

# 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\*

\* See Worship Column for Lenten Confession Schedule.

### 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.

MARCH 4, 2018

LENT 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!*  
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## LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER

Fri., Mar. 9, 5:00-7:30pm, Woodlands Room

MENU: Fish, French Fries, Mac-n-Cheese, Cole Slaw,  
Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Iced Tea, Lemonade

TICKETS: Available after the 9:00 & 11:00am Masses this  
Sunday, March 4, and at the door.

COST: \$10/Adult, \$6/Child, \$25/Family

*This event is hosted by our Knights of Columbus!*



## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR / PALABRAS DE NUESTRO PASTOR

All of us are patiently waiting for spring. It has been a long and cold winter. There is a new season coming, a new time, a promise of something better. Hope springs eternal in the human heart. It is a time to know and appreciate God's care, concern and love for each one of us. That is what the story about the woman at the well is all about. It is a beautiful story. It is about "change" and "conversion," a "turning away" from the old in order to embrace the new. It is about a fresh awareness of what God is all about in our daily lives.

Much can be learned from this story. First, it is Jesus Who begins this conversation at the well. It is always God Who breaks into our time, our daily lives with His invitation of love. It is not that we suddenly decide to change on our own. It is by invitation and we are called to respond to that invitation. Before the alcoholic, the game or drug addict can mend his ways, he must come to the realization that there is a greater power outside of himself and then he must let that power take charge of his life. All conversion - even the very desire to change - is a gift, freely given. It is a slow and gradual process, never sudden or overnight. It is the work of the Spirit and it is a work which lasts a lifetime. Saint or sinner, all of us are called to an ongoing conversion.

The woman at the well goes through this process before she recognized that Jesus is the Messiah. She wonders why this man even speaks to her - a woman and a Samaritan! Then she is curious about Him. What is He all about? Finally she freely listens to what He has to say, and with the help of the townspeople, she becomes aware that Jesus is the Savior.

This gradual awareness of Who Jesus is begins this process of conversion. To know the Lord is to accept His ways, and in knowing His ways, striving to become a disciple. In other words, changes in my day-to-day behavior are caused by my daily experience of the Lord.

The woman tells us even more about conversion. Change has more to do with the "future" than with the "past." Even God in all of His almighty power cannot change the past. It is the future that really matters. The woman knew she had sinned, but she also knows now she is forgiven, loved by God and challenged to a whole new way of life. Having experienced Jesus' healing grace, she goes off to tell others about what has happened to her. She wants to share that experience with the world. We would say that she has become an evangelizer by her change of attitude.

We are almost at the half way mark in our journey through Lent, our time of change and conversion. Our daily choices, our faithfulness and all of our dying to selfishness and sin remind us of the good work that God has begun in each of us. He will see that good work brought to its completion. The Lord will break into our ordinary routines and lives to surprise us when we least expect Him. He loves us, not only in spite of our past failures and sinfulness but because of our humanness, our weakness and our need for His love. All we need do is to sit by the well, be open to God's invitation to a new life and then become more aware of His love. The rest follows just as spring follows winter. We are to stand before the Person of the living God and let Him be God for us for that is exactly what He wants to be.

Todos nosotros esperamos pacientemente la primavera. Ha sido un invierno largo y frío. Llega una nueva temporada, un nuevo tiempo, una promesa de algo mejor. La esperanza es eterna en el corazón humano. Es un momento para conocer y apreciar el cuidado, la preocupación y el amor de Dios por cada uno de nosotros. De eso se trata la historia sobre la mujer del pozo. Es una hermosa historia. Se trata de "cambio" y "conversión", un "alejamiento" de lo viejo para abrazar lo nuevo. Se trata de una nueva conciencia de lo que Dios es en nuestra vida diaria.

Se puede aprender mucho de esta historia. Primero, es Jesús quien comienza esta conversación en el pozo. Siempre es Dios quien irrumpe en nuestro tiempo, nuestra vida diaria con su invitación de amor. No es que de repente decidamos cambiar por nuestra cuenta. Es por invitación y estamos llamados a responder a esa invitación. Antes de que el alcohólico, el juego o drogadicto pueda arreglar sus caminos, debe darse cuenta de que hay un poder mayor fuera de él y luego debe dejar que ese poder se haga cargo de su vida. Toda conversión - incluso el mismo deseo de cambiar - es un regalo, dado libremente. Es un proceso lento y gradual, nunca repentino ni durante la noche. Es el trabajo del Espíritu y es un trabajo que dura toda la vida. Santo o pecador, todos estamos llamados a una conversión continua.

