

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

PARROQUIA SANTA ROSA DE LIMA

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PRAY... GROW... SERVE / ORAR... CRECER... SERVIR

EUCCHARIST / EUCARISTIA

Historic Chapel / Capilla Histórica

Monday-Friday ----- 8:30 am----- (English)
1er Viernes ----- 7:00 pm----- (Español)
Sunday ----- 7:30 am----- (English)
1er Dimanche ----- 10:00 am----- (Français)
2nd Sunday ----- 5:00 pm----- (Tagalog)

Church / Iglesia

Saturday Vigil ----- 5:00 pm----- (English)
Sunday ----- 9:00 am----- (English + ASL)
----- 11:00 am----- (English)
Domingo ----- 1:00 pm----- (Español)

RECONCILIATION / RECONCILIACION

Historic Chapel / Capilla Histórica

Thursday ----- 7:00-9:00 pm---- (English/Español)

Church / Iglesia

Saturday ----- 4:00-4:30 pm----- (English)
Domingo ----- 2:15-3:15 pm----- (Español)

NEWCOMERS / NUEVOS MIEMBROS

Meeting - Duggan Room / Reunión - Salón Duggan

2o Domingo ----- 12:00 pm----- (Español)
2nd Sunday ----- 12:15 pm----- (English)

OTHER SERVICES / OTROS SERVICIOS

Stephen Ministry

Ralph Bally: 301-873-0487 • Zita Tepie: 301-519-1527

Accessibility / Fácil Acceso: Hearing systems, accessible seating, large print worship guides and ASL interpretation are available. / Aparatos amplificadores de sonido y asientos accesibles están disponibles.

BAPTISM / BAUTISMO

Begin classes while pregnant or awaiting adoption. Baptisms will not be scheduled until classes have been completed (2 sessions required). Parents MUST pre-register to attend. CLASS DATES: **2018:** Jan. 13 & 20, Mar. 10 & 17, May 12 & 19, Sept. 15 & 22, Nov. 10 & 17

Comience las clases cuando este embarazada o esperando una adopción. Los Bautizos no se podrán programar hasta que las clases hayan sido completadas (Se requieren 2 sesiones). Los padres TIENEN que pre-registrarse para atender. FECHAS DE CLASES: **2018:** Ene. 13 & 20, Mar. 10 & 17, May. 12 & 19, Sep. 15 & 22, Nov. 10 & 17

MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO

Couples seeking marriage must make arrangements with a Priest or Deacon a minimum of six months prior to setting a wedding date. Do not plan a reception until you have met with the Priest or Deacon. At least one party must be a member of St. Rose.

Las parejas que buscan el matrimonio deben hacer arreglos con un sacerdote o diácono con un mínimo de 6 meses antes de fijar una fecha para la boda. No planifique una recepción sino hasta que se haya reunido con el sacerdote o el diácono. Al menos una persona debe ser miembro de Sta. Rosa.

DECEMBER 17, 2017

ADVENT III



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BULLETIN / CALENDAR / ROOM RESERVATIONS

Bulletin items due at noon, 2 Fridays before publication date!
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RENTAL EVENTS / ALQUILER PARA EVENTOS

Quinceañeras, Wedding Receptions, Parties & More!
Maria Cristina Tenaglia----- woodlands@strose.com

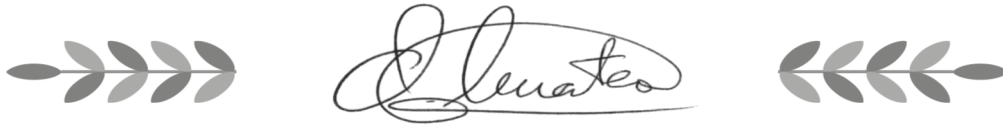
MARY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL - Grades PreK-8
Michael Friel, Principal-----301-869-0940
Website-----www.maryofnazareth.org

