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THE MEDITATION & PRAYER ROOM

The Meditation and Prayer Room is located on the first floor of the Main Hospital (Room 1403). It is open to patients, family members and friends for meditation and prayer.

SCHEDULED WORSHIP SERVICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

- Mondays and Wednesdays at noon.

Bedside services are available upon request.

HOLY DAY/HOLIDAY WORSHIP

Notification of scheduled Holy Day Services is available in the Spiritual Care Office.

The Spiritual Care Staff will do all they can to help you and your family continue to observe your religious practices during your hospital stay.

PARISH NOTIFICATION

With your permission, the Spiritual Care Staff will notify your clergy should you desire a visit.

OFFICE

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EMERGENCY CALLS

Evenings, weekends and holidays, call the Hospital Operator at (716) 845-2300.

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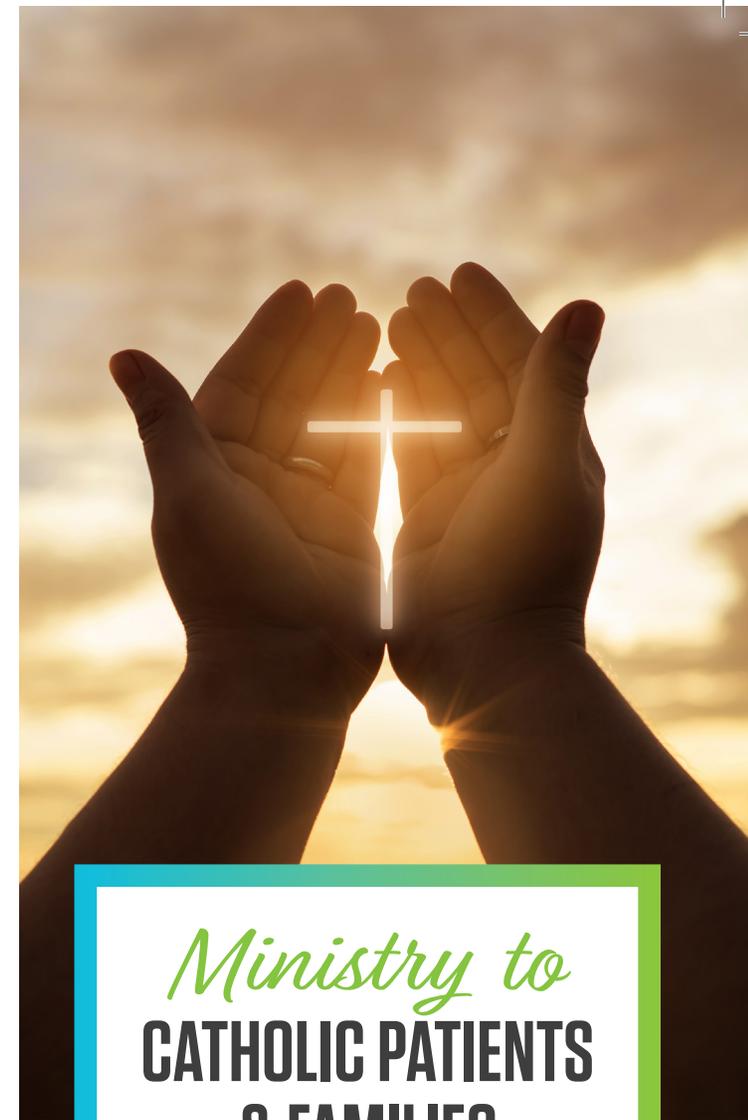


