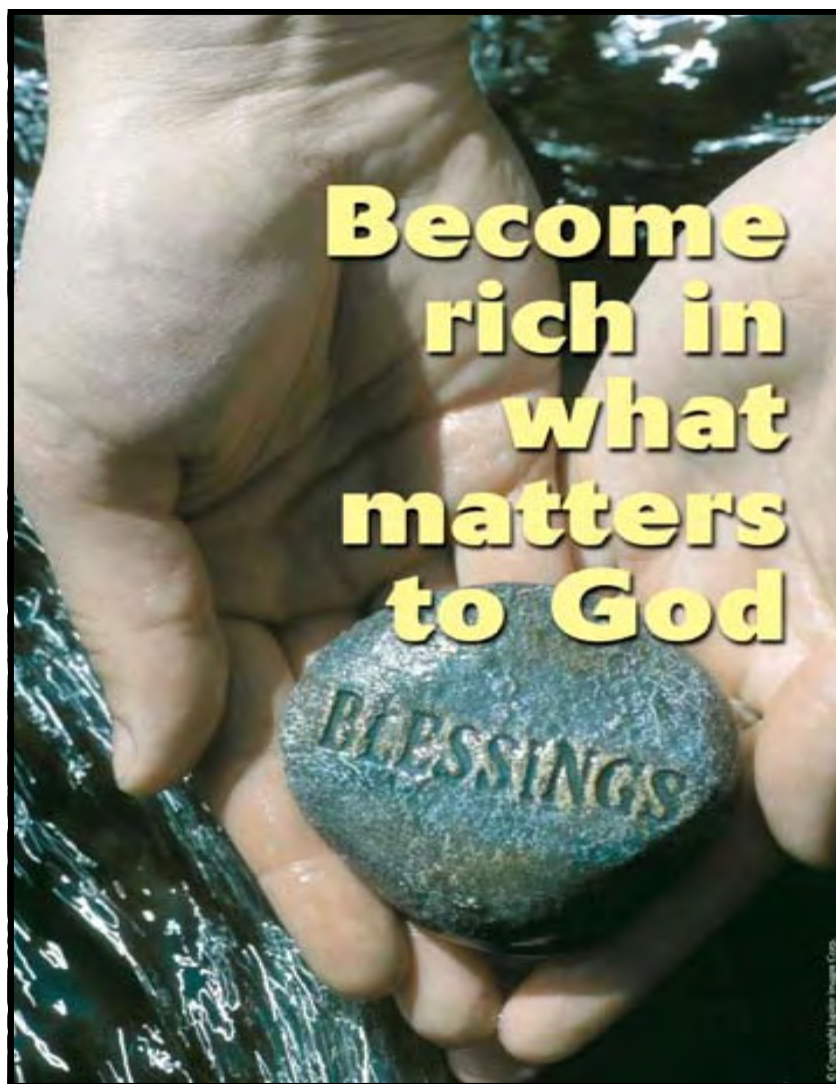


St. Cletus Canticle

August 5, 2007

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.**

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 6 - August 12

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda
Tuesday	8:00am	Johnston Family, Rose Aikens
Wednesday	8:00am	Donald Wouk, Harry & Evelyn Weaver
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Findor Family
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Frances Butkus, Celeste Klees, Margaret Herzog, Bruno Bransberger, Andrew L. Jaskierski, Frank Michalowski
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus John Hopp, James & Catherine Ellis
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Gerald Ahern Sophie Klein, Loretta Bleau Joseph & Ciatrice Howard John Pavlik, Special Intention for all Ray's Friends in Thanksgiving



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5:00pm - K.Meade, J. Kern, M. Patterson
 7:00am - M. Garvey, S. Garvey, J. Riccione
 8:00am - Religious Education servers
 9:30am - S. Frisbie, B. Kelly, N. Gacek
 11:00am - M. Johnson-Dahl, J. Jaskierski, K. Sipek

