



ABOUT FUNERAL LUNCHEONS.....

St. Mary of the Assumption church has a long tradition of preparing and serving “funeral luncheons” for families desiring this service.

During calls to parishioners for volunteer help, many inquiries have been made about this Christian Ministry.

When experiencing a death in the family, the family is faced with making many decisions in a short period of time. In the desire to be of service to the grieving family, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish continues this tradition of preparing and serving a luncheon following funeral services.

When meeting with the pastor and the funeral director to discuss funeral arrangements (Mass, cemetery plots, memorial tributes, Mass readings, altar servers, music selections, floral arrangements, etc.), the family may request this luncheon. Either the pastor or the parish secretary will notify the luncheon chairpersons who will contact the family to complete the luncheon arrangements.

The chair persons will order the groceries and, with other volunteers, prepare and serve the meal and cleanup afterwards.

The luncheon menu features a variety of cold cuts (ham, turkey and roast beef), an assortment of cheeses, potato and/or pasta salad, tossed salad, fruit, cottage cheese (if desired), a dessert and beverages (coffee and punch). Donated dishes (i.e. baked beans, kraut and sausage, salads, jello, dessert) are welcome and will be served hot or cold, as requested. Left-over food goes home with the family.

Registered parish families pay for the food and supplies. Non-registered families pay for food and supplies, and hall rental. A minimum donation of \$50.00 by the family to St Mary Church in appreciation of this service is suggested. This donation is used to repair and replace appliances and to purchase utensils and serving pieces. A .25 cent per person place-setting fee will be charged to accommodate the cost of trays, cups napkins, flatware, creamer and sugar as needed. When considering a donation, the family should keep in mind the cost of hosting the luncheon elsewhere (i.e. catered or in a restaurant).

Barb Merica and Lucille Flohe generally purchase the food and supplies and direct the volunteer crews. Eunice Lingaur calls parish members to solicit volunteers for food prep, serving and cleanup. Each group works two to three hours.

Some new faces and peppy feet are needed. If you would like to share a few hours of your time in a most worthy Christian Service, please say YES when Eunice calls or better yet, call Eunice at 256-9064 and volunteer your service. God loves a cheerful giver, and only God knows when and if this service will be needed or desired by your family.