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INTRODUCTION

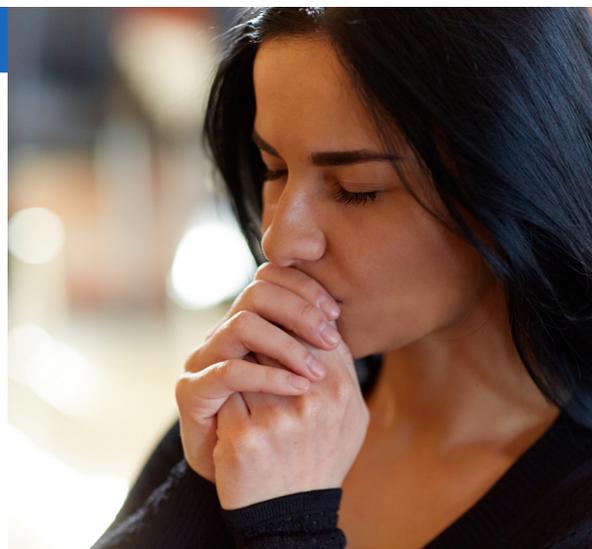
The Spiritual Care Staff at Roswell Park Cancer Institute is an interfaith team that visits patients and their families in the hospital. The staff members bring with them their faith tradition and training which enable them to specially minister to each patient according to their own faith beliefs. At Roswell Park, the staff representing the Catholic tradition includes 1 Catholic Priest, 2 Catholic Chaplains, 1 Catholic Deacon, 14 Ministers of Holy Communion and 8 Pastoral Care Visitors.

Spiritual Care staff members are available daily for visitation and for the distribution of Holy Communion. The Spiritual Care staff are familiar with and sensitive to the issues that accompany illness. Two of the Catholic Deacons, the Catholic Priest and other staff members visit New Admission patients daily.

MAY WE BE OF SERVICE? THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist - The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that Holy Eucharist is the heart and summit of the Church's life. Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord. (CC 1407, 1416)

Mass is celebrated on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Meditation and Prayer Room. Ministers of Holy Communion are available daily to bring Holy Communion to all Catholic patients. If you would like to receive Holy Communion, you can call the Spiritual Care Office at (716) 845-8051 or (716) 845-8852, or ask your nurse or Spiritual care Visitor to notify the office.



THE TWO SACRAMENTS OF HEALING:

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its purpose the conferral of a special grace on a Christian experiencing the difficulties inherent with grave illness or old age. It is not only a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as patient begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time to receive this sacrament has certainly arrived. (CC 1527, 1514)

A Catholic priest is available for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Ask any Spiritual Care Visitor, Chaplain, or a member of your health care team to notify the Catholic priest or call the Spiritual Care Office at (716) 845-8051, or (716) 845-8852 if you would like to receive the Sacrament.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENANCE, CONFESSION)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which includes individual and integral confession of grave sins, followed by absolution, remains the only ordinary means of reconciliation with God and with the Church. (CC 1497)

A Catholic priest is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Call the Spiritual Care office at (716) 845-8051 or (716) 845-8852 if you would like to receive the sacrament.

VISITATION

Along with sacramental visits, a Catholic priest, as well as the Staff Chaplain, Deacons and Spiritual Care Visitors, are available for prayer and general visitation. If there are any circumstances particular to your own personal church life or if you have a question with regard to your current standing in the Church, members of the team are available to talk with you.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Bibles, rosaries, prayer leaflets and the relic and medals of St. Peregrine (patron saint of cancer patients) along with others, are available in the Spiritual Care Office.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A VISIT

Members of the Spiritual Care staff visit inpatients and outpatients Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. Ministers of Holy Communion and Spiritual Care Visitors are available on weekends and holidays as well. If you would like a visit, please call (716) 845-8051 or (716) 845-8852, or ask your physician, nurse or other member of your Roswell Park care team to make the request for you.

Interfaith Chaplains are also available 24 hours a day to respond to the emergency needs of patients and families. These chaplains are trained to minister to people of all faith traditions.

THE STAFF DIRECTOR:

- Rev. Dr. Melody Rutherford, DMin, MS

THE CHAPLAINS:

- Father Joseph Porpiglia
- Chaplain Joseph Blatz
- Chaplain Yvon Dimiyo

COMMUNION CLERGY

- Deacon William Walkowiak