Inclement Weather & Emergency Closing Policies

- **WEEKEND MASSES & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Cancellation notices will be posted on the parish website as early as possible.
- **WEEKDAY MASSES:** If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) open late or are closed, there is no 8:30am Mass.
- **WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** If MCPS close unexpectedly/early or cancel all evening activities, Religious Education is cancelled. Updates and cancellations will be sent out via Flocknote for K-12 Religious Education (English classes).
- **PARISH OFFICES:** If MCPS Administrative Offices open late, we open as close to 9:00am as possible. If MCPS Administrative Offices are closed, Parish Offices are closed.
- **CANCELLATION NOTICES:** Visit the parish website at www.strose-parish.org.



WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR / PALABRAS DE NUESTRO PASTOR



Advent is a time of waiting and watching, of longing and expectation. We long for the day when we will have our lives in order and are able to settle down and really enjoy all that life has to offer. It is no easy task to know who we are and what we are called to be.

During Advent we again meet John the Baptist. People from miles around flocked to hear what he had to say. John was not at a loss for words when he answered them: "No, I am not the Messiah. No, I am not Elijah, nor even the expected prophet. I am a voice crying out in the desert. Make straight the way of the Lord. There is one coming after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to unfasten." John had found his God and he knew what God expected of him. He realized his call and was restless until it was done. That is the secret of life, the way to happiness, the purpose and goal of our faith. We are to find our God. Listen to His call, know our mission in life and then do it. It demands the very best in each of us every day of our lives.

John was not the Messiah, but he was a strong voice crying out. He was not the light, but he was a witness to that light. He was not the center of it all, but he knew his place in the plan God had for the salvation of his people. Each of us in our own unique way has been called to the work of the kingdom. Each of us has special gifts and talents, and they have been given to help bring that kingdom to fruition. When we fail to use our time, talent and treasure, we only prolong and delay that day when the kingdom will become a reality.

John knew what he had to be about because he was a man of prayer. Paul reminds us that we are to never cease praying. We are not to stifle the Spirit given to us. We are to do good and avoid evil. It is our prayer that tells us who we are, and what we are to do. It is our prayer that gives us courage and strength to respond to the call that God has given to you and to me.

Isaiah once again reminds us. The Spirit of the Lord is upon us. We have also been anointed, set apart to bring glad tidings to the poor, healing to the broken hearted, freedom to those bound by doubt and despair, release to those imprisoned by alienation and rejection.

We are to announce a year of favor from the Lord to all those who have lost their way and no longer worship with us. We are to bring His peace to our troubled and violent world. We are to be people of hope, rejoicing in the Lord for He has called us to be his very own. You and I are a sign and promise of His love.

Adviento es un tiempo de esperar y ver, de nostalgia y esperanza. Lo largo por el día cuando tendrá nuestras vidas en orden y son capaces de establecerse y disfrutar que la vida tiene para ofrecer. No es una tarea fácil saber quiénes somos y qué estamos llamados a ser.

Durante el Adviento nos encontramos otra vez con San Juan Bautista. La gente de millas alrededor acudían para oír lo que tenía que decir. John no estaba en una pérdida para las palabras cuando se trataba de contestar: "No, no soy el Mesías. No, no soy Elías, ni siquiera el Profeta esperado. Yo soy una voz clamando en el desierto. Enderezad el camino del Señor. Hay uno que viene después de mí, que la correa de su sandalia yo no soy digno de desatar." John había encontrado a su Dios y él sabía lo que Dios espera de él. Se dio cuenta de su llamado y estaba inquieto hasta que se hizo. Ese es el secreto de la vida, el camino a la felicidad, el propósito y la meta de nuestra fe. Estamos para encontrar a nuestro Dios. Escuchar su llamado, saber a nuestra misión en la vida y entonces hacerlo. Exige lo mejor de cada uno de nosotros cada día de nuestras vidas.

