# Religion/Service

## THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Since the Celebration of the Eucharist is central to our faith, the Marian Catholic community gathers once each week, usually on Wednesday for Mass. Holy Days of Obligation and First Fridays are celebrated as well.

# THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Students are offered the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent when pastors from the feeder parishes are available throughout the day.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT On each First Friday the Eucharist is exposed in the Marian Catholic Chapel. All students spend their Theology class in the Chapel and experience different types of prayer, such as praise and worship hymns, lectio divina, journaling, etc. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to spend at least some time of their day in the Lord's presence.

#### STUDENT RETREAT

Jesus Himself saw the need to get away from the normal routine and spend time in communion with the Father. Marian Catholic provides the student population time each year to do so. Diocesan mandate stipulates that all students are required to attend and participate in the retreat program.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROJECTS

Some time ago, the Diocese of Allentown instituted the "Christian Service Program" for all students in the diocesan high schools. The intention of this program is to enable students to learn both in theory and practice Jesus' commandment to love as He loved. Marian Catholic High School completely supports this program. The hours to be completed are divided between Parish/Community service hours and school service hours. A minimum of the following total hours of service is required of all students at Marian Catholic High School: Seniors (14), Juniors (12), Sophomores (10), and Freshmen (8).