

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

There is no meeting in May. / No hay reunión en mayo.

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:** May 5 & 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:** 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.

JUNE 3, 2018

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Bulletin items due at noon, 2 Fridays before publication date!
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SHELTER WEEK MEALS: JUNE 10-16

Help provide breakfast, lunch, & dinner for the 35 women at the Interfaith Works Women's Center Shelter on Gude Drive in Rockville.

SIGN UP: The link to SignUp Genius is on our parish website.
A reminder will be sent via Flocknote on Mon., June 4.

INFO: Anna Smink, annasmink@aol.com or 301-294-3504



WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR / PALABRAS DE NUESTRO PASTOR

The origin of "Corpus Christi" goes back to the high Middle Ages. It is a moment to reflect on the "real presence of Christ in the Eucharist," this greatest of sacraments and a beloved truth of our faith. Today's readings offer three different dimensions of the Mass, power, presence and promise.

The Letter to the Hebrews goes back to the great Temple sacrifices in Jerusalem to show us the power of the Mass. Our Gospel reading takes us to the Last Supper to show the real and continuing presence of Christ among us in the Eucharist. Today's reading from the Book of Exodus takes us to the mountain of the covenant to show that the Eucharist is the place where the promise of God and the promise of His people still come together. Power, presence and promise.

The Letter to the Hebrews gives us a snapshot of the Temple liturgy on the Day of Atonement, "Yom Kippur," and the ritual slaying of bulls and goats. There were sacrifices to atone, thank, adore, and to make peace and petition. There was a whole array of sacrifices, all striving to achieve what Jesus did on Calvary, the perfect, complete sacrifice.

The Mass is the true sacrifice and all the bloody rituals in the Old Testament were the early symbols foreshadowing what Christ would do. The Mass makes present Christ's powerful, unique Calvary sacrifice. The Mass makes present the single, all-powerful sacrifice of Christ with two differences. Now the pain, the crowds, the blood, the agony are gone. It is an unbloody sacrifice. We can add our prayers to Christ's. We can fuse our petitions to the great Calvary sacrifice of Christ. That is the power of the Mass.

Today's Gospel goes from the Jerusalem Temple to the Last Supper. Jesus says, "This is my Body, this is my Blood." Here in the Eucharist, the Lord is present fully, substantially and in an unobstructed way. Sometimes people say we can see Christ in our neighbor. But that is often difficult to do. But in the Eucharist, the Lord is present without obstruction. That is the significance of the red lamp that we have above our beautiful tabernacle, the real presence. When we come to church, we don't have to hope that Christ will be here. He is! His presence does not depend on our mood, the degree of faith or whether we are in the state of grace. Christ is truly here. The Eucharist is the place of presence. And Christ will abide with us until the end of time. Who knows what changes will occur in the Church over the next thousand years? But a thousand years from now, in every Catholic Church there will always be a tabernacle. It is the abiding presence of Christ in all our joys and sorrows, with us on our life's journey like the ark that traveled with the Israelites wherever they went.

The reading from the Book of Exodus takes us to the holy mountain and the Lord's promise to be with His people and their promise to be faithful to His law. "We will do everything the Lord has told us." The Mass is the place of promise. When we receive Holy Communion, we are promised that we will be one with the Lord someday, face to face.

The Eucharist is also the place of our promise to be faithful to Christ and to His Church. If we receive Communion on the tongue, we are promising that our tongue will not lie, deceive, slander, gossip or speak in an un-Christian way. If we receive communion in our hand, we are promising that we will not turn our hands to violence or destruction but will use them to build up love and the kingdom.

The Eucharist is the greatest gift we have on this earth. It comes from the very hand of Christ. If we keep close to the Mass, to the Eucharist, wherever we are, we will always be close to Christ.

El origen de "Corpus Christi" se remonta a la alta Edad Media. Es un momento para reflexionar sobre la "presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía", el más grande de los sacramentos y una querida verdad de nuestra fe. Las lecturas de hoy ofrecen tres dimensiones diferentes de la Misa, el poder, la presencia y la promesa.

La Carta a los Hebreos se remonta a los grandes sacrificios del Templo en Jerusalén para mostrarnos el poder de la Misa. Nuestra lectura del Evangelio nos lleva a la Última Cena para mostrar la presencia real y continua de Cristo entre nosotros en la Eucaristía. La lectura de hoy del Libro del Éxodo nos lleva a la montaña del pacto para mostrar que la Eucaristía es el lugar donde la promesa de Dios y la promesa de su pueblo todavía se unen. Poder, presencia y promesa.