Juan no era el Mesías, pero era una voz fuerte gritando. No era la luz, pero él era un testigo a la luz. Él no era el centro de todo, pero sabía que su lugar en el plan de Dios para la salvación de su pueblo. Cada uno de nosotros en nuestra propia manera única ha sido llamado a la obra del Reino. Cada uno de nosotros tiene dones especiales y talentos, y se les ha dado para ayudar a traer el Reino a la frucción. Cuando somos capaces de utilizar nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro, sólo prolonga y retrasar ese día cuando el Reino se convertirá en una realidad.

John sabía lo que tenía que ser porque él era un hombre de oración. Pablo nos recuerda que nos encontramos para nunca dejar de orar. Estamos no para sofocar al espíritu dado a nosotros. Estamos para hacer el bien y evitar el mal. Es nuestra oración que nos dice quiénes somos y lo que somos. Es nuestra oración que nos da valor y fuerza para responder a la llamada que Dios le ha dado a usted y a mí.

Una vez más recordar a Isaías. El espíritu del Señor está sobre nosotros. Nos hemos también sido ungidos, conjunto aparte que traen alegres nuevas a los pobres, sanar a los quebrantados de corazón, libertad a las obligadas por las dudas y desesperación, liberan a los encarcelados por alienación y rechazo.

Usted y yo estamos para anunciar un año de gracia del Señor a todos aquellos que han perdido el camino y no adorar con nosotros. Estamos para traer su paz a nuestro mundo turbulento y violento. Somos personas de esperanza, regocijándose en el Señor porque él nos ha llamado a ser su propio. Tu y yo somos un signo y promesa de su amor.



NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

Not all meetings & events appear on this calendar!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 9:30 am Fulfillment of All Desire (DGN)
- 6:30 pm Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/YC)
- 7:00 pm Fulfillment of All Desire (LR)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 9:30 am Advent Morning of Reflection (LR)
- 6:30 pm Gr. K-6 Religious Education (CHLL)
- 7:00 pm Advent Evening of Reflection (LR)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 6:30 pm Cookies & Carols (PCW)
- 6:30 pm HS MOHO - Ministry of Hanging Out (YC)
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (DGN1)
- 7:00 pm Flower of Carmel (DGN2)
- 7:00 pm Comité Hispano (STJ)
- 7:00 pm Liturgical Ministries Committee (BR2)
- 7:30 pm Pax Christi (STP)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00 pm (HC)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Maria Auxiliadora Coro Practica (KD)
- 7:30 pm Yarn Angels Knitting & Crocheting (STP)
- 7:30 pm Legión de Maria (JE)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 9:30 am Symbolon (DGN1)
- 6:00 pm Grupo de Oración (LR/BR)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 8:00 am Church Cleaning Ministry (CH/CHF)
- 8:30 am Formación para Lectores - Equipo B (HC)
- 8:30 am Christmas Mass Rehearsal (JE/CH)
- 9:30 am Lector Formation - Team B (CH)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 | ADVENT IV & CHRISTMAS EVE

See Mass Schedule on the next page in the Worship section

LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

4th Sunday of Advent /

4^o Domingo de Adviento

December 23/24, 2017

Masses/Celebrants:

- Sat., 5:00 pm (CH) Fr. Tony Krisak
- Sun., 8:00 am (CH) Fr. Justin Huber
- Sun., 10:00 am (CH) Fr. Justin Huber
- Sun., 12:00 pm (CH) Fr. Agustín Mateo (español)

Scriptures:

2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom. 16:25-27 / Lk. 1:26-38

Bread Bakers: Group 10 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team B

