

Our Lady of Light Parish



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Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 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 &

Spanish Mass 12:30 pm

Monday to Saturday: 9am

Adoration Thursday 11:30am &

7-8pm

Confession Thursday 6:30-7pm

After Every Mass or by appointment



St. Catherine of Sienna

Riverton St. and Baisley Blvd.

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Sunday 8am

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Adoration Thursday 3:30pm &

7-8pm

Confession Thursday 6:30-7pm

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Appointment

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18, Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16, John 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28, Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21, John 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6, Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, John 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21, Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10, John 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31, Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12, John 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5, John 15:18-21

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Casimir Agbi

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Debye Cleveland

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Junie Hopkinson

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Dawn Hewitt

Marcia Mahon

Donna Nicholson

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, May 3rd

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Happy 63rd Wedding Anniversary to
Herbert & Jamie Brown

Monday, May 4th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

Tuesday, May 5th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

Wednesday, May 6th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

Thursday, May 7th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

Friday, May 8th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

Saturday, May 9th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Ricketts, Beverly Stanton
 Charmayne Roberts, Julia Hodge, 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
 Marva Corbett, Eartha Hendrick

(Please let us know if a name should be removed from the Sick List)

Weekly Collections

Masses 04/27//26	#of Adults	#of Children	Collections	
8:00 AM	85	20	\$1,599.00	
12:00 AM	115	23	\$1,204.00	
12:30 PM	N/A	N/A	\$0.00	
Online	N/A	N/A	\$941.00	
Totals	200	43	\$3,744.00	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14: 1-12

“JESUS THE WAY- REVEALING THE FATHER AND BUILDING HIS HOUSE”

Dear Brothers and Sisters, On this fifth Sunday of Easter, the gospel presents a poignant moment during the Last Supper when Jesus offers reassurance to his anxious apostles: “*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me*” [John 14:1]. In times of uncertainty and fear, Jesus invites us, just as he did with his apostles, to cultivate a personal faith. To trust in Him is to trust in the Father. Amid our own challenges, let us embrace this call to trust and discover peace in our faith, guided and accompanied by Our Lady of Light throughout this month of the Holy Rosary.

The Way Is a Relationship, Not a Road

When Thomas poses the question, “*How can we know the way?*”, it highlights a profound human desire for guidance and purpose. Rather than providing a list of directions or a detailed map, Jesus responds with a transformative revelation: “*I am the way, the truth, and the life*” [John 14:6]. This statement emphasises that the Way is not merely a set of instructions but a living relationship with Him, a call to enter into a transformative journey. To follow Jesus in the vibrant context of Queens, amid the hustle and bustle of daily life, the crowded trains, and the rich tapestry of diverse neighbourhoods, means striving to embody His qualities: patience, truthfulness, compassion, and unwavering faithfulness. As St. Augustine wisely points out, “*Walk by the man, and you will arrive at God.*”

“Whoever Has Seen Me Has Seen the Father”

Philip expresses a deep human desire when he says, “*Show us the Father.*” Jesus replies, “*Whoever has seen me has seen the Father*” [John 14:9]. In Jesus, the invisible God becomes visible. His words, compassion, forgiveness, and love for the least among us reveal the very heart of the Father. St. Irenaeus remarked, “*The glory of God is man fully alive.*” Jesus embodies this perfect life, where truth is not just spoken but lived. He invites us to share in this same integrity, where our faith is not only professed but also embodied.

Truth and Life Lived Fully

In the Gospel, truth is more than just knowledge; it addresses our longing for meaning. Truth represents the ultimate reality revealed by God and is the harmony between our inner selves and our outward actions. Jesus is the embodiment of Truth because His thoughts, actions, and relationships perfectly reveal the Father. Living this Truth means being fully alive: it involves allowing Christ’s life to shape how we treat others, make decisions, and express love. The human search for meaning, often found in various ideologies and philosophies, ultimately finds its centre in Jesus Christ.

Many Rooms—Are Some Still Empty?

Jesus tells us, “*In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places*” [John 14:2]. These “rooms” are not just in heaven but also exist within the life of the Church, including our parish of Our Lady of Light. Every ministry, act of service, and need within our community is a space where God desires to dwell. We must honestly consider the following questions: Are there members of our community who feel unseen or unsupported? Are the elderly, the sick, the youth, and struggling families fully cared for? Are there ministries that are waiting for someone to step forward?

