

# ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

PARROQUIA SANTA ROSA DE LIMA

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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

*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: **2019:** Jan. 12 & 19, Mar. 9 & 16, May 11 & 18, Sept. 7 & 14, Nov. 9 & 16

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: **2019:** Ene. 12 y 19, Mar. 9 y 16, May. 11 y 18, Sep. 7 y 14, Nov. 9 y 16

## 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 9, 2018

ADVENT II



# DIRECTORY / DIRECTORIO

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## BULLETIN / CALENDAR / ROOM RESERVATIONS

*Bulletin items due at noon, 2 Fridays before publication date!*  
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**MARY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL - Grades PreK-8**  
Michael Friel, Principal-----301-869-0940  
Website-----www.maryofnazareth.org

# Christmas Trees & Shoppe Árboles de Navidad y Tienda Navideña

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Through Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>  
Sat. & Sun., 9:00AM-8:00PM  
Mon. - Fri., 4:00-8:00PM

**WREATH DECORATING:** Sat., Dec. 8, 9:00AM-3:00PM  
Sun., Dec. 9, 1:00-5:00PM

**INFO:** [christmas@strose.com](mailto:christmas@strose.com)  
Mike Lynch, 518-496-6900



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

Many volunteers are needed.  
Food donations for volunteers are appreciated!

Se necesitan muchos voluntarios.  
¡Se agradecen donaciones de alimentos para nuestros voluntarios!



## NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

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

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 6:30 pm Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/LR)
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (SAR/STP/STJ/DGN2)

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:30 am Little Rock Scripture Study: Gospel of Luke (LR2)
- 12:00 pm OWLS Potluck Luncheon & Sing-a-Long (DGN/KD)
- 7:00 pm Accommodating Hearts (LR2)
- 7:00 pm Little Rock Scripture Study: Gospel of Luke (LR1)
- 8:30 pm Virgen de Guadalupe:  
Procesión, Misa y Celebración (PL/CH/PCW)

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 10:00 am Yarn Angels Knitting & Crocheting (STP)
- 7:00 pm Formación: Consagración a Maria (BR)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Team (DGN1)
- 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus (DGN2)

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm (HC)
- 9:30 am Advent Time of Reflection (DGN2)
- 1:00 pm Jubilee Quilters (LR)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Advent Time of Reflection (DGN2)
- 7:30 pm RCIA Precatechumenate (STP)

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 9:00 am Worship Guide Assembly - Team D (PCF)
- 6:00 pm Grupo de Oración (LR/BR)
- 6:30 pm First Penance Retreat (CH/DGN/STJ)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 8:30 am Formación para Lectores - Equipo B (HC)
- 9:00 am Advent Reflection w/French Community (DGN/HC)
- 9:30 am Lector Formation - Team B (CH)
- 4:00 pm Reunión de Ujieres y Bienvenida (BR)

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 | ADVENT 3

- 9:30 am Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/BR/YC)
- 5:00 pm Adaptive Religious Education (CHLL)
- 5:00 pm Filipino Mass/Simbang Gabi Celebration (HC/PCW)

### LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent / 3<sup>er</sup> Domingo de Adviento

December 15/16, 2018

#### Masses/Celebrants:

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|----------------|------|---------------------------------|
| Sat., 5:00 pm  | (CH) | Fr. Agustín Mateo               |
| Sun., 7:30 am  | (HC) | Fr. Quinn Connors               |
| Sun., 9:00 am  | (CH) | Fr. Quinn Connors               |
| Sun., 11:00 am | (CH) | Fr. Agustín Mateo               |
| Sun., 1:00 pm  | (CH) | Fr. Oscar Astigarraga (Español) |

#### Scriptures:

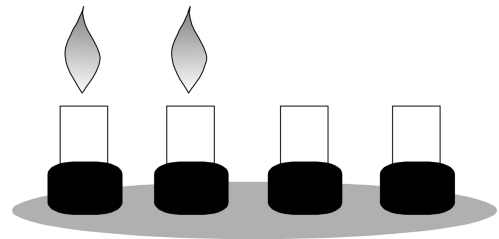
Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