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

† *Deceased* * *Living*

- Mon., 12/18 8:30 am † Jake Scanlan
- Tue., 12/19 8:30 am † Iris Aird
- Wed., 12/20 8:30 am † Rev. Msgr. Vincent S. Gatto
- Thu., 12/21 8:30 am † Loved Ones of Stephen F. Burt
- Fri., 12/22 8:30 am † Margaret French
- Sat., 12/23 5:00 pm † Andrew Vocke
- Sun., 12/24 8:00 am † Jo Ann Maas
- Sun., 12/24 10:00 am † Ruth Ann Lincoln
- Sun., 12/24 12:00 pm † Gloria Hernández, Jaquin Cáceres, Mercedes Hernández
- Sun., 12/24 4:00 pm † William Oberle Jr., Thomas Oberle
- Sun., 12/24 6:00 pm † Ryan & Jeffrey Family Members
- Sun., 12/24 8:00 pm * Martinez-Auquilla Family
- Sun., 12/24 10:00 pm † Kathleen Lopez Buric

CONGRATULATIONS / FELICIDADES

Baptism / Bautizo: Aleyah Lynne Fortuna, Elizabeth Fortuna, Ethan Joseph Jappah, Greyson Arthur Rillo, and Natalie Genevieve Sansoulet



PLEASE PRAY FOR... / POR FAVOR RECE POR...

THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Maria Alcivar, Cliff Arsenault, Will Bauman, Dolna Brieske, Maddie Cabatic, Danna Cevallos, Lidia Desposorio, Lyn Dibble, Linda Edgeman, Jose Escalante, Mary Eustice, Ana Lucia Gonzales, Marta Guerrero, Gregory Hanks, Elsie Hebert, Fernando Hernandez, Kenneth Homon, Evelin Idrovo, John Kelsey, Carolina Kline, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Augusto Lora, Laura Lowery, Yanira Mancia, Linda Markle, Priscila Martinez, Jennette Mattero, Josie Mattero, Virginia Mendoza, Son Nguyen, Rafael Orellana, Gloria Ortwerth, Bob Quinlan, Maggie Quinlan, Martha Ramos, Camila Robbins Fonseca, Francisco Romero, Patricia Sattalo, Etmonia Sawyer, Paula Turner, Valentin Umanzor, Adela Valderrama, Adela Vargas, William Valentine, Mel Vineyard, Amy Williams, and Salvador Zelada.

THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Deacon Kevin A. Butler, Sr., husband of Elizabeth Butler; Mary Doody; Madeleine Heuschling, mother of Milly Chirayath; Deacon Pascal S. Hong; Lamarr Seader, uncle of Kim Phillips; Marjorie Wilber, friend of Mary Beth Huber.

WORSHIP / ADORACION

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULES

All Masses will be held in the Church.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - SUN., DEC. 24

8:00am Mass in English
10:00am Mass in English
12:00pm Misa en Español

CHRISTMAS EVE - SUN., DEC. 24

4:00pm Mass in English
Celebrant: Fr. Justin Huber
Music: Celebration & Children Love Christ Choirs

5:40pm Musical Prelude
6:00pm Mass in English
Celebrant: Fr. Tony Krisak
Music: Teens Love Christ Choir

8:00pm Misa en Español
Celebrante: Padre Agustín Mateo
Música: Maria Auxiliadora Coro

9:40pm Musical Prelude
10:00pm Mass in English
Celebrant: Fr. Agustín Mateo
Music: Adult Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY - MON., DEC. 25

10:00am Mass in English
Celebrant: Fr. Justin Huber

HOLY FAMILY - SAT., DEC. 30 & SUN., DEC. 31

Normal Weekend Mass Schedule

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - MON., JAN. 1

10:00am Mass in English
12:00pm Misa en Español

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED - PLEASE SIGN UP!

We still have need for Liturgical Ministers for Christmas and Mary, Mother of God Masses. Please sign up today! Sign up sheets are near the Liturgical Ministers' table.



BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI & LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE
THIS Sun., Dec. 17, during the 4:30pm Mass, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave. NE, Wash. DC.