Acts 6 reminds us that the early Church responded to unmet needs by raising up new servants. This same call echoes today. Some “rooms” in our parish remain quiet, not because they are unnecessary, but because they await someone willing to enter. In a diverse place like Queens, filled with hidden struggles, there are many opportunities to serve. The question is not whether there is space but whether we will step into it.

From Visitor to Living Stone

St. Peter calls us: “*Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...living stones.*” [1 Peter 2:5] A visitor comes and goes, but a living stone belongs, supports, and builds. Many faithful parishioners attend Mass regularly, pray sincerely, and then return home. While this is good, Jesus gently calls us to go deeper. He invites us not only to receive but also to participate in His mission. Some may feel hesitant, thinking, “I am not ready. I prefer to remain in the background.” However, if we linger on the edges, we risk never fully encountering the life Jesus offers through community and service. St. John Chrysostom challenges us: “*If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.*” The Eucharist we receive is not the end; it is the beginning. It sends us outward to become what we receive: the Body of Christ for others.

The Way of the Cross Leads to Life

Jesus’ way is not easy. It is a path of self-giving love, sacrifice, and laying down one’s life for others. Yet this is precisely the way that leads to true life. In Queens, this may mean taking time to listen even when it is inconvenient, offering your gifts even when you feel unprepared, choosing generosity over comfort, and moving from anonymity into a relationship. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “*Love until it hurts; then there is no more hurt, only more love.*”

“You Will Do Greater Works”

Jesus makes a remarkable promise: “*Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these.*” [John 14:12] This happens not because we are greater, but because His life continues in us. Through the Church and each of us, His mission reaches far beyond what was possible during His earthly ministry. But this requires our participation. Without us, many “rooms” remain empty. With us, Christ continues to act, love, and serve.

A Call for Our Parish Family

As members of Our Lady of Light, we are invited to reflect: *Am I simply attending, or am I truly belonging? Has God given me gifts that I have not yet offered? Is there a “room” in this parish waiting for me?* Each of us has a unique place, and each of us is needed.

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood...that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.” [1 Peter 2:9]

May we follow Jesus, the Way, not as distant observers but as living stones, so that our parish becomes a true dwelling place of God, where every “room” is filled with faith, service, and love, and where, through us, others may come to see the face of the Father.

We recently celebrated the feast of St. Catherine of Siena, and later this month we will honour St. Paschal Baylon. May the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Light, guide and lead us to her Son this May, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

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

CALLED BY NAME- WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

OUR LADY OF LIGHT PARISH “*I am the light of the world.*” [John 8:12]

OUR IDENTITY IN THREE NAMES

Dear brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Light, it’s crucial to remember our identity as a parish community and the meaning of our patron saints. Names hold profound significance; they embody our history, belonging, and mission. In families, names often connect us to our heritage, embody cherished values, or honour ancestors. They declare, **“You belong to something greater.”**

In Scripture, when God changes a name, it marks a transformation in identity and purpose: Abram becomes Abraham, the father of nations; Simon becomes Peter, the foundation of the Church. These shifts highlight a vital truth: God’s call is an invitation to a new identity. God knows us personally: “I have called you by name, you are mine” [Isaiah 43:1]. **Your name and life are significant; you are known, loved, and sent.**

From the early Church, Christians named children after saints for spiritual protection and inspiration. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that a patron saint models charity and provides intercession (CCC 2156).

- We are under their spiritual guidance.
- We strive to reflect their virtues.
- We unite with the communion of saints.

As Hebrews 12:1 reminds us, “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.” **The saints are not distant; they accompany us on our journey of faith.**

Our Lady of Light — Leads to Christ: Mary guides us to Jesus, the Light. “*Do whatever He tells you.*” [John 2:5] We are called to walk in His light and share it.

St. Catherine of Siena — Living the Truth: A witness of courage, prayer, and love for the Church. We are called to stand firm in faith, speak truth with love, and live deeply in prayer.

St. Pascal Baylon — Loving the Eucharist: A humble servant devoted to Christ in the Eucharist. We are called to love the Eucharist, live humbly, and find holiness in daily life.

ONE MISSION-Led by Mary, we walk in the Light of Christ, live the Truth with courage, and are nourished by the Eucharist.

OUR CALL AS A PARISH-“You are the light of the world.” [Matthew 5:14] **We are called to shine Christ’s light, live the truth boldly, and stay rooted in the Eucharist.**

HONOUR OUR PATRONS

Saint Catherine of Siena, celebrated on **April 29th**, was a woman of **Truth & Courage**.

