

# ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

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## 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.

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

ORDINARY TIME V



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

*Quinceañeras, Wedding Receptions, Parties & More!*  
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# CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT IN ANNAPOLIS

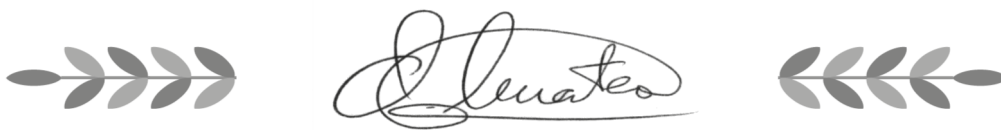
Feb. 22, 2018, 3:00-8:00pm

- Briefings from Maryland Catholic Conference lobbyists about issues before the General Assembly St. John Neumann Mission Church, Annapolis (3:00-4:30pm)
- Shuttles to the state office buildings (4:30pm)
- Visits with legislators (5:00-6:30pm)
- Reception with legislators, Maryland's Catholic Bishops and other church leaders Miller Senate Office Building (6:30-8:00pm)
- Shuttles back to St. John Neumann Mission Church (8:00pm)

REGISTER: [www.MDCathCon.org/LobbyNight](http://www.MDCathCon.org/LobbyNight)



# WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR / PALABRAS DE NUESTRO PASTOR



There are times when we feel a bit like Job. We have had nights filled with darkness, worry and fear, wondering what will happen next. Our days also have their own kind of suffering and pain, difficulty and disappointments. We wonder sometimes where to find joy, peace and happiness. Everyone has days like that and our God truly understands our humanness and our search for wellness and a fulfilled life.

More and more we are beginning to realize that it really does not matter how long we live. It is really how well we live each day. Wellness is more than just the absence of illness. It has to do with living life the very best we can each day. It is truly becoming what God wants us to be. It looks toward our emotional, social, psychological and spiritual well being.

Jesus understands our need for healing. He came to cast out the powers of darkness and to rescue us for the kingdom of light. His miracles not only showed God's power over all evil but they were also a sign of God's care, concern and love for all that He has created. Everyone was looking for Him. They sought His help because He was always concerned about the physical welfare of those in need.

He fed the hungry and satisfied the thirst of those who sought to know a new way of life. He taught the truth and then showed them by example how to love one another - even those who did not agree with Him or opposed what He had to say. He opened their minds and hearts to realize that we are all God's people, His family created in His image and likeness. He showed us how to accept pain, suffering and death, turning those experiences into growth and new life. He was there for the broken-hearted, binding up their wounds, forgiving and healing those who in faith realized He had the words of everlasting life. Jesus, the Lord of life, has come to bring the fullness of life to all who call upon His name.

To know and enjoy that wellness of life we are to be people of prayer. The scriptures often tell us that Jesus often spent time with His Father. After a long and busy day, He got up early the next morning and went off to a lonely place and there He was absorbed in prayer. It was in prayer that Jesus found the spiritual and physical energy to go on to the neighboring villages to proclaim the good news there. He brought healing, wellness, to all who heard His words and followed in His ways.

We need to be prayerful people, but it is not just a matter of saying words. It is to know and appreciate God's love for us. When we pray we find our God within us and we are never alone. We are refreshed and renewed to pick up our cross and follow in His ways. We find the necessary faith to trust in His love and His power. We know that all things work out for the good of those who love Him. Our God has the words of everlasting life.

At each Eucharist we celebrate, the Lord Jesus offers His saving life, death and Resurrection to the Father. We join in His sacrifice by offering ourselves, all of our joys and sufferings, all of our hopes and dreams, all of our pain and sacrifice, all that we are and hope to become. All of these gifts are transformed into a saving power for us, for one another and for our world. And that is the Good News we are to share with all of God's creation.

Hay momentos en los que nos caemos un poco como Job. Hemos tenido noches llenas de oscuridad, preocupación y miedo, preguntándonos qué sucederá después. Nuestros días también tienen su propio tipo de sufrimiento y dolor, dificultad y desilusiones. Nos preguntamos a veces dónde encontrar alegría, paz y felicidad. Todos tenemos días así y nuestro Dios realmente entiende nuestra humanidad y nuestra búsqueda de bienestar y una vida plena.

Cada vez más nos estamos dando cuenta de que realmente no importa cuánto tiempo vivamos. Es realmente lo bien que vivimos cada día. El bienestar más que solo la ausencia de enfermedad. Tiene que ver con vivir la vida lo mejor que podemos cada día. Realmente se está convirtiendo en lo que Dios quiere que seamos. Mira hacia nuestro bienestar emocional, social, psicológico y espiritual.

