

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

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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 10, 2017

ADVENT II



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Michael Friel, Principal ----- 301-869-0940
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Christmas Trees & Shoppe Árboles de Navidad y Tienda Navideña

HOURS OF OPERATION: Through December 17th
Sat. & Sun., 9:00AM-8:00PM
Mon. - Fri., 3:00-8:00PM

WREATH DECORATING: Sat., Dec. 9, 9:00AM-3:00PM
Sun., Dec. 10, 1:00-5:00PM

INFO: christmas@strose.com

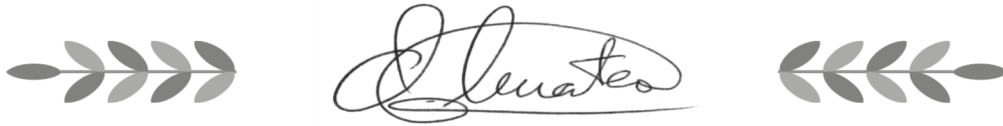


Deck the halls with wreaths, garlands & a beautiful tree! Find unique gifts & ornaments in the Shoppe!

Lots of volunteers are needed to help in the Tree Lot & Shoppe. Many shifts are available.

Share your holiday cheer with others!
Donations of soups, stews or baked goods for our workers are also greatly appreciated!

WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR / PALABRAS DE NUESTRO PASTOR



Today's readings give us the comfort and assurance that our God is with us. He comes with power. He takes care of His flock. He proclaims peace to His people. The Lord does not delay in keeping His promises. We are to be people of hope. While waiting for His final coming we are to make every effort to be free of sin and at peace in His sight. We are to prepare a straight path. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

St. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives. Those changes that God would ask of us are not only a matter of selfishness and sin, but also a change in the way we look at life. We may forget that we were created in the image and likeness of God, that God Himself became like one of us in all things except sin. It can happen when we do not take time to know who we are, when we forget the promise that God is always with us, when people lose vision and hope and life becomes meaningless and filled with discouragement and despair. It can happen because of the troubled world in which we live, the hopelessness that comes because we don't know what will happen next and we feel helpless to do anything about it.

Hope is not a wish or a dream. It is a virtue, a power and a gift from God. It is a habit, a mindset and an attitude by which we trust our God with our lives, expecting only the best. It is a longing for certainty already ours. This hope, St. Paul writes, will not leave us disappointed because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

That is what Advent is all about. We are God's chosen ones, a holy people, having dignity as sons and daughters of a loving Father and we are to fly with the eagles. We are to be people of hope, people of promise that our lives will end well and all of God's purpose in creating us will be fulfilled. What more can we ask of a loving Father?

With hope we are to remind others that they too can reach the greatest heights, that life does have meaning and purpose, that every person has dignity and all of mankind will see the salvation of our God. We prepare the way of the Lord by telling good news, bringing peace to our troubled world, healing to those who are hurting, good example to those who have lost their way. We make those paths straight by sharing what we have with those who are less fortunate, forgiving and forgetting, seeking reconciliation with family and friends. The way of the Lord will demand the very best in us. And the very best is also all that we can hope for.

Las lecturas de hoy nos dan el confort y la seguridad de que nuestro Dios está con nosotros. Él viene con poder. Él se cuida de su rebaño. Proclama paz a su pueblo. El Señor no demora en cumplir sus promesas. Somos personas de esperanza. Mientras espera su venida final estamos para hacer todo lo posible para estar libres del pecado y en paz en los ojos De Dios. Debemos enderezar nuestros caminos. Todo valle será lleno y todo monte y colina serán allanados.

San Juan Bautista nos llama a reformar nuestras vidas. Los cambios que Dios espera de nosotros no están sólo relacionados con el egoísmo y el pecado, sino también con un cambio en la manera en que vemos la vida. Podemos olvidar que fuimos creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios, Dios mismo se hizo uno de nosotros en todo excepto el pecado. Pasa cuando no tenemos tiempo para pensar y averiguar quiénes somos, cuando nos olvidamos de la promesa de que Dios está siempre con nosotros, cuando las personas pierden la visión y la esperanza y la vida se vuelve sin sentido y llena de desaliento y desesperación. Pasa debido el mundo turbulento en que vivimos, la desesperanza que viene porque no sabemos qué va a pasar y nos sentimos impotentes para hacer nada al respecto.