Saint Pascal Baylon, celebrated on **May 17th**, was a man of **Eucharistic Love**.

Our Lady of Light [Parish Feast] call for **Mission & Light**

PARISH PRAYER

Our Lady of Light, guide us. St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us. St. Pascal Baylon, pray for us
Lord Jesus, make us your light. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS



We Remember All on the Journey to the Sacrament

We ask all our parishioners to remember the children of our parish who are preparing for Eucharist .

Camila Abreu

Joseph Abreu

Justin Abreu

Please keep them and their families in your prayers during these final weeks of preparation. As a parish community we will celebrate, **Frist Eucharist on Sunday, May 10th at St. Pascal's at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

St. Catherine of Sienna Men's Club

St. Catherine of Sienna Men's Club
presents a

CALYPSO PARTY

Saturday, May 9, 2026,

8:00 pm- 1:00 am Tickets: \$40.00

Food included Bring Your Own Bottle

St. Catherine of Sienna Parish Hall

118-22 Riverton Street St. Albans, NY 11412

For tickets & info contact:

Dwayne Taylor (917) 903-9423 BJ (917) 686-7212

Alister Guillaume (718) 840-8142 Casimir Agbi (917)

545-5951 Nick Iwu (516) 993-3322 Joe Raj (917) 418

-5771 Leon Cleveland (516) 965

Save the Date

Q9 Deanery will hold a four day Pentecost Revival leading up to Pentecost.

Thursday, May 21st Our Lady of Light at St.Catherine's

Friday, May 22nd at St. Clare
Praise and Worship starts at 7pm.

Saturday, May 23rd at Christ the King/ Youth Night
Praise and Worship starts at 5:30pm.

Sunday, May 24th at St. Bonaventure
Praise and Worship starts at 2:30pm.
For more information see flyers in the back of Church.

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2025 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2026 Appeal. Our Lady of Light parish goal is **\$44,922.00**. As of 04/27/26 we have received \$72,358.00 pledged \$18,580.00 paid and balance due is \$53,777.00. If you have already pledge, thank you for your support. **We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2025 Appeal.**

Fr. Henry's 25th Ordination Anniversary

You are invited to celebrate Father Henry's 25 years of Faithful Priestly Leadership. On **August 14th, 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM, Antun's**. All you can eat and drink. You don't want to miss this event! Parishioners have the option of paying for their tickets in installments.

1st payment of \$50, due on May 17th,

2nd payment on June 21st, and

final payment on July 19th.

Please make your checks payable to Our Lady of Light .Adults \$150, Children 12 and under \$75.

For more information kindly contact Maxine Dinnall, Mary Lee, Millicent Platts, or Junie Hopkinson.

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

"Take Courage! I Have Conquered the World!"
Bishop Robert Brennan invites you to journey with the Diocese of Brooklyn to World Youth Day in Seoul from August 1-9, 2027. **Cost: 4,820.00**
Youth must be 16 years old by July 31, 2027
If interested please contact the rectory.

2026 Graduates

We would like to honor our graduates who are graduating in 2026. We will publish the names of all who graduated from Elementary school to College in 2026. Please email me at ourladyoflightsagmail.com. The following information
Name, School Name, Grade, Degree.

NEWS NOTES COMING SOON

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.

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Estate Planning Workshop

Facilitator: Father Mark Cregan

Please come out and learn how to make good decisions regarding Wills, Health Proxy, Life Insurance. Succession etc.

Place: Christ the King Church 145-39 Farmers Blvd.

Springfield Gardens

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 pm.

Catholic Communication Campaign

Second Collection Sunday, May 17th

Reading and meditating on the Word of God is a devotion that opens our hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and draws us closer into communion with the whole Church, especially when we meditate on the Scripture passages used in the Mass. For more than 15 years, thousands of people across the United States have viewed the daily reflection videos found on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. These treasured, high-quality videos are among the faith-enriching programs made possible with your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign.

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

Call the Call Center at 718.722.6001, Monday-Friday, 8am-6:30am or visit www.ccbq.org and ask our Chatbot Sonya for help. For more info on events and activities, visit www.ccbq.org/liveitup.

St. Clare Catholic Academy

St. Clare Catholic Academy 137-25 Brookville Blvd. Rosedale, NY 11422. Registration is now open for the 2026/27 Academic School Year Seats available from FREE 3k and 4K programs. Grades Kindergarten through Eight Grade. Call us now 718-528-7174. Visit us at www.stclarecatholicacademy.org.

“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: _____