Jesús entiende nuestra necesidad de curación. Él vino a expulsar los poderes de las tinieblas y a rescatarnos por el reino de la luz. Sus milagros no solo mostraron el poder de Dios sobre todo el mal, sino que también fueron un signo del cuidado, preocupación y amor de Dios por todo lo que Él ha creado. Todos estaban buscando Él. Buscaron su ayuda porque siempre estuvo preocupado por el bienestar físico de los necesitados.

Alimentó a los hambrientos y satisfizo la sed de aquellos que buscaban conocer una nueva forma de vida. Él enseñó la verdad y luego les mostró con ejemplos cómo amarse los unos a los otros, incluso aquellos que no estaban de acuerdo con Él o se oponían a lo que tenía que decir. Él abrió sus mentes y corazones para darse cuenta de que todos somos el pueblo de Dios, su familia creada a su imagen y semejanza. Nos mostró cómo aceptar el dolor, el sufrimiento e incluso la muerte, convirtiendo esas experiencias en crecimiento y una nueva vida. Él estaba allí para los quebrantados de corazón, uniendo sus heridas para perdonar y sanar a aquellos que en fe se dieron cuenta de que tenía las palabras de la vida eterna. Jesús, el Señor de la vida, ha venido para llevar la plenitud de la vida a todos los que invocan su nombre.

Para conocer y disfrutar ese bienestar de la vida, debemos ser personas de oración. Las Escrituras a menudo nos dicen que Jesús a menudo pasaba tiempo con su Padre. Después de un día largo y ocupado, se levantó temprano a la mañana siguiente y se fue a un lugar solitario y allí estaba absorto en oración. Fue en oración que Jesús encontró la energía espiritual y física para ir a las aldeas vecinas y proclamar las buenas nuevas allí. Él trajo sanidad, bienestar a todos los que escucharon Sus palabras y siguieron sus caminos.

Debemos ser personas devotas, pero no se trata solamente de decir palabras. Es conocer y apreciar el amor de Dios por nosotros. Cuando oramos, encontramos a nuestro Dios dentro de nosotros y nunca estamos solos. Estamos renovados y renovados para recoger nuestra cruz y seguir sus caminos. Encontramos la fe necesaria para confiar en Su amor y Su poder. Sabemos que todas las cosas funcionan para el bien de aquellos que lo aman. Nuestro Dios tiene las palabras de la vida eterna.

En cada Eucaristía que celebramos, el Señor Jesús ofrece Su vida salvadora, muerte y Resurrección al Padre. Nos unimos en Su sacrificio ofreciéndonos a nosotros mismos, todas nuestras alegrías y sufrimientos, todas nuestras esperanzas y sueños, todo nuestro dolor y sacrificio, todo lo que somos y esperamos ser. Todos estos dones se transforman en un poder de ahorro para nosotros, para los demás y para nuestro mundo. Y esa es la Buena Nueva que debemos compartir con toda la creación de Dios.



## NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

*Not all meetings & events appear on this calendar!*

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 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, FEBRUARY 6

- 6:30 pm Gr. K-6 Religious Education (CHLL)

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 10:30 am Arimatheans (LR1)
- 6:30 pm Pastoral Council (STP)
- 7:00 pm Taizé Prayer with Flower of Carmel (HC)
- 7:00 pm Catechist Training (DGN)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Team (BR)
- 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus (LR2)

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00 pm (HC)
- 1:00 pm Jubilee Quilters (LR)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Maria Auxiliadora Coro Practica (KD)
- 7:00 pm Taller de Oración y Vida (STJ)
- 7:30 pm RCIA Precatechumenate (STP)

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 6:00 pm Grupo de Oración (LR/BR)
- 6:30 pm 1st Communion Session (CH/DGN/STJ/OLCC)

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 6:30 am That Man Is You (PCW)
- 8:00 am Cleaning Ministry (CH/CHF)
- 8:30 am Formación para Lectores - Equipo C (HC)
- 9:30 am Lector Formation - Team C (CH)
- 6:30 pm Accommodating Hearts Spring Dance (PCW)

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | ORDINARY TIME VI

- 9:30 am Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/BR/YC)
- 12:00 pm Reunión de Nuevos Miembros (DGN)
- 12:15 pm Newcomer's Gathering (DGN)
- 2:30 pm Formación de la Familia (PCW/YC/LR/BR/CHLL)
- 5:00 pm Adaptive Religious Education (LR/CHLL)
- 5:00 pm Filipino Mass (HC)

### LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time/

#### 6<sup>o</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

*February 10/11, 2018*

#### Masses/Celebrants:

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

#### Scriptures:

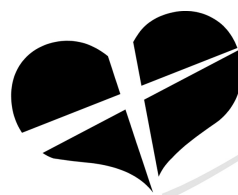
Lev. 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Cor. 10:31—11:1 / Mk. 1:40-45

**Bread Bakers:** Group 6 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team C

### MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

† *Deceased* \* *Living*

- Mon., 2/5 8:30 am † Isabelle Smith
- Tue., 2/6 8:30 am † Lydia Camomot
- Wed., 2/7 8:30 am † Carlos Weill
- Thu., 2/8 8:30 am † Rev. Msgr. William J. Kane
- Fri., 2/9 8:30 am † Neville Emmanuel
- Sat., 2/10 5:00 pm † Leonard Fabian
- Sun., 2/11 7:30 am † Arcadia Serranilla
- Sun., 2/11 9:00 am \* Jerry Hurwitz
- Sun., 2/11 11:00 am † Bill & Betty Power
- Sun., 2/11 1:00 pm † Inocencia T. Equia



Jesus heals  
the broken hearted



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

### THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Maria Alcivar, Cliff Arsenault, Maria Bruckner, Maddie Cabatic, José Camargo, Lorelei Castro, Danna Cevallos, Lyn Dibble, Linda Edgeman, Jose Escalante, Aurora Fonseca, Ann Gradowski, Marta Guerrero, Gregory Hanks, Elsie Hebert, Carolina Kline, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Delfina López, Linda Markle, Priscila Martinez, Jennette Mattero, Josie Mattero, Erin Mauer, Rosalyn McCarthy, Virginia Mendoza, Son Nguyen, Paulina Orellana, Rafael Orellana, Gloria Ortwerth, Evelia de Peralta, Maria Pocasangre Valencia, Bob Quinlan, Maggie Quinlan, Martha Ramos, Anthony Reid, Bunny Roncevic, Patricia Sattalo, Etmonia Sawyer, Fernando Servantes, Peggy Smith, Luzmila Tacuri, Valentin Umanzor, Adela Valderrama, William Valentine, Eugene Vanover, and Amy Williams.

### THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Daniel Cano, relative of Ivonne Salazar; Betty LeBlanc, mother of Linda LeBlanc; and Fong-Gay Wu, mother of Bel Leong-Hong.

**ASH WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 14**

Mass with Imposition of Ashes: 8:30am and 7:00pm; Liturgy of the Word with Imposition of Ashes: 12:15pm and 5:00pm. Liturgical Ministers are needed. Sign-up sheets are posted by the ministry sign-in table in the Church.

**LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES**

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics aged 18 - 59 years observe a modified fast (guidelines allow one full meal). Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent.

**PAUTAS PARA AYUNO & ABSTINENCIA**

En miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo, los católicos de entre 18-59 años de edad tienen un ayuno moderado (las pautas permiten una comida completa). Los católicos de 14 y más de 14 años de edad se abstienen de comer carne en Miércoles de Ceniza y cada viernes de cuaresma.

**TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH FLOWER OF CARMEL**

Wed., Feb. 7, 7:00-7:30pm, Historic Chapel. Come and enjoy the simplicity and peace of prayer and song in the style of Taizé (sung meditative music, scripture readings and time for reflective silence). For more information or to help facilitate, contact Beth Fisher, 301-972-3406 or [ljfisher57@verizon.net](mailto:ljfisher57@verizon.net).

**FLU SEASON GUIDELINES**

Please refrain from receiving from the chalice if you aren't feeling well. If you cannot attend Mass, view a televised Mass. The Archdiocese of Washington airs Sunday Mass at 10:30am, on WDCW-50 (Verizon: Ch. 3; Dish or Direct TV: Ch. 50); ABC Family airs Sunday Mass at 6:30am; Catholic TV broadcasts a weekly Mass from the Basilica of the National Shrine on Saturdays at 7:00pm and 11:30pm.

**2ND ANNUAL HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION**

Sat., Feb. 17, 1:30-6:30pm, Saint John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harewood Rd. NE, Washington, DC. This celebration features an inspiring talk for couples by nationally-recognized writer and speaker Msgr. Charles Pope, Mass, fun catechesis for children and teens, a family-style meal and entertainment. COST: \$15/couple; \$30/family of 3+ persons. REGISTRATION: [www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com](http://www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com)

**CHILDREN'S HEALING MASS**

This Fri., Feb. 9, 6:30pm, St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 11600 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring. This event includes a teaching Mass paced for children, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk specifically for children by Fr. Dan Leary, adoration, healing prayers, confession and more. This mass is for all children, not just those who are sick. INFO: [paula.a.zelaya@gmail.com](mailto:paula.a.zelaya@gmail.com)



**ENCOUNTER THE GOSPEL OF LIFE**

July 8-13, 2018. Rising 9th-12th grade students are invited to join St. Rose of Lima Youth Ministries for this week-long service camp based at the University of Maryland.