Bring Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed! After Mass and Blessing of the Bambinelli, there will be a blessing and ceremonial lighting of the Christmas Tree. No tickets required. Ample free parking available. The Shrine is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. INFO: www.nationalshrine.org or 202-526-8300

NEED A LITTLE BREAK FROM CHRISTMAS BUSYNESS?

Come and spend time in Advent prayer and reflection. Offered twice on Tues., Dec. 19, 9:30am OR 7:00pm, both in the Lewis Room. Facilitated by Christine Jeffrey.



BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

All make the sign of the cross.

Leader: Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus. Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in

our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

Response: Amen.

BLESSING OF A NATIVITY SCENE

All make the sign of the cross.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response: Who made heaven and earth.

Scripture: Luke 2:1-8 or Isaiah 7:10-15

All join hands.

Leader: God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: Amen.



LAS POSADAS: NOVENA AL NIÑO JESÚS

Invitamos a todos los que nos quieran acompañarnos a cantar, rezar y compartir un momento de alegría y oración mientras esperamos la venida de nuestro Niño Jesús. La primera Posada será el 16 de diciembre y la última el 24 de diciembre, a las 7:00pm. INFO: Ivonne Salazar, isalazar@strose.com

EDUCATION / EDUCACION

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

Adult Catholics (aged 18+) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith, but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to participate in a preparation program. Classes will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, January-May. INFO & REGISTRATION: <http://strose-parish.org/adult-confirmation>

LOOKING FOR REFLECTION & FORMATION RESOURCES?

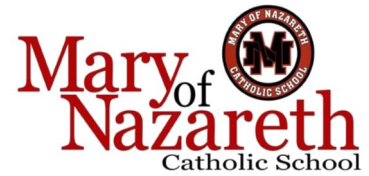
Visit www.Formed.org (Parish Code QD4Q28). Check it out: Pope Benedict XVI – Holiness is Always in Season; Fulton Sheen – World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God; Xavier Fernandez – Guadalupe y El Misterio del Verbo Encarnado.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT: RESTORATION OF JESUS' TOMB

Journey to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb of Christ in an immersive exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in Wash., DC. "The Edicule" documents the historic 2016 restoration of the Tomb of Jesus. Visitors will be able to walk through a 3-D digital rendering of the rotunda in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb, including a view of the newly-revealed cave walls that have not been seen in centuries. Learn about this extraordinary exhibit and more at nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ.

YOU'RE INVITED: OPEN HOUSE

Sun., Jan. 28, 2018
1:00-3:00pm
14131 Seneca Rd.
Darnestown, MD 20878



Children and parents are invited to visit classrooms, meet talented faculty, and tour the beautiful campus. RSVP to attend the Open House or to schedule a tour: <https://www.maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/>

Check out Facebook and Instagram for a preview of the exciting things happening at the school!

Visit: www.maryofnazareth.org

Like: www.facebook.com/MoNCatholicSchool

Follow: [@MoNCatholic_Sch](https://www.instagram.com/MoNCatholic_Sch)

Call: (301) 869-0940

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON JUST WAR THEORY

Tues., Jan. 30, 7:00pm, Lewis Room. Join us for this presentation on the Church's teaching on Just War theory, followed by a discussion about war and the way war is viewed. Some discussion questions will be based on Ken Burns' documentary on the Vietnam War. Presentation by Fr. Justin. Discussion facilitation by Mark Moitoza.

Q & A WITH FR. JUSTIN

Email your questions to:
fatherjustin@strose.com



QUESTION: What are the "O Antiphons"?