La mujer en el pozo pasa por este proceso antes de reconocer que Jesús es el Mesías. Ella se pregunta por qué este hombre incluso le habla - una mujer y un samaritano! Entonces ella siente curiosidad por él. ¿De qué trata Él? Finalmente ella escucha libremente lo que Él tiene que decir y luego, con la ayuda de la gente del pueblo, se da cuenta de que Jesús es el Salvador.

Este conocimiento gradual de Quién es Jesús comienza este proceso de conversión. Conocer al Señor es aceptar Sus caminos, y conocer Sus caminos, para llegar a ser un discípulo. En otras palabras, los cambios en mi comportamiento diario son causados por mi experiencia diaria del Señor.

La mujer nos dice aún más sobre la conversión. El cambio tiene que ver más con el "futuro" que con el "pasado". Incluso Dios en todo su poder omnipotente no puede cambiar el pasado. Es el futuro lo que realmente importa. La mujer sabía que había pecado, pero ahora también sabe que está perdonada, amada por Dios y desafiada a una nueva forma de vida. Después de haber experimentado la gracia sanadora de Jesús, va a contarles a otros lo que le sucedió. Ella quiere compartir esa experiencia con el mundo. Diríamos que se ha convertido en evangelizadora por su cambio de actitud.

Estamos casi a mitad de camino en nuestro viaje a través de la Cuaresma, nuestro tiempo de cambio y conversión. Nuestras elecciones diarias, nuestra fidelidad y toda nuestra muerte al egoísmo y al pecado nos recuerdan el buen trabajo que Dios ha comenzado en cada uno de nosotros. Él verá que el buen trabajo se completó. El Señor irrumpirá en nuestras rutinas y vidas ordinarias para sorprendernos cuando menos lo esperemos. Él nos ama, no solo a pesar de nuestros fracasos y pecaminosos del pasado, sino a causa de nuestra humanidad, nuestra debilidad y nuestra necesidad de su amor. Todo lo que necesitamos hacer es sentarnos al lado del pozo, estar abiertos a la invitación de Dios a una nueva vida y luego tomar conciencia de su amor. El resto sigue al igual que la primavera sigue al invierno. Debemos enfrentar a la Persona del Dios viviente y dejar que Él sea Dios para nosotros, porque eso es exactamente lo que Él quiere que sea.



## NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

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

#### MONDAY, MARCH 5

6:30 pm 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/YC)

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 pm Confirmation Family Session (CH)

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

7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer (HC)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

6:00 pm Lenten Mass (CH)

6:30 pm The Light Is On For You - Confessions (CH)

6:30 pm YM Passion Gospel Rehearsal (CH)

7:00 pm Ensayo: Pasión del Señor (DGN)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 pm Taller de Oración y Vida (STJ)

7:00 pm First Communion Team (DGN2)

7:30 pm RCIA Precatechumenate (STP)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

5:00 pm Lenten Fish Fry Supper (PCW/PCK)

6:00 pm Via Crucis y Misión Cuaresmal (HC)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (CH)

7:00 pm Ensayo: Pasión del Señor (DGN)

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 am Preparación para Bautizo: Sesión 1 (LR/BR)

8:30 am Formación para Lectores - Equipo A (HC)

9:30 am Lector Formation - Team A (CH)

6:00 pm Grupo de Oración (DGN/STJ/OLCC)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 11 | LENT IV

9:30 am 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/LR/BR/YC/CHLL)

4:30 pm CLC Choir Rehearsal (KD)

5:00 pm Adaptive Religious Education (LR/CHLL)

6:00 pm TLC Choir Rehearsal (CH)

6:30 pm Grupo de Oración: Estudio Bíblico (YC)

### LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent /

#### 4<sup>o</sup> Domingo de Cuaresma

March 10/11, 2018

#### Masses/Celebrants:

Sat., 5:00 pm (CH) Fr. Justin Huber

Sun., 7:30 am (HC) Fr. Justin Huber

Sun., 9:00 am (CH) Fr. Tony Krisak

Sun., 11:00 am (CH) Fr. Tony Krisak

Sun., 1:00 pm (CH) Fr. Agustin Mateo (español)

#### Scriptures:

1 Sam. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph. 5:8-14 / Jn. 9:1-41 (Cycle A)

**Bread Bakers:** Group 11 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team A

### MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

† *Deceased* \* *Living*

Mon., 3/5 8:30 am † Bill Beane

Tue., 3/6 8:30 am † Carlos Weill

Wed., 3/7 8:30 am † Loved Ones of Stephen Burt

Wed., 3/7 6:00 pm \* Parker & Dawn Russell

Thu., 3/8 8:30 am † Mel Vineyard

Fri., 3/9 8:30 am \* David Johnson

Sat., 3/10 5:00 pm † Jacinto & Brigida Camomot

Sun., 3/11 7:30 am † Deacon Richard A. Fisher

Sun., 3/11 9:00 am † Grace Pee Ying Li

Sun., 3/11 11:00 am † Neville Emmanuel

Sun., 3/11 1:00 pm † Maria Esther Davis de Zambano



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

### THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Maria Alcivar, Cliff Arsenal, Maria Bruckner, Maddie Cabatic, Danna Cevallos, Matteo DeAngelo; Lara Domingues, Linda Edgeman, Jose Escalante, Don Gisin, Marta Guerrero, Gregory Hanks, Paige He, Elsie Hebert, Carolina Kline, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Delfina López, Linda Markle, Hernan Martinez, Priscila Martinez, Jennette Matteredo, Josie Matteredo, Mike Matteredo, Erin Mauer, Rosalyn McCarthy, Bobbie McNairy, Virginia Mendoza, Son Nguyen, Christine Opendaker, Paulina Orellana, Rafael Orellana, Gloria Ortwerth, Mimi Paylin; Bob Quinlan, Maggie Quinlan, Bunny Roncevic, Ovidio Sanchez, Patricia Sattalo, Fernando Servantes, Peggy Smith, Luzmila Tacuri, Adela Valderrama, William Valentine, and Amy Williams.

### THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Carlos Dubon, relative of Magaly Morales; Ugo Fiorita, brother of Maria F. Bousquet; and Maria Pipe, friend of Magaly Morales.





## WORSHIP / ADORACION



### WHAT ARE THE "SCRUTINIES"?

These special rites are celebrated with our Elect on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent, and will occur at the following Masses: 11:00am Mass (3/4), 9:00am (3/11), and 5:00pm (3/17). The Elect are those preparing for Baptism. In their journey to the font, they have already been received among us at the Rite of Acceptance and enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election. Even if we don't attend the liturgies where these rites are celebrated, it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey the Elect are making during Lent, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our own journey. This is why we use the Cycle A readings on these Sundays. The Scrutinies are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We examine (scrutinize) the areas of our lives where we are tempted or sin seriously - in what we do and what we fail to do. We all need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers. Please continue to hold our Elect and our Candidates in prayer during this special time of preparation.

### PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Wednesday, March 21, in the Church.

Family Service - 5:00pm

Bilingual Service - 7:00pm

All are welcome at these communal celebrations, which also offer the opportunity for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Penance with confessors (available in a variety of languages, including ASL).

### SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACIÓN BILINGÜE

Miércoles, 21 de marzo, 7:00pm, en la Iglesia.

Todos son bienvenidos a esta celebración comunitaria, que también brinda la oportunidad para que las personas reciban el Sacramento de la Penitencia con confesores.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SIGN-UPS FOR TRIDUUM & EASTER

Liturgical Ministers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and the additional Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00, 11:00 and 1:00 (español). Sign-up sheets are posted by the sign-in tables. Team A liturgical ministers are expected to serve at their regularly scheduled Masses!

### LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Tuesdays of Lent, 7:00pm, Historic Chapel

### LENTEN EVENING MASS

Wednesdays of Lent, 6:00pm, Church

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent, 7:00pm, Church



*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY

Experience God's loving mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

#### Lenten Confession Schedule:

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm, Church

Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm, Church

Sundays, 10:00-11:00am, Church

Sundays 2:15-3:15pm, Church

*NOTE: During Lent, there are no confessions on Thursday evenings.*

## SERVICE / SERVICIO



### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: MARCH 10/11

Help support St. Martin's Food Pantry, which serves over 150 local needy families per week. Donation bags will be distributed after Masses THIS weekend, Mar. 3/4. ITEMS MOST NEEDED: pasta sauce, meals in a can (stew, chili, etc.), canned fruit, Similac baby formula (blue label), baby cereal, and disposable diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6). DROP OFF: Mar. 10/11, before/after Masses, at the truck in the upper parking lot.

### GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer).



### INTERGENERATIONAL LENTEN ACTIVITY

Sun., Mar. 18, 4:00-5:30pm, Woodlands Room. Join us for Catholic Charities' Cup of Joe Program! We'll assemble 2000 meal kits for the homeless in the DC Shelters. The whole family can enjoy this activity, while learning about and serving those who are on

the margins! INFO: Sherry Moitoza, [smoitoza@strose.com](mailto:smoitoza@strose.com)

### O.W.L.S. ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON & SING-ALONG

Tues., Mar. 13, 12:00pm, Duggan Room. Join the Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors (OWLS) for corned beef and cabbage, followed by an Irish sing-along. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Friends are welcome! RSVP: Linda LeBlanc, [stroseowls@gmail.com](mailto:stroseowls@gmail.com) or 301-963-1269

### QUO VADIS HIKING TRIP

Sun., Apr. 15. All high school aged men who are interested in learning more about the priesthood are invited to go on a *Quo Vadis* hiking trip in Montgomery County. The day includes Mass, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, dinner, and the opportunity to spend time with priests, seminarians, and other high school aged men who are open to the priesthood. Bus transportation is available. INFO & REGISTRATION: [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org), [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020

### YOUTH CAREER EXPO

Sat., Mar. 17, 11:00am-2:00pm, at St. Luke Catholic Church's Center, 4923 East Capitol St., Wash., DC. Youth are invited, and must be accompanied by an adult. College and career vendors will be available. Lunch will be provided. Community Service hours provided upon passport completion. INFO: Dennita Ferrell, [dennitaferrell@gmail.com](mailto:dennitaferrell@gmail.com); Terrenthia Sweeney, 202-582-8219

### CALLED TO LEADERSHIP: SPIRITUALITY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Saturday, April 21  
Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville, MD  
Check-In - 8:00am  
Conference - 8:30am-3:00pm

Catholic women are invited to discover how to enhance their spirituality to be a faith-filled leader in the home, parish, workplace, and community.

Keynoter Dr. Susan Timoney, archdiocesan Secretary for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns, will speak on women's unique leadership gifts.

After lunch, Shelia Parker, President of the Archdiocesan Sodality Union, will speak on how to be a better leader by being a better follower of Jesus.

The third speaker, Desi Balla, will share leadership experiences in her amazing pro-life apostolate.

This event is open to 70 participants.  
COST: \$50 per person  
REGISTRATION: [www.facebook.com/washaccw](http://www.facebook.com/washaccw)  
INFO: [archdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:archdioceseCCW@gmail.com)

## Q & A WITH FR. JUSTIN

Email your questions to:  
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**QUESTION:** What is the best way to prepare for confession?

**ANSWER:** One of the familiar dimensions of our Lenten preparation is the threefold practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Additionally, the Church earnestly recommends taking advantage of the sacrament of Confession. One easily thinks of the words of the Psalmist: "A contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn." (Ps 51:19) It is our humility that brings us close to God. Here are a few tips on how to make a good confession this Lent:

**Plan a time to go.** It is often said that half the battle is just showing up. Decide when you are going to go to confession, put it on your calendar, and then "just show up."

**Make a good examination of conscience.** The heart of a good confession is self-awareness. Do an internet search for "catholic examination of conscience" and prayerfully read through one of the lists of questions. Do this several times throughout the week leading up to your confession, asking God to help you to see yourself clearly.