La Carta a los Hebreos nos da una instantánea de la liturgia del Templo en el Día de la Expiación, "Iom Kipur", y el ritual de matanza de toros y cabras. Hubo sacrificios para expiar, agradecer, adorar y hacer las paces y la petición. Hubo una gran variedad de sacrificios, todos esforzándose lo que Jesús hizo en el Calvario, el sacrificio perfecto y completo.

La Misa es el verdadero sacrificio y todos los sangrientos rituales en el Antiguo Testamento fueron los primeros símbolos que presagiaban lo que Cristo haría. La Misa hace presente el poderoso y único sacrificio del Calvario de Cristo. La Misa hace presente el único y omnipotente sacrificio de Cristo con dos diferencias. Ahora el dolor, la muchedumbre, la sangre, la agonía se han ido. Es un sacrificio no sangriento. Podemos agregar nuestras oraciones a las de Cristo. Podemos fusionar nuestras peticiones con el gran sacrificio del Calvario de Cristo. Ese es el poder de la Misa.

El Evangelio de hoy va del Templo de Jerusalén a la Última Cena. Jesús dice: "Este es mi Cuerpo, esta es mi Sangre". Aquí en la Eucaristía, el Señor está presente de manera plena, sustancial y sin obstrucciones. A veces las personas dicen que podemos ver a Cristo en nuestro prójimo. Pero eso a menudo es difícil de hacer. Pero en la Eucaristía, el Señor está presente sin obstrucción. Ese es el significado de la lámpara roja que tenemos encima de nuestro hermoso tabernáculo, la presencia real. Cuando venimos a la iglesia, no tenemos que esperar que Cristo esté aquí. ¡Él es! Su presencia no depende de nuestro estado de ánimo, del grado de fe o de si estamos en estado de gracia. Cristo está verdaderamente aquí. La Eucaristía es el lugar de presencia. Y Cristo permanecerá con nosotros hasta el fin de los tiempos. ¿Quién sabe qué cambios ocurrirán en la Iglesia durante los próximos mil años? Pero dentro de mil años, en cada Iglesia católica siempre habrá un tabernáculo. Es la presencia permanente de Cristo en todas nuestras alegrías y tristezas, con nosotros en el viaje de nuestra vida como el arca que viajó con los israelitas a donde quiera que fueran.

La lectura del Libro del Éxodo nos lleva a la montaña santa y a la promesa del Señor de estar con su pueblo y su promesa de ser fieles a su ley. "Haremos todo lo que el Señor nos haya dicho". La Misa es el lugar de la promesa. Cuando recibimos la Sagrada Comunión, se nos promete que seremos uno con el Señor algún día, cara a cara.

La Eucaristía es también el lugar de nuestra promesa de ser fieles a Cristo y a su Iglesia. Si recibimos la Comunión en la lengua, estamos prometiendo que nuestra lengua no mentirá, engañará, calumniará, chismorreará o hablará de una manera no cristiana. Si recibimos la comunión en nuestras manos, estamos prometiendo que no volveremos nuestras manos hacia la violencia o la destrucción, sino que los usaremos para construir el amor y el reino.

La Eucaristía es el mejor regalo que tenemos en esta tierra. Viene de la misma mano de Cristo. Si nos mantenemos cerca de la Misa, de la Eucaristía, donde sea que estemos, siempre estaremos cerca de Cristo.



NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

Not all meetings & events appear on this calendar!

MONDAY, JUNE 4 No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY, JUNE 5 No Events Scheduled

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

- 10:30 am Arimatheans Ministry (LR1)
- 6:30 pm HS MOHO - Ministry of Hanging Out (YC)
- 7:00 pm Taizé Prayer with Flower of Carmel (HC)
- 7:30 pm Flower of Carmel (DGN2)
- 7:30 pm Maria Auxiliadora Coro Planificación (LR1)

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

- 8:00 am Cleaning Ministry (CH/CHF)
- 8:30 am Pastoral Council (DGN1)
- 8:30 am Formación para Lectores - Equipo B (HC)
- 9:30 am Lector Formation - Team B (CH)
- 4:00 pm Grupo de Oración Planificación (RTH)
- 6:00 pm Celebration of Marriage (PCW)