ANSWER: Over the centuries, much thought and care has been put into the development of the Church's liturgical rituals, especially the Mass. Occasionally, we can find creative little nuggets hidden right before our eyes. One hidden piece of creativity is found in the "O Antiphons." In the week preceding Christmas, there is a hidden message found in the Antiphons that precede the reading of the Gospel. As we listen to the singing of the antiphons, each day we hear a new title for Jesus. The outline is as follows:

December 17 – O Wisdom – *O Sapientia*

December 18 – O Lord – *O Adonai*

December 19 – O Root of Jesse – *O Radix Jesse*

December 20 – O Key of David – *O Clavis David*

December 21 – O Dayspring – *O Oriens*

December 22 – O King of Nations – *O Rex Gentium*

December 23 – O God is with us – *O Emmanuel*



An astute observer will notice that these titles also make an appearance in the hymn: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. If we take the first letter of each of the titles in Latin, it forms the following: S-A-R-C-O-R-E. If we then reverse the letters, we get the following message: "*Ero Cras*," which translated from Latin to English means, "Tomorrow, I will be [there]." Thus, each day of the week we march forward to the full message and forward towards the object of our hope. As Christmas Eve approaches, we receive a little pre-Christmas present: the promise that tomorrow Christ will be with us!

COMMUNITY / COMUNIDAD



CHRISTMAS CAROLS & COOKIES

Wed., Dec. 20, 6:30-8:30pm, Woodlands Room. This beloved annual carol sing-a-long with those in our community who have special needs and developmental differences is a joint effort of the Accommodating Hearts ministry, Teens Love Christ (TLC) Choir, Youth Ministry MOHO group, and UpCounty Community Resources. Come and join in the fun!

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH

Sponsored by Marriage Encounter, this annual search is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples. One national winner and winners from each of the fifty states are recognized each year. **NOMINATIONS:** <http://wwme.org> or 321-804-2310. **DEADLINE:** Jan. 10, 2018

SERVICE / SERVICIO

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CAN YOU HELP?

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and deliver meals, and help with other logistics. **INFO & SIGN UP:**

www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner or 202-526-8300



SHARE THE JOURNEY: SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Earlier this fall, His Holiness Pope Francis kicked off a two-year "Share the Journey" campaign to encourage Catholics to support refugees and migrants through prayer and action. To announce the campaign, Pope Francis extended his arms in a 'Reach Out' gesture to symbolize meeting migrants, listening to their stories, and sharing their journeys. To show your solidarity with refugees and migrants, snap a photo of you, your friends or your colleagues reaching out and post on social media using #ShareJourney. For more ways to get involved, visit sharejourney.org. This website has activities and resources, prayers, videos, stories and much more, available in both English and in Spanish.

STEWARDSHIP / CORRESPONSABILIDAD



BLESS, DON'T POSSESS OR IMPRESS!

The holidays can be enjoyed in the richness of blessings received from God, in a spirit of gratitude! Celebrate Jesus' joy and hope with the wonderful people he has brought into your life! Sometimes when families gather, old wounds or quarrels surface, but this year give the gift of joy and hope, faith and forgiveness to those surrounding you. It is fine to be generous in your giving of material gifts and in celebrating with great food and parties, but practice good stewardship by staying within your boundaries. Instead of trying to "do it all", put emphasis on generously spreading the unconditional love he places in your heart to those around you - to friends, family, the lonely, the poor and the immigrant. Get strength from Jesus to resist the desires to possess, indulge and impress, and bless instead.



THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!

TREASURE / TESORO December 2 - 8, 2017

Your Gifts to the Lord

Offertory-----	\$23,586
Mortgage Reduction-----	\$2,679
Capital Campaign-----	\$978
Gift Certificate Profit-----	\$231

Our Weekly Tithe

Parish Poor Box-----	\$1,179
Action in Montgomery (AIM)-----	\$500

Financial Fact

Although we are exempt from property tax, we receive an annual bill from Montgomery County for special services, i.e., solid waste, Bay Restoration, and water quality protection charges. In 2016, our assessment was \$4,556. For 2017, we will pay \$4,571.

TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO

Caitlyn Shea

Caitlyn has been a parishioner here since she was born. As an adult, she is now very actively involved in our Youth Ministry programs, and shares her faith enthusiastically and joyously. The assistance she provides both behind-the-scenes and in more visible ways is a real gift to St. Rose.