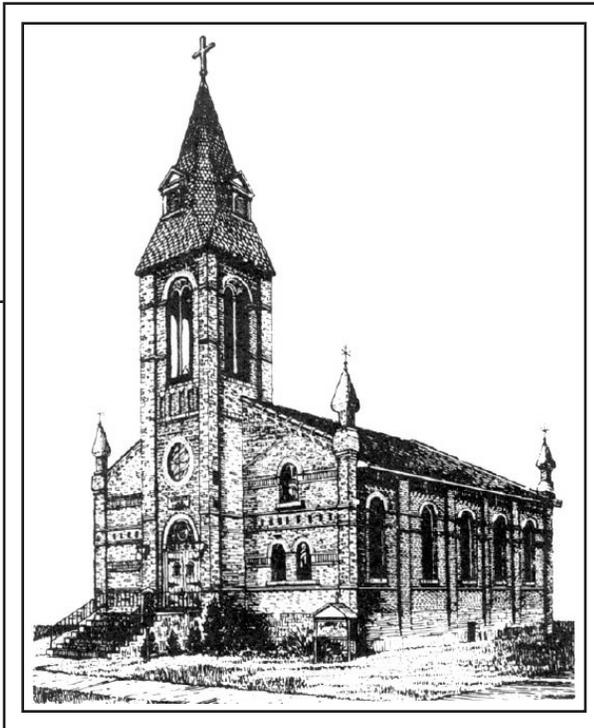


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Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK, SHUT-INS: Holy Communion is brought regularly to sick and shut-ins. Please notify the rectory.

MARRIAGES: Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES must be received at the parish office by Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK
& THE LAST RITES



I recognize that these are very serious subjects to discuss and that they require sensitivity towards those who are seriously ill or dying. However, I do recall a rather humorous incident involving the Last Rites. Years ago, I received a phone call asking me to go to someone's house and "read them their last rights". (Perhaps the caller had

watched too many cop shows.) Of course, this subject is not about legal rights, but about a sacred ritual in which the Church prays for those who are seriously ill but not necessarily in imminent danger of death, and for those who are clearly nearing death. The distinction between the two is always in the hands of God's providence.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is derived from the Letter of James, 5:14-15 – "Are any among you sick? They should call for the priests of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven." The sacrament is therefore a time for prayer, offering the opportunity for confession, the laying on of hands, anointing with the Oil of the Sick and Holy Communion. It is a call on the Lord for the recipient's healing and restoration to health.

The sacrament of anointing of the sick can be requested if a person is undergoing surgery, even if the procedure is minor. Doctors often say that any surgery is serious because unforeseen circumstances can occur. It is wise to request the priest administer this sacrament in advance, as it can be done at church or at home, rather than waiting to go to the hospital. All prayer is powerful and beneficial for both those who offer it and those who receive it, and over the years, I have heard of many stories from people who experienced wonderful results directly from the sacrament. One parishioner, ten years ago, needed stomach surgery. When his wife told me about it, I encouraged her to have her husband receive the Anointing of the Sick. He agreed and attended a

weekday Mass, where I celebrated the sacrament with him. He said nothing to me at the time, but later told his wife that when I laid my hands on his head, he felt a beautiful warmth and peace flow through his body. After surgery, he met with his doctor, whom he described as a man of few words, yet the doctor repeatedly told him that the surgery's success was nothing short of a miracle. God's word tells us that often "we don't receive, because we don't ask."

LAST RITES

When the end of life seems near, the Last Rites can be given. Similar to the Anointing of the Sick, a person who is dying can go to confession and receive Holy Communion, be anointed, and have all these administered within the ritual. It is better not to delay the rite, as families may be afraid of upsetting the sick person with the sudden appearance of the priest. However, the priest's presence should be seen as a comfort from God, who is always with us throughout our lives and at every moment, especially as we prepare to depart from this world. The priest should not be seen as the angel of death, but as a bringer of Christ's light, administering the power in prayer that comes from Christ.