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 11, 2007

5:00 PM	
SM Curnutt, R	C1 Augustine, E
B2 Condon, MK	C2 Andrews, D
B3 Delaloye, J	C3 Richards, M
B4 Guide, A	C4 Hockman, S
B5 Ryva, J	C5 Curnutt, R
B6 Kensek, M	C6 Bamberger, MA
	C6 Bozeck, B

9:30 AM		
LR DalPorto, C	SM Benkert, K	C1 DalPorto, K
	B2 Haggerty, F	C2 Reichl, M
	B3 Nicosia, C	C3 Williams, A
	B4 Benkert, J	C4 Benkert, K
	B5 Gleich, S	C5 McCaffray, P
	B6 Fisher, H	C6 Burke, K

Sunday, August 12, 2007

7:00 AM	
SM Stamm, B	
B2 Stamm, B	
B3 Stamm, R	
B4 McCartney, S	
B5 Loch, L	
B6 Ward, L	
	LR Hagen, J

11:00 AM		
LR Spizzirri, S	SM Bolton, P	C1 Gebka, ML
	B2 Maday, J	C2 Nilles, C
	B3 Schump, C	C3 Hoskins, C
	B4 Brannigan, R	C4 Bolton, P
	B5 Provan, J	C5 Provan, K
	B6 Ficaro, J	C6 Meuwissen, J

8:00 AM	
SM Koch, B	LR Staelgraevae, M
	C1 Welch, J
B2 Curotto, L	C2 Borsilli, H
B3 Parlier, D	C3 Parlier, J
B4 Dillane, J	C4 Koch, B
B5 Hagen, E	C5 Samuelson, D
B6 Micek, D	C6 Micek, J

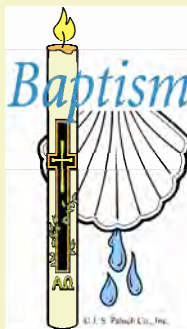


Please pray for those who have died and their families:

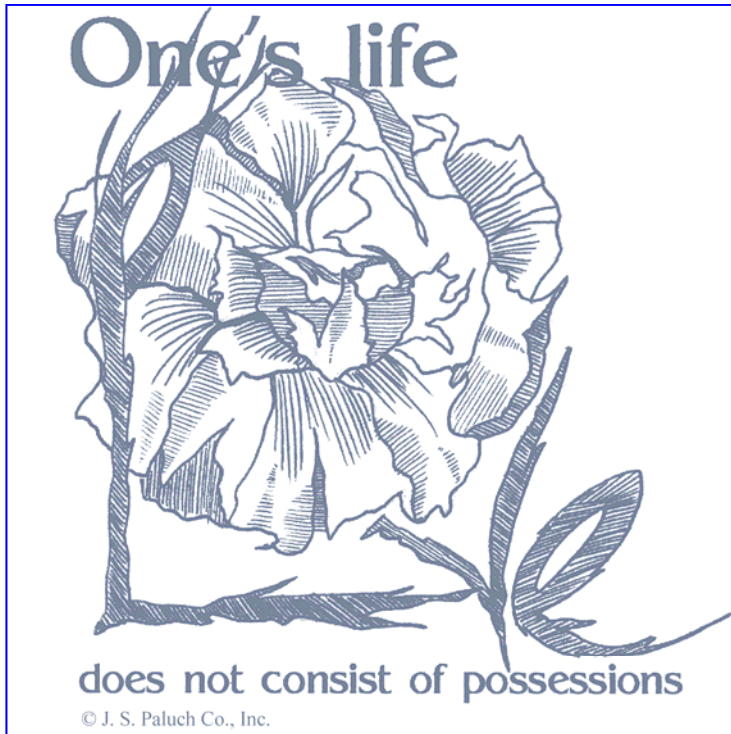
- † *Cynthia Sievers*
wife of William
- † *Charles Stegemann*
father of Jean Meuwissen
- † *Ruth Walter*
mother of Albert Walter
- † *Robert Suchy*
brother of Rosemarie Hrzenjak
- † *William Keller*



Welcome to Our Parish Family:



Rocco James Buralli
son of Jon and Jo Ann
Joseph Gianni Buralli
son of Jon and Jo Ann
Max Marshall Serbick
son of Raymond and Ann



