and wine we offer are described as the “**fruit of the earth and work of human hands.**” They gather the ordinary **substance of our lives; our labour, time, resources, joys, and struggles-** and present them before God in gratitude. As St. Irenaeus taught, in offering these gifts, the Church returns creation itself to the Creator with thanksgiving, and God responds by filling them with His divine life.

At the heart of the Eucharist stands Christ Himself, who takes, gives thanks, breaks, and distributes. Thanksgiving is not merely spoken; it is enacted. What is offered is not lost but transformed. What is broken is not destroyed but shared. St. Augustine reminds us that at the altar, we offer not just bread and wine, but ourselves. Our lives, like the staff of Moses, the oil of the widow, the loaves of the child, and the coins of the poor, are taken up into Christ’s perfect thanksgiving to the Father. This is why **Christian giving transcends mere practicality; it is Eucharistic. It flows from gratitude.** St. John Chrysostom teaches that true generosity is born when the heart recognises that all it possesses is a gift, and that nothing placed in God’s hands is ever wasted.

Each Eucharist gently asks us again: *What do you have in your hands today?* What we bring may appear small, but when offered in thanksgiving, it becomes united to Christ’s self-gift. In His hands, our humble offerings become blessings for many. May the Eucharist continually transform us into a people of thanksgiving; grateful in prayer, generous in providing, and confident that God can achieve more with our gifts than we can ever imagine.

GiveCentral

We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church. We believe that it benefits everyone to offer this flexible online tool. Please visit **www.givecentral.org** and take a few minutes to set up your donations! **We’re pleased to offer mobile donations! Our text to give number is 712-217-3511. Text” SUNDAY” to easily make a donation.**

Give Central QR Code

To donate just scan.



Our Lady of Light's Twelve Wishes

PARISH PURPOSE FOR THE YEAR 2026

Inspired by twelve intentions for the year 2026, we present

The Twelve Wishes of Our Lady of Light—

*twelve real needs of our parish that we hope to fulfill
throughout the year to beautify and dignify
our liturgical celebrations.*

This is a voluntary and open initiative,
a shared community purpose for the new year.

Our Lady of Light's 12 Wishes

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| 1. Paschal Candle
Saint Pascal Baylon
\$447 | 7. Paschal Candle
Saint Catherine of Siena
\$447 |
| 2. Two Candle Votive
Light Stands
Saint Pascal Baylon | 8. Indoor Area Rug (Office)
Saint Catherine of Siena
\$400 |
| 3. Indoor Area Rug
(Small Chapel) \$400 | 9. Processional Cross
Saint Catherine of Siena \$2,500 |
| 4. Gold Vestment (Priest)
Saint Pascal Baylon \$800 | 10. Processional Candles (Set)
Saint Catherine of Siena \$3000 |
| 5. Gold Vestment (Deacon)
Saint Pascal Baylon \$800 | 11. White Vestment (Priest)
Saint Catherine of Siena \$800 |
| 6. Sacred Linens \$1000 | 12. White Vestment (Deacon)
Saint Catherine of Siena \$800 |

How Can You Support This Initiative?

- ✓ By making a financial donation and indicating the wish you choose
- ✓ By offering a donation in memory of a loved one
- By making a partial contribution, according to your means.

Thank you for your generosity and love for our parish.

Liturgical Committee Our Lady of Light Parish

IMPORTANT PARISH REMINDERS

The Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

Parents may contact the parish office to arrange for the baptism of their child at least one month in advance. Infant Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of the month at one of our weekend masses. Parents must be registered in Our Lady of Light or the parish they attend and participate in a Baptismal Preparation class.

Religious Education for Children and Youth:

Location and Times: Our Parish Faith Formation program takes place on Sunday mornings, in person this year. For more information, please contact , Deacon Marcial Cordon Director of Faith Formation, at 718 528-1220 or email at dre101269@diobrook.org

Ages and Requirements: Our program welcomes children and youth who are three years old through High School. We accept and prepare children and youth who have not received the Sacraments.

Parental Responsibilities: Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminds us in his new General Directory for Catechesis that those being catechized can live their life in a simple and spontaneous way. We are called to accompany each other on a journey toward Christ, with parents/guardians taking the lead for their children. In addition to having an active participation in the faith formation of their children, Parents or Guardians are also expected to attend Mass with their children and to attend parental preparations for Sacraments.

Reception of Sacraments for School Aged Children: Parents who would like for their child to receive the Sacraments must register them in our parish Sacramental Preparation Program. Our Program requires that children attend and prepare for two complete and consecutive academic years prior to the reception of each Sacrament. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is received beginning in grade 2 and up. The Sacrament of Confirmation requires attendance and preparation in our 2 year Confirmation Sacramental Preparation program. Confirmation preparation begins in grades 7 & 8. For each of the Sacraments, there is an extra fee, to cover the costs of the ceremonies. For more information, please contact, Deacon Marcial Cordon Director of Religious Education.

Reception of Sacraments for Adults (RCIA): Our Parish offers the RCIA program for those, ages 16 years and older, who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is also for those who have been baptized and in need of receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Christian Initiation program is offered year- round and is also available for children ages 8 and older through the Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children program. Please contact Deacon Marcial Cordon , Director of Faith Formation to register or for more information.

Continuing Faith Formation for Adults: Our parish provides opportunities for lifelong faith formation through small faith sharing groups and bible studies. Please check our website, bulletin or contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program. Registered, participating and contributing parishioners, not a third party, may contact the parish office to begin the process.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you are entering a hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or are very weak due to advancement of age, call the parish office to arrange for the Sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home. We can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to continue to visit you with the Blessed Sacrament. We are here to serve you, please call.

Funerals

The family member or friend handling the funeral arrangements are asked to contact the pastor to arrange a consolation visit from one of the Priests. He will help you with any questions you may have with planning the Wake and Funeral Mass. The Parish wishes to be with you at this moment of need, all other arrangements involving the church must be initiated by the funeral director. Strict adherence to the Roman Catholic Ritual for Funerals will be followed in all parish involved activities..

Proof of Parish Participation

References and proof of parish residency for both civil and religious purposes can only be provided for registered parishioners. Catholic Schools offering a discount for children of parents who are active members of their parish usually require that the family be registered at least six months previously in their home parish. It is also assumed that the children are registered in the religious education program of the home parish.

**Welcome
New
Members**



To all our Visitors: We hope you felt at home at the Feast of our Lord with your brothers & sister in Christ. We pray you will join us again! Letters proving membership for reference, referrals, recommendations or for any other reason, will only be provided to registered parishioners. **If we don't know you , we can't vouch for you!**

REGISTRATION

Registration is important in the event you may need testimonial letters, for baptism/confirmation sponsorships, wedding plans etc.! If we don't know you, we can't vouch for you! **Please register TODAY! Thank you!**

Name _____ Envelopes: Yes _____ No _____

Address _____ Apt.# _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Telephone # _____

REGISTRATION UPDATE REQUEST:

Envelope number _____

Change name to: _____ Change address to: _____