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 | ORDINARY TIME 10

- 10:00 am Thomas Merton Contemplative Prayer (PAR)
- 12:00 pm New Student RE Registration (LR/BR/STJ)
- 12:00 pm Reunión de Nuevos Miembros (DGN)
- 12:15 pm Newcomer's Gathering (DGN)
- 12:30 pm Legion of Mary (JE)
- 2:00 pm YM House Band Rehearsal (YC)
- 2:00 pm Reunión de Ministros (DGN)
- 5:00 pm Filipino Mass (HC)
- 6:30 pm Grupo de Oración: Estudio Bíblico (YC)
- 6:30 pm Grupo de Oración: Practica de Banda (LR1)

LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time /

10^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

June 9/10, 2018

Masses/Celebrants:

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

Scriptures:

Gen. 3:9-15 / 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1 / Mk. 20-35

Bread Bakers: Group 2 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team B

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

+ *Deceased* * *Living*

- Mon., 6/4 8:30 am + Frances Elaine O'Sullivan
- Tue., 6/5 8:30 am + Therasa Baltazar
- Wed., 6/6 8:30 am + Carlos Weill
- Thur., 6/7 8:30 am + Daniel N. Ryan
- Fri., 6/8 8:30 am + John Jabbour
- Sat., 6/9 5:00 pm + Loved Ones of S. Burt
- Sun., 6/10 7:30 am + Manuel Leelin
- Sun., 6/10 9:00 am + Jacinto & Brigida Camomot
- Sun., 6/10 11:00 am + Fallen Children of Soweto
- Sun., 6/10 1:00 pm + Maria Antonia Villacorta

CONGRATULATIONS / FELICIDADES

Baptism / Bautismo:

Charles John Cullinane

First Communion / Primera Comunión:

Nicolás Noah Blanco



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

THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Louise Adams, Tracy Alfonso, Michelle Balzer, Carmen Bejarano, Janet Brady, James Butler, Maddie Cabatic, Andrea Cabrera, Zoe Carpenter, Danna Cevallos, Carla Del Carpio; Daniel Downey, Paul Ewing, Allison Fisher, Jenny Harrell, Johnny Hashempour, Vilma Hernandez, Lola Astete Herrera, Reakha Janus, Ilene Kracov, Jake Landsteiner, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Josie Mattero, Kevin McCarthy, Neriz Mejia, Helene O'Neil, Gloria Ortwerth, Marca Piehuta, Ana Portillo, Maggie Quinlan, Lindsey Richards, Bunny Roncevic, David Rose, Isa Salem, Patricia Sattalo, Janet Sorrells, Selam Teferra, Jeanne Tufano, Mary Anna Vineyard, and Amy Williams.

THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Edwin Aguirre, friend of Tania & Bobby Murphy; Francisco Mauricio Hernández Ruano, father of Sandra Moreno, Sylvia Robles, Claudia Lemus, & father-in-law of Deacon Mario Moreno; Sigrid McCutcheon, mother of John & David McCutcheon; Cesar Medina, relative of Aurora Fonseca; and Austin Williams, friend of the Kelly Family.

WORSHIP / ADORACION

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI (MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST)

This feast invites us to remember a prior Mission Statement of St. Rose of Lima Parish:

*In Christ, We are Bread for One Another...
Broken, We Gather... Nourished, We Reach Out.*

It invites us to reflect on our understanding of Eucharist:

"This meal is the living sign of our covenant with God. In this sacrament, bread and wine are transformed by the Spirit of God into the Body and Blood of Christ; in turn, the sacrament we receive transforms us into sacraments and signs of God's love for our families and communities. As the Eucharist makes us a church of reconciliation, so it makes us reconcilers; as the Eucharist animates the church with Christ's life, so it animates our lives in God's love and compassion. This bread and cup also make of us a community with those all over the world... the Risen One welcomes us all and all we are - we come with all our joys and sorrows to be nourished at the great banquet of his Body and Blood".

*- Living Liturgy Spirituality, Celebration,
and Catechesis for Sundays and Solemnities. 2018*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST NEEDED

There are openings for EMs at the 5:00pm, 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. EMs serve on a rotating schedule (once every three weeks). Training is provided. INFO: Mike Ballentine, mike_ballentine_1@msn.com (Note underscores in email address)

A REFRESHER ON HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

What a joy it is to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord! Check out this short video for a refresher on how to do so with reverence: <https://bustedhalo.com/video/eucharist>

USHERS NEEDED - COULD THIS MEAN YOU?