HITTING IT BIG

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: why, of course he'd want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It's exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this "common wisdom" makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes the treasures of art can provide us with clues about traditions. Take, for example, the miter, the conical hat with lappets, or back-flaps that fall to the shoulders. This cap is worn by bishops in the Catholic West. Eastern Catholics favor a crown, but we have this curious headpiece. In Greek, the word means "turban." Old paintings and mosaics provide clues about headgear for bishops, and there is very little artistic evidence for the miter before the year 1000. Before then, some kind of head covering might have been worn to offset the damp and chill of unheated churches. The pope, as far back as the seventh century, often wore a cap called a *camelaucum*. Around that time, artists painting St. Peter began to portray their subject wearing this hat. By the year 1000 or so, the pope began to grant similar helmet-shaped headgear as gifts to visiting abbots and bishops. They returned home with these new chapeaus, and before long everybody wanted one!

Today, miters are granted not only to bishops, but to certain favored abbots and occasionally abbesses. Pope Benedict XVI has set aside the tradition of the papal tiara in favor of the miter, even on his coat of arms. Pope Paul VI was the last pope to have a coronation. As recently as the 1960s, miters were towering skyscrapers of jewels and rich silks, but now a simplicity of style is favored by bishops. Miters are here to stay, and experienced altar servers know how to await the bishop's removing of the miter, since he does not wear it when he is saying the presidential prayers or the Eucharistic Prayer.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday:	St. Sixtus II and His Companions; St. Cajetan
Wednesday:	St. Dominic
Thursday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Friday:	St. Lawrence
Saturday:	St. Clare

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Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

— *Psalms 90:12*



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2007

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - My stuff overflows

It's so easy to feel superior to the rich fool in the gospel who decides to tear down his old barns and build new ones to store his abundant crop. Sounds crazy, doesn't it? But wait a minute. Most of us aren't tearing down barns, but our cars are on the street because we're using our garage to store the stuff that doesn't fit into our house! Possessions, as Jesus knew, have a way of taking over our lives—and adding very little in return. Today, consider taking a look around your home or office and pick out one item you don't use anymore. Recycle it, give it away, or leave it in the alley for the person who has been looking for that very thing.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5; 9; Luke 12:13-21*

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Be attentive as to a lamp shining in a dark place. The word *transfiguration* is seldom used outside of the New Testament, but there is a piece by composer Arnold Schönberg called "Transfigured Night" that portrays a woman's confessed shame surprisingly and completely changed by the forgiveness offered by the man who loves her. The music's passion and beauty portray the transformation wrought in the woman by love: The dark night and they themselves become bright with joy. Transfiguration is a revelation of a hidden or ignored reality. In the poem on which the music is based, love transforms shame to exaltation. The unconditional love of God manifest in Jesus changes us, and our own love can also reveal the blinding beauty in others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36* - "While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

FEAST OF CAJETAN, PRIEST - Ecumenism begins with respect

What's a priest doing in the pawnshop business? Dominican theologian Tomasso de Vio Cajetan (1469-1534) had his fingers in many pies. He opened pawnshops to help, not exploit, the poor. He founded the Roman Oratory of Divine Love to encourage personal holiness. He studied Hebrew and Greek to discuss scripture with Martin Luther, hoping to change his mind and preserve church unity. Sympathetic to the concerns of Reformation leaders, Cajetan also wrote essays regarding the remarriage of Henry VIII and an analysis of the Lutheran Augsburg Confession. We can't talk to those who disagree with us if we don't understand their positions.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14* "Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'"

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

FEAST OF DOMINIC, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Contemplation in action

Contemplation and action seem to be two things going different directions—something you have to choose between. You've got things to do, a job, a home, and a family to take care of. Who has time for contemplation? And just what is it anyway?