La esperanza no es un deseo o un sueño. Es una virtud, poder y regalo de Dios. Es un hábito, una mentalidad y una actitud por la que confiamos en nuestro Dios con nuestra vida esperando sólo lo mejor, es un anhelo de la certeza que es ya nuestra de lo que va a suceder. Esta esperanza, escribe San Pablo, no nos dejará decepcionados porque el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo que nos ha sido dado.

De esto se trata Adviento. Hemos sido elegidos por Dios, somos su pueblo santo, tenemos dignidad de hijos e hijas de un Padre amoroso que nos llama a volar comió águilas. Tu y yo somos personas de esperanza, y se cumplirá la promesa de que nuestra vida va a terminar bien. ¿Qué más podemos esperar de un Padre amoroso?

Con esperanza debemos recordar a los demás de que ellos también pueden llegar a las mayores alturas, recordar que la vida tiene significado y propósito, que cada persona tiene dignidad y de que toda la humanidad verá la salvación de nuestro Dios. Preparemos el camino del Señor diciéndole que nos fiamos de El y pidiéndole que traiga la paz a nuestro mundo atribulado, sanación a aquellos que están rotos, buen ejemplo para aquellos que han perdido su camino. También enderezamos los caminos del Señor cuando compartimos lo que tenemos con los menos afortunados, perdonamos y olvidamos y buscamos la reconciliación con familiares y amigos. El camino del Señor exige lo mejor de nosotros. Y lo mejor es todo lo que también podemos esperar.



NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

Not all meetings & events appear on this calendar!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 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)
- 8:30 pm Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: Procesión, Misa y Recepción (CH/PCW)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 12:00 pm OWLS Christmas Potluck & Sing-a-Long (DGN)
- 6:30 pm Gr. K-6 Religious Education (CHLL)
- 7:00 pm Accommodating Hearts (LR1)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 5:00 pm Reconciliation Service (CH)
- 6:30 pm HS MOHO - Ministry of Hanging Out (YC)
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation Service / Rito Penitencial (CH)
- 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus (STJ)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 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 RCIA Precatechumenate (STP)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:30 am Symbolon (DGN1)
- 6:00 pm Grupo de Oración (LR/BR)
- 6:30 pm 1st Penance Retreat (CH/STJ/DGN/OLCC)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 6:30 am That Man Is You (CH)
- 8:30 am Formación para Lectores - Equipo A (HC)
- 8:30 am Family Formation Core Team (LR1)
- 9:30 am Lector Formation - Team A (HC)
- 5:00 pm Ministros de la Eucaristía (DGN)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 | ADVENT III

- 9:30 am Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/BR/YC)
- 2:30 pm Formación de la Familia (PCW/LR/BR/YC/CHLL)
- 4:30 pm CC & CLC Choirs Rehearsal (KD)
- 5:00 pm Adaptive Religious Education (LR/CHLL)
- 6:00 pm TLC Choir Rehearsal (CH)

LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

3rd Sunday of Advent /

3^{er} Domingo de Adviento

December 16/17, 2017

Masses/Celebrants:

- Sat., 5:00 pm (CH) Fr. Justin Huber
- Sun., 7:30 am (HC) Fr. Agustín Mateo
- Sun., 9:00 am (CH) Fr. Matt Carnes
- Sun., 11:00 am (CH) Fr. Matt Carnes
- Sun., 1:00 pm (CH) Fr. Justin Huber (español)

Scriptures:

Is. 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thess. 5:16-24 / John 1:6-8, 19-28

Bread Bakers: Group 9 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team A

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

† *Deceased* * *Living*

- Mon., 12/11 8:30 am † Noreen Lucey
- Tue., 12/12 8:30 am † Andrew Vocke
- Wed., 12/13 8:30 am † Rev. John S. Mattingly
- Thu., 12/14 8:30 am † Jacinto, Brigida & Lydia Camomot
- Fri., 12/15 8:30 am † Rev. Msgr. Vincent S. Gatto
- Sat., 12/16 5:00 pm † John Biro
- Sun., 12/17 7:30 am † Diane Kouneski
- Sun., 12/17 9:00 am † Chuan (Antonia) Jih-Chou
- Sun., 12/17 11:00 am † Lydia Camomot
- Sun., 12/17 1:00 pm † Delia Turcios de Lovo

CONGRATULATIONS / FELICIDADES

Baptism / Bautizo

Johanna Guadalupe Alarcón
 Yazmin Lizet Alarcón
 Sebastián Antonio Alfaro



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, Antonia Giuliano, Ana Lucia Gonzales, Marta Guerrero, Gregory Hanks, Elsie Hebert, Fernando Hernandez, Kenneth Homon, Evelin Idrovo, 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, Adela Valderrama, William Valentine, Mel Vineyard, Amy Williams, and Salvador Zelada.

THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Walter Chimiak, father of Rev. Msgr. Karl A. Chimiak; Kenneth Hartsell & Aaron Kimber, friends of Ginny & Gordon Everstine; Elizabeth Hiscock, grandmother of Christopher Soles; and Silvia Sotelo, sister of Susana Chambers.



WORSHIP / ADORACION

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE / RITO PENITENCIAL DE ADVIENTO
Wed., Dec. 13, 5:00pm (service in English) and 7:00pm (bilingual service), Church. Priests will be available to hear confessions in English and Spanish. / Miercoles, 13 de diciembre, 5:00pm y 7:00pm, en la iglesia.

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.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5!

PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS PROCESSION!

Participate in the entrance procession at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass! There is a place for everyone—the more the merrier! A small number of participants will be selected by lottery to serve in specific nativity character roles. **MANDATORY REHEARSAL:** Sat., Dec. 23, 9:00am-11:00am, Jeremiah Room. **INFO & RSVP** (by Tues., Dec. 13): Allison Boyle, swimcoachmom2@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE:

ADVENT 4 + CHRISTMAS EVE + CHRISTMAS DAY

Because the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day this year, we have adjusted morning Mass times for December 24. 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: María Auxiliadora Coro

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

CHRISTMAS DAY - MON., DEC. 25

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

EDUCATION / EDUCACION



ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR OR SENIOR?

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM!

All high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited to join the Confirmation Retreat Leadership Team. We are looking for faith-filled, dependable, and mature leaders who can work in a team environment and are ready to be role-models in faith for our Confirmandi. We will meet once a week for six weeks leading up to the Confirmation Retreat in February. **INFO & APPLICATION:** www.strose-parish.com/youth-ministry **DEADLINE:** December 13

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

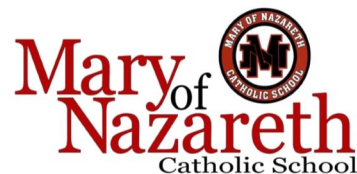
Adult Catholics (aged 18+) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith, but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to participate in a preparation program. Classes will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, January-May. **INFO &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

LOOKING FOR ADVENT REFLECTION & FORMATION RESOURCES?

Visit www.Formed.org (Parish Code QD4Q28). Some things to check 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.

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/MoNCatholicSch
Follow: [@MoNCatholic_Sch](https://www.instagram.com/MoNCatholic_Sch)
Call: (301) 869-0940

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.



COMMUNITY / COMUNIDAD

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGES 5-12!

ENTER THE "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST

All children ages 5 - 12 are invited to enter this annual contest sponsored by our Knights of Columbus! Cash prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners in each age category. A flyer with all the details is being distributed this weekend, and extra copies will be available in the Church Foyer. DEADLINE: Thurs., Dec. 14. Drop posters off at the Parish Office with Susan Joseph or Ivonne Salazar.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Mon., Dec. 11, 8:30pm. The celebration includes a procession from the Historic Chapel to the Church, Mass with an offering of flowers, and is followed by a serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mariachis, light refreshments (free) and a sale of religious items.

CELEBRACIÓN DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Lunes, 11 de diciembre, 8:30pm. Procesión Guadalupana desde de la Capilla Histórica a la Iglesia, Santa Misa con ofrecimiento de flores, seguido de mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe con Mariachi, un pequeño refrigerio gratis, y venta de artículos religiosos. INFO: Zenaida Lezama, 240-388-1990; Jesus Hernandez, 770-527-2619

JOIN THE O.W.L.S. FOR A POTLUCK CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tues., Dec. 12, 12:00pm, Duggan Room. Join the Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors for this fun annual event! After lunch, join in singing Christmas carols! Bring a dish to share. RSVP: Linda LeBlanc, 301-963-1269 or strosewls@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & COOKIES

Wed., Dec. 20, 6:30-8:30pm, Woodlands Room. This beloved annual carol sing-along 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

Q & A WITH FR. JUSTIN

Email your questions to:
fatherjustin@strose.com



QUESTION: What is the significance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception?