It is also beneficial to both the person who is dying and their family to be present at the administering of the Last Rites as, outside of the dying person's desire to go to confession, the families presence surrounds their loved one with beautiful and hope-filled prayer which not only brings comfort to the dying but also to the living as the Angels and Saints are invoked to fill the room with their presence and heavenly prayer, interceding before the throne of God for His presence, mercy and will to be done in all our lives.

Recently, as our parishioner Pat Chalmers's health was waning, I visited her at the hospital. The room was dark when I arrived as the lights were too bright for her lying in bed. I was told by her family that she had had some restless days and trouble sleeping, though she had seemed to have rallied just prior to my visit. Pat greeted me from her bed as I entered, and I felt that my presence had been met with faith in both Pat and her children, who dearly loved her and were feeling the weight of this time before life's final goodbye. As I led in prayer and with the Litany of the Saints and administered the sacrament, Pat participated fully, received Holy Communion and said goodbye to me before my departure... and hers. She died the next day. As my mother used to say, "God never comes too soon or too late."

MAiD, sadly, presents natural human death with sorrowful complications, as it is the deliberate, intentional stance that claims our life belongs to us and not to God, thus allowing us to choose how and when we die. Frankly, this is a lie. While many opt for assisted suicide, a serious and mortal sin in the teaching of the Church, which is the teaching of Christ, they do so out of fear, which never comes from God, though the Cross does. If we follow Christ in life, we also follow Him in His death, not shirking suffering but offering it up to God for others. And Christ does not abandon us to die alone in suffering; for as we are reminded in His living Word, He is with us.

(Fr. Charles)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

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| Tue Feb 10 th 7:00pm | +Mino Pozzoni Requested by Rebecca & Davide Perrone |
| Wed Feb 11 th 8:30am | Intentions of Mary Cudney & Family Requested by Gal & Jagielski Family |
| Thurs Feb 12 th 8:30am | Intentions of Fillo MacRae & Family Requested by Gal & Jagielski Family |
| Fri Feb 13 th 7:30am 8:30am | HOLY HOUR Intentions of the Guerrero Family Unannounced Mass |
| Sat Feb 14 th 8:30am | Intentions of Luke & Andrew Jagielski Requested by Mom |
| 4:30pm | +Antionietta Carlucci Requested by Family |
| Sun Feb 15 th 9:00am | For the People |
| 11:00am | +Derrick Ford Requested by Clare & Gene Bisogno |

Please Pray for the Sick

Mary Little, Alex Poirier, Hudson Ford, Janine Wright.



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Fr. Dominic Quyen Bui



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WHEN: Sunday February 15, 2026

TIME: Serving after the 9 AM and 11 AM mass

WHERE: St. Mary's Church Hall

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CWL Lenten Study Program

The St. Mary's Church Catholic Women's League will be holding a FIVE-WEEK Lenten study program based on the ENDOW study guide, "St. John Paul II's - Letter to Women".

The CWL extends a very warm welcome to all women in the parish who wish to draw closer to Christ, share in community, and strengthen their understanding of the dignity of women from a Catholic Christian perspective. The study will take place on five Saturday mornings in Fr. Ellard Hall, from February 21 through March 21 from 9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets can be found at both church entrances. Further information can be found in the insert in this week's church Bulletin.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

St. Mary's parish is inviting you to register your child for the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming months.

REGISTRATION

There will be two opportunities for parents to attend (with their child candidate) one of the two following meetings.

SUNDAY, March 1st at 12:30 pm in the church

OR

WEDNESDAY, March 4th at 7:00 pm in the church

WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING

Your child candidate

A copy (not the original) of your child's Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (eligibility for sacraments in the Catholic Church is only to those who are baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, proven by certificate.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration can only take place if you have provided a copy of a Catholic Baptismal Certificate.

\$50.00 Registration donation

The completed Registration form - go to our parish website and download the form, fill it out and bring it to the parent meeting.

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