There are a number of vacancies in this ministry. We need ushers at the 5:00pm Mass. Ushers serve only once every three weeks. Training is provided. INFO: Carl Pocratsky, cpocratsky@yahoo.com

SKETCH YOUR FAITH - GROW YOUR FAITH

Mon., June 11, 7:00-8:30pm, Lewis Room. Adult and teen parishioners are invited to attend this Sketchnote Workshop, where you'll learn a novel way to take notes that's fun, memorable, and can help you deepen your understanding of the Word. You'll learn how to combine words and hand-drawn doodles to make rich, visual notes that can be applied to work, school, and Church. You'll also see examples of how sketchnotes can be applied to different aspects of our faith. No artistic skills are needed, but please bring your own pen or pencil and a notebook.

SERVICE / SERVICIO

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOOD SHEPHERD AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Each year, over a hundred young people in our parish volunteer their time and talent to serve in the areas of Liturgy, Religious Education, and Outreach Ministries and Events. The Staff of St. Rose would like to recognize some of our young disciples for their service and sacrifice. Our baptismal call inspires each one of us to be involved in liturgical prayer and works of charity. The Good Shepherd Award affirms young people in our parish who remind us of that call by their gracious service to and prayers with people in need. Nominees have been involved in works of service and communal prayer for three or more years, demonstrate spiritual growth by recognizing Christ in those they serve, and model Christian leadership in both word and action.



Our 2018 Good Shepherd Award Recipients:

Phoebe Clark
Jamie Fritz
Yarely Garnica
Mark Kelsey
Josepha Komeka
Jason Lerner
Joseph Lotier
Griffin MacDonald
Millie McCutcheon
Sara Melley
Alejandra Montalban
Fiona Murphy
Kayla Murphy
TJ Ofugara

Please join us in congratulating these young people for sharing their gifts of Time and Talent with our parish!

SUPPORT OUR MISSION TRIP TO ECUADOR

A group of St. Rose Youth and Young Adults will be going on a mission trip to Ecuador this summer! Visit our website to buy a t-shirt and to learn more about how you can help send our young people on this life-changing trip! INFO: www.strose-parish.org/ecuador



EDUCATION / EDUCACION

2018-19 EDUCACION RELIGIOSA (GRADOS K-6)

REGISTRACION: 8 de Abril - 27 de Julio.

CLASES: Sept. 2018 - Abril 2019. Las clases se llenar rápido por lo que tienen que registrar a sus hijos inmediatamente.

GR. K-6 (ESPAÑOL): Ivonne Salazar, isalazar@strose.com

GR. 7-12 (INGLES/ESPAÑOL): Los niños que terminaron 6to grado tienen que registrarse en 7mo grado para hacer su confirmación. Molly Herrera, mherrera@strose.com

► NUEVAS FAMILIAS: Si son familias que van a registrar a sus hijos por primera vez en las clases del catecismo tienen que asistir a uno de las sesiones de orientación que tendremos los días domingos en el Salón Woodlands de 11:45am-12:45pm en Junio 10 o Julio 22.

► FAMILIAS QUE RETORNAN: Las familias que tienen niños en las clases del Catecismo del Nuevo Programa Formación de la Familia ya recibieron un email con la traducción en español a continuación de las instrucciones en inglés ahí se encuentra su user name y su password para poder registrar a sus hijos. Chequee su spam folder si no ha recibido. La registración será a través de ParishSoft website - <https://washingtondc.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>.

2018-19 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION (Gr. K-12)

REGISTRATION: April 8 - July 27 (Classes fill quickly!)

CLASSES: September 2018 - April 2019

PROGRAM INFO: <http://www.strose-parish.org/> under the Faith Formation tab.

► NEW FAMILIES: Parent(s) *must* attend an orientation session (choose one): 6/10 or 7/22, at 12:00pm, Woodlands Room. Enrollment is first-come, first-served.

► RETURNING FAMILIES: Registration instructions have been emailed to previously enrolled families. (Check your spam folder!) Register via the ParishSoft website: <https://washingtondc.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>.

WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL TO SERVE?

We are seeking faithful individuals to serve as Catechists with our K-6 Family Formation Religious Education. The commitment is minimal (one training & one class per month), but the benefits are numerous! Not only will you be serving the Church, but the monthly adult training session will help you grow in your own faith journey. INFO: Susan Joseph, sjoseph@strose.com; <http://www.strose-parish.org/family-formation>.