Eight hundred years ago, Saint Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans, tried to find a balance between living in God's presence—contemplation—and living out a mission of sharing God's Word with others. According to Dominican Fabian Parmisano,

O.P., "Action in the world is also to be contemplative. Not a nervous feverish action that is anxious for results . . . but a quiet action that leaves room for God and is patient for God's results in God's time." Make space for God's action in your action, and you will be a true contemplative.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28*

"She came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

FEAST OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN, MARTYR

The door to the heart of things

"The modern world boasts of the enticing door which says: everything is permitted," Pope John Paul II wrote at the canonization of Jewish-scholar-turned-Carmelite Edith Stein (1891-1942). But the new Sister Teresa Benedicta did not seek an escape hatch through her conversion, even when faced with deportation as a Jew along with her sister Rosa. To escape the fate of her fellow Jews, she said, would mean "my life, in a certain sense, is destroyed." The pope exhorted today's youth to reflect on this lesson: "Your life is not an endless series of open doors! . . . When the time is right, have the courage to decide!"

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23*

"You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR - Serve the "wealthy"

The word *deacon* means *servant* and was first used to describe someone who waited on tables. Today there are more than 30,000 deacons serving in the church worldwide, nearly half of them in the U.S. But deacons were not always welcome. In the midst of a severe persecution of the Christians of Rome in the second century, Lawrence (d. 258) was the last remaining deacon to be sentenced to death. We are told that he spent his final days giving everything the Christian community owned to the poor. When a Roman official demanded he produce the wealth of the church, Lawrence brought forth the blind, lame, and needy whom the church had served. Whether you serve in high office or wait tables, you can look to Lawrence for inspiration.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26*

"Those who love their life will lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

FEAST OF CLARE, VIRGIN - Divine give and take

One of the most beautiful lines in the Eucharistic Prayer for Children is "We bring you bread and wine and ask you to . . . make these gifts the body and blood of Jesus your Son. *Then we can offer to you what you have given to us*" (emphasis added).

These words could be the motto of the Poor Clares, founded by Saint Clare. The Poor Clares live, work, and pray in constant, joyful recognition of their complete dependence on God. Their intentional poverty is their way of offering to God what God has given to them. We might not live in the voluntary poverty of the Poor Clares, but what can we do today to recognize our dependence on God?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20*

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you."

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Food Pantry

Are you experiencing an overabundance of fresh fruit and vegetables from your summer garden? If you are looking to “share the wealth” with your friends and neighbors, the St. Cletus Food Pantry will accept donations of fresh produce from **4:45-5:45 PM on Thursday, August 9** in the Church vestibule. This is the evening of our monthly Food Pantry, which distributes groceries to our needy, from 6:30-8:00 PM.

It is important to remember that we can accept such donations **only** on August 9, from 4:45-5:45 PM; we have no way to store and/or distribute perishable food except at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 215-5418 or **mford@stcletusparish.com**. Thank you for your generosity.

Also, if you forgot to bring in your nonperishable donations to Mass this weekend, we can still use them for our August Food Pantry, if you drop them off Monday through Wednesday this week. Thanks again!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Robert Orrico, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D’Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Joanne Mate, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O’Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May. Also pray for our parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

The Kelly Miller Circus is coming to St. Cletus on Wednesday, September 5th



Show Times are at 4:30 & 7:30pm

Advance Tickets available after all weekend Masses through September 2nd or at the following ticket outlets in La Grange:

- De Vries Grocery & Market
- Little Joe’s
- Palmer Place Restaurant & Bier Garten
- Park District of La Grange
- St. Cletus Rectory

TICKET PRICES

In Advance	On Circus Day
Adult..... \$9.00	Adult..... \$12.00
Child.....under 12..... \$5.00	Child.....under 12..... \$ 6.00



Chicago White Sox Bus Trip Sponsored by the St. Cletus Athletic Association

Hey, White Sox Fans! Tickets are still available for the White Sox Bus Trip Outing for the Monday Night, August 20, SOX vs. KANSAS CITY GAME. All proceeds from the outing support the St. Cletus Athletic Association. Tickets are \$75 each and include the following:

- Bus Transportation to and from the game (departing from St. Cletus parking lot)
- Pre-Game Patio Party underneath the right field bleachers 1 hour before the game and 1/2 hour into the game, including an all-you-can-eat and drink picnic menu fare.
- A ticket in right field (Section 104) - A perfect spot for a Jim Thome home run!