**Bread Bakers:** Group 5    **Liturgical Ministers:** Team B

### MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

+ *Deceased*    \* *Living*

- |             |          |   |                            |
|-------------|----------|---|----------------------------|
| Mon., 12/10 | 8:30 am  | + | Thaddeus Polak             |
| Tue., 12/11 | 8:30 am  | + | Rev. Joseph J. Kleinstuber |
| Wed., 12/12 | 8:30 am  | + | Jacinto & Brigida Camomot  |
| Thu., 12/13 | 8:30 am  | + | Don Dibble                 |
| Fri., 12/14 | 8:30 am  | + | Loved Ones of Stephen Burt |
| Sat., 12/15 | 5:00 pm  | + | Chuan (Antonia) Jih-Chou   |
| Sun., 12/16 | 7:30 am  | * | Mary-Leonard Ywassa        |
| Sun., 12/16 | 9:00 am  | + | Jeremy Gaspar              |
| Sun., 12/16 | 11:00 am | + | Michael D'Souza            |
| Sun., 12/16 | 1:00 pm  | + | Delia Turcios de Lovo      |



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

### THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Zoraida Amado de Parada, Mary Brady, José Camargo, Giovani Cappelletti, Isabel Teresa Cash Alchourron, Anibal Cisneros, Alice Correll, Elena Curiel, Mary Ann Deak, Kathryn Domingues, Magdalena Escalante, Andrew Feldman, John Fletemeyer, Michael Fong, Rev. Richard Gangayco, Sandro Guerrero, Harley Higgins, Gabe Holt, Reakha Janus, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Rosa Julia Malavé, Cesar Hernan Martinez, Josie Mattero, Kevin McCarthy, Rosalyn McCarthy, Archie Miiller, Kathy Miracco, Barbara O'Hara, Helene O'Neil, William Orellana, Gloria Ortwerth, Barbara & Fernando Perez, Marca Piehuta, Ana Maria Plaza, Ana Portillo, Joseph R., Anthony Reid, Julian Samuel, Patricia Sattalo, John Schmitz, Elia Sutardjo, Patrick Terry, Carolyn Tillery, Maria Elizabeth Trejo, Jeanne Tufano, Amy Williams, and Bud Zilcoski.

### THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Danna Cevallos, niece of Frixon and Molly Herrera; Thresiamma Chacko; and Rosa Contreras, friend of Lili Cervantes.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION / REFLEXION DE LAS ESCRITURAS

The readings this Sunday speak of the Word, the voice in the desert, which gathers a people and prepares them to receive the Lord. Preparation is fundamental during this time to receive the Lord in our hearts. At the time of Jesus, John the Baptist prepared the way for the people in the desert so that they may receive the Christ with a contrite and humble Spirit. John preached the conversion of heart from wickedness and it cost him his beheading. This preaching and preparation came within a specific time in history. St. Luke says that the Word of God came to John among kings and priests in the Roman and Jewish territories. Some people heeded the word of John and followed his call to conversion, forming a people around the Word in the desert. John's preparation involved bearing fruits of repentance. St. Luke adds, "every valley shall be filled and every mountain brought low", signifying that the lowly will be exalted and the proud will be humiliated with the coming of the Lord. All flesh, Jews and pagans, will see the salvation of God, from the highest emperors to the lowest pagans of the world. This is exactly what happened at the coming of Christ. All the lowly who believed in the gospel were lifted, such as St. Mary, the apostles and the saints. Instead, the proud who despised the Messiah saw their fall and ruin.

Similarly, the Church comes today with the Word of God to gather a people in the desert of our lives. We need the Word and sacraments, since the difficulties, our weaknesses, our sins, sometimes make us thirsty for salvation. For this reason, our lives can seem like a desert at times. The word calls us to examine the way we are living. If we see that pride sometimes separates us from God and our brothers and sisters, then we may humble ourselves, confess our sins, and the mercy and the forgiveness of God will lift us up again. This conversion of heart can prepare us in peace to receive Christ. This is the experience of the apostles and saints throughout the history of the Church. Whoever humbled himself in front of God was raised high among the servants of God.