**Encounter Core Values**

- Direct-Relational Ministry
- Shared Responsibility & Empowerment
- Openness to God & Holy Spirit
- Commitment to Excellence
- Conversion Reflected in Daily Life

**Encounter Goals**

- Create Experiences of Faith
- Offer Catechesis on Catholic Social Teaching
- Effect Real Change and Conversion, Seen in Our Daily Lives
- Change the World

**Youth Participant Registration**

St. Rose spots at Encounter are limited and fill very quickly! Registration BEGINS on Wed., Feb. 21, 6:00pm

**Young Adult Application**

A few young adults are selected to serve at Encounter. Applications DUE on Wed., Feb. 21.

For more information, youth registration and young adult application, visit our website at: [www.strose-parish.org/egl](http://www.strose-parish.org/egl).

**ST. ROSE TO RECEIVE OPENING DOORS AWARD**

Each year, the National Catholic Partnership on Disability and Loyola Press recognizes a parish that demonstrates a deep commitment to parishioners with disabilities, providing access for full participation in all aspects of parish life: through sacramental preparation, participation, and celebration, catechetical ministry, social outreach, as well as community service. St. Rose is the 2017 winner! The award will be presented at the 9:00am Mass on Feb. 18. After Mass, a reception will be held in the Woodlands Room.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS - INTERGENERATIONAL LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

The whole family can enjoy these activities, while learning about and serving those who are on the margins! ► Catholic Relief Services Refugee Crisis Simulation: Feb. 18, 4:00-5:30pm. Follow and act out a refugee family's journey to safety through this hands-on learning experience. ► Catholic Charities' Cup of Joe Program: Mar. 18, 4:00-5:30pm. Help assemble 2000 meal kits for the homeless in the DC Shelters. INFO: Sherry Moitoza, [smoitoza@strose.com](mailto:smoitoza@strose.com)

## COMMUNITY / COMUNIDAD



### FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tues., Feb. 13, 5:00-7:30pm, Woodlands Room. Join our Knights of Columbus for pancakes, syrup, sausage and fellowship! Donation: \$6/person or \$18/family.

### OWLS LENTEN MINI-RETREAT: UNCLUTTER THE SOUL

Tues., Feb. 13, 9:30am-2:00pm, Duggan Room. Begin your Lenten journey with the Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors (OWLS)! THEME: Unclutter the Soul. Facilitated by Christine Jeffrey, Director of Liturgy and Adult Faith Formation. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. INFO & RSVP: Linda LeBlanc, 301-963-1269 or [stroseowls@gmail.com](mailto:stroseowls@gmail.com)

### RETRouvaille: HELP FOR MARRIAGES IN TROUBLE

Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal. INFO & REGISTRATION: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), 443-400-7017, or [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org)



### HEY, HIGH SCHOOLERS! YOU'RE INVITED!

Looking to get away for the day to reconnect with friends, meet new people, and learn more about yourself and God? All High School students are invited to join St. Rose Youth Ministries for this Archdiocesan High School Rally with faith filled talks, great music, worship and breakout sessions. The Rally is on Sat., Mar. 3, at Catholic University of America. Adult volunteers are also needed (must meet all Child Protection compliance requirements). INFO & REGISTRATION: [www.strose-parish.org/high-school-rally](http://www.strose-parish.org/high-school-rally)

## Q & A WITH FR. JUSTIN

Email your questions to:  
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**QUESTION:** Why does a good God allow the innocent to suffer?

**ANSWER:** The existence of suffering, as permitted by a good and loving God, is one of the most difficult problems in the human experience. The challenges to faith offered by human suffering are varied and personal, offering a complexity that will be impossible to fully explore in such a short response.

Perhaps the first thing to recognize about suffering is that it offers the human being a choice: In the face of suffering some turn their gaze toward God, searching earnestly for him. Others turn away from God. The outcome of the experience of suffering is not inevitable.