Please consider joining us for some end-of-summer-fun. For tickets and any/all questions, please contact Marie and Bob Usher at (708) 354-4329.

10% BACK TO SCHOOLS

A) Buy participating products marked with these Yellow School Bus tags.

B) 10% of the purchase can support your school when you use your Club Card July 18th through September 4th, 2007.

FILL YOUR CART. HELP YOUR SCHOOL.

Dominick's Shares With St. Cletus

When you purchase participating products with your Fresh Values Card from now through September 4th, Dominick's will donate 10% of the purchase price back to St. Cletus. Look for participating products marked with the yellow school bus tags throughout the store. Check your register receipts beginning September 10th and send them to St. Cletus School Office before October 6th. Thank you for your participation!

Mary Jane Walsh

Attention Ministers of Care!

Schedules are ready for pickup in the Minister's Room in church. Please stop by for your copy.

Dolores Wouk,
Director of Ministry of Care

Youth Ministry News

Reminder...Reiminder...Reminder...

Registration packets for the St. Cletus High School Confirmation Program were sent out in May and were due back July 1. Please make sure your registration packets have been returned to the Youth Ministry office. If you need another registration packet, you can visit our parish website, www.stcletusparish.com and download the form. If you have any questions or would like me to mail you a packet, please give me a call at the Youth Ministry office (215-5419).

Amy Cranny

Director of Youth Ministry

Celebrate Your Marriage!



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND **September 7-9**

Register Now! Before the weekend fills – space is limited.

Remember the feelings you had when you were first married? Relive them again through a multi-faith Marriage Encounter weekend to be held at St. Francis Xavier, 124 N. Spring Ave., La Grange. Registration deadline is August 26. For information, contact: Carol & Craig Jacklin, (708) 579-5930.

There is no better gift you can give each other or your family than a happy marriage!

Christian Giving

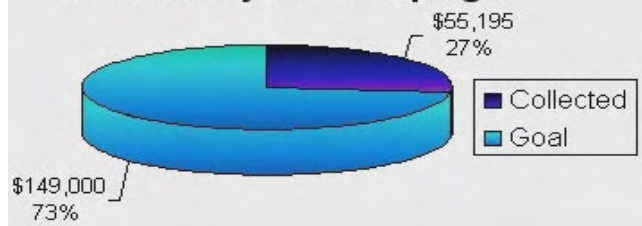


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July 29, 2007

Budgeted revenue:	\$28,500
Collection received:	27,606
Shortfall last week:	- 894
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 13,698
# Of envelopes mailed:	3,291
# Of envelopes returned:	850
Thank you for your continued financial support.	

Summer Projects Campaign



Stewardship

“While we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people - but especially to those of the household of faith. (Gal 6:10)

Wish List for St. Cletus Compassionate Care Ministry

The next time you shop at Jewel and the cashier says, “Stamps, Stickers, or Extreme Value today,” please reply “yes” to stamps for our ministry! We mail out five cards to each family during the course of the year, and to date we’ve had over 40 funerals. That’s already 200 cards! Your kind donation will help us to keep our expenses down.

While you’re shopping...we could also use donations of tea in individually sealed packages (such as Bigelow, Trader Joe’s). This helps the tea we give to stay fresh.

We will always accept 10-12” baskets with handles for our Care Baskets.

Please leave all donations in the Compassionate Care Ministry box in the Minister’s Room in church.

God bless you for your compassion to our bereaved families.

If you have any questions, please call Rita Pawlowicz at (708) 839-0848.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:00AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM,
11:00AM, 6:00PM (Spanish)

Monday: 8:00AM

Tuesday: 8:00AM

Wednesday: 8:00AM

Thursday: 8:00AM

Friday: 8:00AM

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00PM

Holy Day: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 9:00AM

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00AM

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00PM. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (352-6209).

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (215-5407).

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45 PM.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Thursday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Friday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday:	9:00am-5:00pm

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