Las lecturas de este domingo nos hablan de la 'palabra', la voz en el desierto, que reúne un pueblo y los prepara para recibir al Señor. La preparación es fundamental durante este tiempo para recibir al Señor en nuestros corazones. En el tiempo de Jesús, Juan el Bautista preparó el camino para el pueblo en el desierto para que pudieran recibir a Cristo con un corazón contrito y humillado. Juan predicó la conversión del corazón de toda perversidad y le costó la decapitación de su cabeza. Esta predicación y preparación llegó en un tiempo específico en la historia de la humanidad. San Lucas dice que la palabra de Dios

vino a Juan en medio de reyes y sacerdotes en la historia de los romanos y los judíos. Por eso detalla toda esta información al comienzo del evangelio. Algunos escucharon la palabra de Juan y lo siguieron formando un pueblo alrededor de la palabra en el

desierto. La preparación de Juan implica frutos de arrepentimiento. San Lucas continúa diciendo, "todo barranco será rellenado, todo monte y colina será rebajado", significando que los de condición humilde serán exaltados y los altaneros serán humillados con la venida del Señor. Toda carne, judíos y paganos, verán la salvación de Dios, desde los más altos emperadores hasta los más olvidados paganos de la tierra. Esto es exactamente lo que ocurrió con la venida del Mesías sobre la tierra. Todos los humildes que creyeron en su palabra fueron exultados, como es el ejemplo de la Virgen María, los apóstoles y los santos. En cambio, el orgulloso que desprecia al Mesías vio su derrota y su ruina.

Así es que la iglesia hoy nos proclama la palabra de Dios para reunir a sus hijos en el desierto de nuestras vidas. Necesitamos la palabra y los sacramentos ya que las dificultades, nuestras debilidades, nuestros pecados, a veces nos pone sedientos por la palabra de salvación. Por esta razón, nuestras vidas a veces pueden parecer estar en un desierto. La palabra nos llama a examinar cómo estamos viviendo. Si vemos que el orgullo a veces nos separa de Dios y nuestros hermanos, entonces nos podemos humillar ante el Señor, confesar nuestros pecados, y la misericordia y el perdón de Dios nos levantará de vuelta. Esta conversión del corazón puede prepararnos para recibir a Cristo en paz. Esta es la experiencia de los apóstoles y los santos a lo largo de la historia de la iglesia. Quien sea que se humille frente a Dios será elevado entre los siervos de Dios.





## WORSHIP / ADORACION

### ADVENT PRAYER RESOURCES

► Little Blue Books for Advent: This little publication has daily reflections for the season of Advent. They are available in the Church Foyer. FREE. ► Advent Online Retreat: Loyola Press and Sacred Space offer an online retreat for Advent. <https://tinyurl.com/adventret>



### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

You and your household are invited to light the Advent Wreath before a weekend Mass. SIGN UP: <https://tinyurl.com/adventwr2018>

### LA ILUMINACIÓN DE LA CORONA DE ADVIENTO

Usted y su familia están invitados a encender las velas de la corona de Adviento antes de la Misa durante el Adviento. ANOTESE: <https://tinyurl.com/adventwr2018>

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE / RITO PENITENCIAL DE ADVIENTO

Tues., Dec. 18, 5:00pm (service in English) and 7:00pm (bilingual service), Church. Priests will be available to hear confessions in English and Spanish. / Miercoles, 18 de diciembre, 5:00pm (servicio en ingles) y 7:00pm (servicio bilingue), en la iglesia.

### ADVENT TIME OF REFLECTION

Need a break from the Christmas busyness? Come spend some time in Advent prayer and reflection. Offered twice on Thurs., Dec. 13, 9:30-10:30am or 7:00-8:00pm, in the Duggan Room. INFO: Christine Jeffrey, [cjeffrey@strose.com](mailto:cjeffrey@strose.com)

### YOUNG ADULT ADVENT RETREAT: PREPARE A PLACE FOR HIM

Sat., Dec. 15, 9:30am-3:00pm, Christ the King, 2301 Colston Dr., Silver Spring. Young adults (20s & 30s) are invited to enter into the spirituality of Advent with a retreat led by Fr. Paul Dressler, O.F.M. Cap., with adoration, confession, small groups, and a chance to get to know other young adults! Free parking available. Or, Metro to Silver Spring. COST: \$10/person. INFO: [Facebook.com/270Catholic](https://www.facebook.com/270Catholic)

### 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: Sun., Dec. 23, 3:00-5:00pm, Duggan Room. INFO & RSVP (by Tues., Dec. 18): Allison Boyle, [swimcoachmom2@gmail.com](mailto:swimcoachmom2@gmail.com)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We are updating our list of homebound parishioners, so that our priests can visit them periodically. If you regularly bring the Eucharist to someone at home, please send information to Christine Jeffrey, [cjeffrey@strose.com](mailto:cjeffrey@strose.com) ► Your contact information ► Name, address, email & phone # of homebound person ► Best day & time to visit ► Any special needs