**Stir up a feeling of contrition.** A key part of confession is being sorry and having the intention of changing your life. Confession is intended, among other things, to help us to clearly see those areas of our life that stand in need of conversion and to invite in God's grace.

**Be courageous in the sacrament.** Some people get nervous about confession. But, the truth of the matter is that generally speaking, we are our own worse critics. There is a fear that the priest will think poorly of a person who confesses a lot of sins. However, the opposite is usually the case. Making a thorough and thoughtful confession is a sign of spiritual maturity.

**CHECK IT OUT:** Bishop Robert Barron's *The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached* - <http://wordonfireshow.com/episode25/>

**ST. ROSE SUMMER CAMP**

SHIPWRECKED - Rescued by Jesus!

July 23-27, 9:00am-12:00pm

COST: \$50/camper

Includes snack, daily craft and CD of camp music!

Discount for volunteering for the week!

REGISTRATION: <https://strose-parish.org/>

INFO: [strosesummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:strosesummercamp@gmail.com)

**BIBLE CAMP DIRECTOR NEEDED:**

**SHADOW THIS SUMMER (2018) & LEAD NEXT SUMMER (2019)**

Our St. Rose Bible Camp runs each summer for one week, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm. A new director is needed to shadow this year and lead the camp in 2019. Resources and training are provided, and a stipend is offered. Interested in learning more? Please contact Susan Joseph at [sjoseph@strose.com](mailto:sjoseph@strose.com).

**PRE-K LITTLE LAMBS CLASS (AGE 4)**

St. Rose would like to bring back a preschool class for our little ones! Using the Little Lambs curriculum, THREE adults are needed to co-lead this small group effort. Classes will take place once per month during the Sunday Family Formation sessions (4:00-6:00pm). If you are interested in serving or simply want to learn more, please contact Susan Joseph at [sjoseph@strose.com](mailto:sjoseph@strose.com).

**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)

**LENT 2018 - CREATION CARE CALENDAR**



The St. Rose Eco-Action Team invites you reflect and act upon this admonition from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: "We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us... Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations." This Lent we can learn, listen, pray, and advocate for the health and well-being of God's Creation. LENTEN CREATION CARE CALENDAR: Visit <http://justresponse.faith/lent-2018-calendar> or visit our parish website and navigate to the Eco-Action page for a direct link. INFO: Pat Cuff, [pmcuff@aol.com](mailto:pmcuff@aol.com)

**HOW ARE POOR BOX DONATIONS USED?**

Particularly during Lent, we try to embrace the practice of almsgiving. One way to do this is through our Poor Box.

All monies placed in the wooden Poor Boxes, located in the Church Foyer and in the Historic Chapel, go to our Poor Box fund. (EXCEPTION: The Poor Boxes are specially marked for Archdiocesan Special Collections about once a month.) Much of our Poor Box funds are channeled on a monthly basis through the Upper Montgomery County Assistance Network, Gaithersburg HELP and Germantown HELP. These funds also help support advocacy organizations such as Action in Montgomery. We often work closely with the City of Gaithersburg's Community Services Program Manager in contributing to collections supported by many organizations to assist especially needy persons in the local community. Emergency assistance for parishioners is sometimes given from our Poor Box.

Please consider making a gift to the Poor Box fund to help our brothers and sisters in need!

**THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!**

**TREASURE / TESORO** Feb. 17 - 23, 2018

**Your Gifts to the Lord**

Offertory -----	\$21,969
Mortgage Reduction-----	\$200
Direct Debit Mortgage Reduction -----	\$5,311
Capital Campaign-----	\$705
Gift Certificate Profit-----	\$129

**Our Weekly Tithe**

Parish Poor Box -----	\$1,098
St. Vincent de Paul Society-----	\$500

**Financial Fact**

"Maintenance Supplies & Materials" is an important line item in our annual budget. It includes lighting and cleaning supplies, paper products for our kitchen and restrooms, etc. This fiscal year to date (7/1/17-1/31/18), we have spent \$13,178 for these supplies and materials.

**TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO**

**MCCH Welcome Kit Donors**

Thanks to all who donated household items to help formerly homeless persons get started in their new homes. Your donations will help make their transition more comfortable, and also affords them a sense of dignity. Thank you for your generosity.