One of the oldest answers to the meaning of suffering is that God permits (but does not cause) suffering in order to bring about some greater good – a good that can remain hidden to us throughout the experience of suffering. Imagine the following scenario: A very young child develops a serious wound on her arm. She is taken to the doctor, treated, and sent home with the arm bandaged. Each day her mother must take off the bandage, clean the wound and re-bandage it. From the mother's perspective, she is trying to heal her child, but from the young child's perspective, her mother is causing great pain for no reason that is understandable. In this analogy, we can see that the mother is not the cause of the pain. Additionally, we can see that the child has no way, because of her young age, to understand the meaning of the pain. In like manner, God, whose providence is well beyond our finite intellect, operates in ways often beyond our comprehension.

While the preceding analogy can satisfy the intellection dimension of our question, we are often still left with the emotion dimension which asks: How do I get through this? At the heart of our faith is the person of Jesus Christ – the totally innocent victim who still entered into the depths of suffering. We see that when suffering is confronted with love, patience and hope – when it is united to Christ's cross – then it can be imbued with a meaning and finality that only God can give.

SEE: St. John Paul II, Apostolic Letter *Salvifici Doloris* (11 February 1984)



## EDUCATION / EDUCACION

### TIME CHANGE - FAMILY FORMATION SESSION

The Family Formation Session for THIS Sun., Feb. 4 has been moved up to run from 3:00-4:30pm, so that families can be home in time to enjoy the Super Bowl.

### HELPING HURTING TEENS

Fri., Mar. 2, 7:00pm, St. Peter's Parish, 2900 Olney Sandy Spring Rd., Olney. All parents, catechists and youth ministry volunteers are invited this event featuring Roy Petifilis, a former youth minister and current clinical therapist who works with adults and teens. It can be daunting to help teens who are dealing with difficult issues. Many adults think, "I'm not a psychologist... How can I help these teens?" While there are limits to what non-mental health professionals can do, there is MUCH more you can do than you probably think. You'll leave this session with a better understanding of teen issues and with a clearer understanding of the critical role you can play in pastorally caring for today's hurting teens. INFO: [www.strose-parish.org/parent-resources](http://www.strose-parish.org/parent-resources)

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES - IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN IN!

Classes have begun. 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 this preparation program. *Those who have already been confirmed are also welcome to attend to learn more about the Catholic faith!* Classes will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, January-May. INFO & REGISTRATION: <http://strose-parish.org/adult-confirmation>

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? NEED SACRAMENTS?

Come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. INFO: Christine Jeffrey, 240-454-5312 or [cjeffrey@strose.com](mailto:cjeffrey@strose.com)

### SPEND MORE TIME WITH SCRIPTURE!

► *At Home with The Word* has Sunday Scripture readings, introductions to the Gospels, tips for studying and praying, reflections, action ideas, and more. Available from the office (\$8). ► *Magnificat*: Subscribe to this monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage liturgical and personal prayer. Order online at <http://us.magnificat.net>. ► *Daily Readings Email*: Sign up to receive the daily readings. <http://www.usccb.org>. ► *FORMED.org*: Lots of Catholic content to enjoy! Listen to Searching the Scripture – The Gospel of John, or to reflections on the weekly readings. Watch Unveiling Scripture and Tradition. Parish Code: QD4Q28.

## STEWARDSHIP /



## CORRESPONSABILIDAD

### CAMPAÑA DEL CARDENAL DE 2018

La Campaña del Cardenal no solo financia el funcionamiento de la arquidiócesis sino que también contribuye con fondos para servicios que son de gran ayuda para los ministerios de nuestra parroquia. El tema de la Campaña es, "Busquen Primero el Reino de Dios". Las contribuciones a la Campaña del Cardenal hacen posible muchos ministerios y servicios que llegan a miles de vidas. Tengan a bien comprometerse con una contribución generosa para la Campaña del Cardenal de 2018. ¡Gracias!

**SEEK FIRST  
THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD**  
Matthew 6:33

### 2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The Cardinal's Appeal not only funds the operations of the archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. The theme of the Appeal is, "Seek First the Kingdom of God." Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal make possible many ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please consider a generous pledge to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal. Thank you!

## THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!

### TREASURE / TESORO January 20 - 26, 2018

#### Your Gifts to the Lord

Offertory.....	\$19,292
Mortgage Reduction .....	\$815
Direct Debit Mortgage Reduction.....	\$5,311
Capital Campaign.....	\$586
Gift Certificate Profit.....	\$197

#### Our Weekly Tithe

Parish Poor Box.....	\$965
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	\$500

#### Financial Fact

This year's Christmas Fundraiser contributed approximately \$36,146 (income less expenses) to our general operating fund. Thanks to all whose time and talent made this annual event a reality again in 2017!

### TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO

#### Shelter Meal Leaders & Donors

Thanks to all who organized the Shelter Meal and all who prepared and donated a tasty dinner for the 200+ men staying at the MCCH shelter in Rockville!