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE - CHURCH / NOCHEBUENA - IGLESIA**

Monday, December 24 / Lunes, 24 de diciembre  
4:00pm: English Mass - Children's Choirs (Fr. Oscar)  
5:45pm: Musical Prelude - Teen Choir  
6:00pm: English Mass - Teen Choir (Fr. Tony Krisak)  
8:00pm: Misa en español - Coro Hispano (P. Oscar)  
9:40pm: Musical Prelude - Adult Choir  
10:00pm: English Mass - Adult Choir (Fr. Mateo)

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY - CHURCH**

Tuesday, December 25  
10:00am: English Mass (Fr. Mateo/Fr. Oscar)

## Virgen de Guadalupe / Our Lady of Guadalupe

Martes, 11 de diciembre, 8:30pm. Llega a celebrar la aparición 487 de la Virgen de Guadalupe a San Juan Diego. Habrá procesión danza ritual, Santa Misa, ofrecimiento de florales, serenata con mariachi, y refrigerio al finalizar el evento. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Tues., Dec. 11, 8:30pm. Come and celebrate the 487th appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego. There will be a traditional dance, Holy Mass, flower offering, and serenade by mariachis. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. All are welcome!



## COMMUNITY / COMUNIDAD

### GET READY FOR THE BOOK NOOK SALE!

Bring your donations of books, CDs, DVDs and other media! Volunteers are needed to help collect books and sort them. Please consider helping before, during and after the sale!

BOOK DROP OFF: Dec. 29, 9:00am-3:00pm  
*Woodlands Room* Dec. 30, 8:00am-2:00pm  
Dec. 31, 9:00am-3:00pm  
Jan. 1, 5:00-8:00pm

BOOK NOOK SALE: Jan. 3 & 4, 9:00am-9:00pm  
*Woodlands Room* Jan. 5, 9:00am-8:00pm

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

Tues., Dec. 11, 12:00pm, Duggan Room. Calling all Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors! Join us for lunch, followed by Christmas caroling in the King David Room! Bring a dish to share. Friends are welcome! RSVP: Linda LeBlanc, [stroseowls@gmail.com](mailto:stroseowls@gmail.com) or 301-963-1269

### JOIN THE KNIGHTS FOR BRUNCH & BAKE SALE!

Sun., Dec. 16, after the 9:00 and 11:00am Masses, *Woodlands Room*. Join our Knights of Columbus for pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee/tea, and juice. Free-will donations will be gratefully accepted. There will also be a fine selection of homemade baked goods for sale. All proceeds will benefit the Knight's seminarian support fund. If you wish to donate baked goods for the sale, please contact Janet Hawkins-Pope, 703-470-8308 or [j-hawkin@msn.com](mailto:j-hawkin@msn.com).

## EDUCATION / EDUCACION

### FE, VALOR, Y ALEGRIA:

#### GRUPO DE FORMACIÓN CATÓLICO DESTINADO A LAS MUJERES

Te invitamos a nuestras charlas para ayudarte a vivir el día a día con la perspectiva de la Fe y así potenciar nuestro papel de mujer dentro de la familia y de la comunidad. Las reuniones serán el primer jueves de cada mes a las 7:30pm, en el Salón Duggan 1. INFO: Ester Brooks, 315-391-8181, [emuntbrooks@gmail.com](mailto:emuntbrooks@gmail.com), [fevaloryalegria.org](http://fevaloryalegria.org)

### THE POWER OF LOVE: SEX, LOVE, AND CHASTITY

Fri., Jan. 11, 7:00pm, Our Lady of the Presentation, 17230 Tom Fox Avenue, Poolesville. Youth in Gr. 6-12 and parents are invited to this special event, featuring Catholic worship leader and musician Mike Tenney. The evening will include talk, music, skits, confession, and praise. COST: \$5/person, or \$10/family. INFO: [www.miketenneymusic.com](http://www.miketenneymusic.com); Maria Villarrubia, [dsor@ol-presentation-md.org](mailto:dsor@ol-presentation-md.org)

### 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 meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, starting in February. INFO & REGISTRATION: <http://strose-parish.org/adult-confirmation>