ANSWER: This past Friday, December 8, we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. But what does it mean to say that Mary was "immaculately conceived"?

To understand the Immaculate Conception, one needs to first understand the nature of Original Sin. The words "Original Sin" typically recall the image of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden eating of the fruit of the tree from which they had been forbidden to eat. The truth that one receives from this Genesis account of humanity's origin is that in the beginning our first parent chose to sin against God and from that first sin, human nature has been wounded and the wound has been transmitted down through the generations. Bishop Robert Barron has described Original Sin as, "arrogating to oneself what belongs in a privileged way to God" – namely the making "of the human will itself the criterion of good and evil." Whenever we chose for ourselves what is good and evil and ignore the divine logic that God has written into human nature, we imitate the sin of our first parents. Bishop Barron offers a useful image of the human race being a "dysfunctional family," meaning that whether we like it or not, we inherit the patterns of dysfunction of the family into which we are born. In the spiritual realm, we call this dysfunction "sin" and the tendency to sin "concupiscence."

However, despite the fact that we have a tendency towards sin, we are not bound by it. Through the grace made available to us by Jesus Christ, we can overcome our sins. God is able, throughout our lives, to enable us to be refashioned into the image of what humanity was supposed to be had sin not entered into the world.

Returning to Friday's feast – the Church has believed throughout the ages that, through a special grace, Mary was preserved from Original Sin from the moment of her conception. This means that she did not inherit the guilt and effects of Original Sin and that the humanity that she passed on to Jesus was similarly pure. As such, Mary becomes a model for what we are each called to become by allowing God's grace to work in our lives.



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

GIFTS FROM THE HEART:

AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING PROGRAM

This St. Rose program was created to help reclaim the true meaning of Christmas. Instead of spending time and money buying gifts for loved ones who already have all they need, honor them by supporting the needy in their name. When you place an order from the GFTH Form, you'll receive a card specifying the gifts and charity you chose. You then present the cards to your loved ones, who will know that their gift has helped others in need! GFTH Forms are in the Church Foyer and on our website: www.strose-parish.org/service. All checks are made out to St. Rose of Lima Parish and are tax deductible. Return form and payment to the Parish Office or place in the collection at Mass. DEADLINE: Fri., Dec. 15



THE GIFTING TREE - RETURN GIFTS TODAY!

Bring holiday cheer to our neighbors in need. St. Rose will fill special Christmas requests from needy families identified by the City of Gaithersburg through our annual Gifting Trees. These trees (located in the Church Foyer and the Church Lower Level) have tags on them with the requested items. Take a gift tag or two from the tree, purchase the requested item, and return it (with tag affixed) underneath the Gifting Tree by THIS Sun., Dec. 10.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS

Dec. 9/10. This annual collection benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. Please place donations in the specially marked Poor Boxes. Thank you for your generosity!

GATHERING SPACE - DONATE ONLINE!

There are a number of finishing elements for the Gathering Space that are above what has been donated for the construction - elements that will beautify and finish out the space. You may donate towards these special elements online or by cash/check! INFO: Fabiana Rieke, 301-948-7545 x 232 or frieke@strose.com

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING TODAY!

1. Visit our website at www.strose-parish.org/online-giving
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Offertory-----	\$19,768
Mortgage Reduction-----	\$617
Capital Campaign-----	\$1,752
Gift Certificate Profit-----	\$129

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Upper Mont. Assistance Network (UMAN)-----	\$1,000
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Financial Fact

As of 12/4/17, your generous donations for the Gathering Space Interior total \$144,403.33. These funds will help pay for interior finishes that are not covered by Capital Campaign funds slated for the construction of the Gathering Space. Our goal for the Gathering Space Interior is \$300,000. If you wish to donate, please clearly mark your gift "Gathering Space". Thank you!

TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO

Healing Prayer Teams

Our Healing Prayer Teams pray with and for those who are in need of healing for a variety of reasons—physical, spiritual, relational, and more. They serve with love and compassion. Their availability is announced at Masses.