PREK4 CLASS NEEDS ONE MORE HELPER - ARE YOU THE ONE?

We would like to offer a PreK4 Little Lambs class this fall. We have the co-leaders! *Now we just need one more adult to assist this dynamic team!* INFO: Susan Joseph, sjoseph@strose.com

Q & A WITH FR. JUSTIN

Email your questions to:
fatherjustin@strose.com



QUESTION: What does it mean to “blaspheme against the Holy Spirit?”

ANSWER: In several places in the Gospels, Jesus speaks about “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit” which will never be forgiven (Mark 3:28-29, Matt 12:31-32, Luke 12:10). Given the reality of God’s mercy, there is understandable confusion about what this could possibly mean. Indeed, even as he speaks about this “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit,” Jesus speaks about the mercy of God available for every other sin. Clearly there is something unique about this sin.

Historically, the Church has understood this as referring to “final impenitence” (CCC 1864) - or, the refusal of God’s mercy. In particular, it is the refusal of repentance and conversion as one approaches the end of one’s life - with the understanding that after this life ends, repentance is no longer possible.

One of the incredible things about human life is the radical freedom that God offers to each of us: the freedom to love him and seek his will and the choice to turn away from him. Over the course of a lifetime, one typically oscillates between these two options - falling into sin and then seeking grace and mercy by availing oneself of the Sacrament of Confession. God recognizes our weakness and therefore makes the constant offer of his mercy. However, he cannot repent and seek forgiveness on our behalf. He wants us to love him - because when we love we participate in his very nature, which is love - but love must be free. God constantly stands there knocking on the door of our souls, but he does not go where he is not invited and he does not force his mercy upon us. One must ask for forgiveness in order to receive it. God has taken an enormous risk in creating free creatures who can choose to turn away from him - but that risk carries an enormous potential, in that we can choose to love him in our freedom. The Holy Spirit is continually whispering in the inner recesses of our hearts; we need to leave our ears open, happy to hear his voice.

Note: CCC refers to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

In Galatians 6, Paul tells us to "carry each other's burden and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Our St. Rose Stephen Ministers have been trained to provide confidential, one-to-one care, prayer, and support to those who are going through a difficult time. Do you know someone who could benefit from this type of care? There is no need for anyone to struggle alone; consider letting a Stephen Minister walk with those in need of a caring, Christian friend. INFO: Zita Tepie, 301-519-1527

O.W.L.S ANNUAL PICNIC

Tues., June 12, 12:00pm, at Sharon & Bob Brady's home. Join the Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors for their annual picnic, hosted by the Brady's! Interested seniors are invited for BBQ chicken and good company. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. INFO & RSVP: Linda LeBlanc, 301-963-1269 or stroseowls@gmail.com

PLEASE

*DO YOUR PART TO HELP
KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN!*

Before leaving Mass, please take a look around and help tidy your pew:

- ▶ collect your bulletin & belongings
- ▶ place worship guides in the racks
- ▶ take your trash - e.g., candy wrappers, used tissues (😬!!)

Thanks for your help!

*Can You Do More?
Join Our Cleaning Ministry!*

Families/Groups/Individuals are welcome to join the team!

INFO: Julio Martinez,
301-540-9484

juliormartinez@msn.com

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!

TREASURE / TESORO May 19 - 25, 2018

Your Gifts to the Lord

Offertory	\$15,527
Mortgage Reduction	\$640
Direct Debit Mortgage Reduction.....	\$4,631
Capital Campaign.....	\$115
Gift Certificate Profit.....	\$118

Our Weekly Tithe

Parish Poor Box.....	\$776
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	\$500

Financial Fact

Summer is approaching quickly and we wish our many vacationing parishioners safe and enjoyable travels. Unfortunately, parish expenses don't take a break during summer. While away from home, we ask that parishioners plan for continuation of contributions during their absence. Ongoing, consistent contributions have a tremendous impact on parish operations. Our Online Giving and Direct Debit programs are convenient methods of contributing and help to ensure continuity. To learn more about these programs or to enroll, visit the parish website or contact the parish office.

TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO

Our Youth Volunteers

See the Service column to learn about the recipients of our 2018 Good Shepherd Award! Thanks to ALL of our youth volunteers, whose gifts of Time & Talent make many things possible here at St. Rose!