## FROM FR. OSCAR

Email your questions to:  
[fatherscar@strose.com](mailto:fatherscar@strose.com)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week we celebrate two major feasts in our parish. On December 8, we celebrated the Immaculate Conception of Mary. On December 11, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. As many may know, the Virgin Mary revealed herself to St. Bernardette in France as the Immaculate Conception, with the request to build a chapel for her veneration. Similarly, the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico, asking him to intercede before the bishop to build a Church for her veneration. In both instances, the Virgin appeared to people of very humble origin and condition. And in both instances, she asked for a physical place in which to venerate her. It is interesting that the Virgin chose humble and simple people to accomplish great and difficult missions. How would the authorities in the Church and outside the Church believe such great messages from such simple people? This is how God and his mother intervene in history and in our lives. Usually, they choose simple, humble, and even weak people to accomplish great missions so that people may realize that it is God acting instead of our human qualities. This is great news for all of us poor sinners! Let's venerate our mother in our parish and in our hearts, since this is her desire.

In Christ,

*Father Oscar*

 **SERVICE / SERVICIO****GLOVES, HATS & SCARVES COLLECTION - RETURN TODAY**

Through Dec. 9. Please bring donations of NEW gloves, hats and scarves, to be distributed to local persons in need in mid-December. Blue donation bins are in the Church Foyer.

**GABRIEL PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Assist needy women and women in crisis pregnancies. Female volunteers (*especially bilingual Spanish-speaking*) stay in touch with client mothers during pregnancy; bring them diapers, baby clothes, etc. (provided by Gabriel Project); and pray for them. The average time commitment is 1-4 hours per month. Male volunteers pick up donations 1 -2 times per month. Daily prayer supporters and donations of diapers, formula, and baby clothes are also needed. INFO: Regina McCutcheon, rjmcutch@yahoo.com; Carmen Rojas, gccthompson@juno.com

**THE GIFTING TREE - RETURN GIFTS THIS WEEKEND**

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 Sun., Dec. 9.

**UPDATE ON PAX CHRISTI OUTREACH EFFORTS**

Pax Christi Outreach to refugee families is currently focused on a family of seven from the Central African Republic: Gilbert, father; Honorine, mother; Travis, 11 yr. old son; Roseline, 8 yr. old daughter; Delphin, 6 yr. old son; Adelphe, 3 yr. old son; and Ange, 7 mos. baby daughter. The French speaking community from West Africa has graciously welcomed them to their monthly Mass on a couple occasions. The family has been included in the Gifting Tree this year and are most grateful for your generosity. NEEDED: The assistance of parishioners fluent in French to help with communications, elementary English workbooks for basic language development, and tax deductible contributions. INFO: Bob Cooke, cookerh1251@gmail.com

**ST. ROSE TRIP TO IRELAND**

June 22 - July 1, 2019

Join Fr. Mateo in the Emerald Isle!

This is a family-friendly trip.

There are still spots available.  
Full details are on the website.

INFO: cjeffrey@strose.com

**STEWARDSHIP /****CORRESPONSABILIDAD****SPECIAL COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS**

Dec. 8/9. 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, 240-454-5316 or frieke@strose.com

**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING TODAY!**

1. Visit our website at [www.strose-parish.org/online-giving](http://www.strose-parish.org/online-giving)
2. Click on the Online Giving green button
3. Create your account and set up your giving as you wish

**THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!****TREASURE / TESORO** Nov. 24 - 30, 2018**Your Gifts to the Lord**

Offertory.....	\$19,346
Mortgage Reduction .....	\$948
Capital Campaign.....	\$246
Gift Certificate Profit.....	\$122

**Our Weekly Tithe**

Parish Poor Box.....	\$967
Upper Montgomery Assistance Network.....	\$1,000
UpCounty Community Resources.....	\$500

**Financial Fact**

In addition to the monthly support we give to the Archdiocesan Schools Fund, we also contribute directly to the Mary of Nazareth Tuition Assistance Fund, which is supported by the seven parishes which feed into Mary of Nazareth School. Our contribution last fiscal year (7/1/17-6/30/18) was \$71,311.

**TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO****Gathering Space Committee**

This team has been working hard for a very long time to bring the long-awaited Gathering Space to fruition. Last Sunday's Groundbreaking Ceremony was a happily attained milestone in this project, and we are deeply grateful for the efforts of the Committee thus far.