

# 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.

JULY 29, 2018

ORDINARY TIME XVII



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## BULLETIN / CALENDAR / ROOM RESERVATIONS

*Bulletin items due at noon, 2 Fridays before publication date!*  
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## DOCUMENTAL SOBRE LA VIDA DE SANTA ROSA DE LIMA DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE LIFE OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

*(Film is in Spanish, but English narration will be provided.)*

**Viernes, 3 de Agosto / Friday, August 3**  
8:30-10:00pm  
Salon Duggan

**Martes, 14 de Agosto / Tuesday, August 14**  
11:00am-12:30pm & 7:00-8:30pm  
Salon Duggan

Entrada gratis. Todos son bienvenidos / Free admission. All are welcome.



## NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

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

**MONDAY, JULY 30** No Events Scheduled

**TUESDAY, JULY 31** No Events Scheduled

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

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

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm (HC)
- 7:30 pm Yarn Angels Knitting & Crocheting (STP)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

- 6:45 pm Rosario y Misa (HC)
- 8:30 pm Documental: Una Rosa para el Mundo

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

- 8:00 am Cleaning Ministry (CH/CHF)
- 8:30 am Formación para Lectores - Equipo A (HC)
- 9:30 am Lector Formation - Team A (CH)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 | ORDINARY TIME 18

- 10:00 am Thomas Merton Contemplative Prayer (PAR)
- 12:30 pm Legion of Mary (JE)
- 2:15 pm El Divino Salvador del Mundo (PCW)
- 6:30 pm Grupo de Oración: Estudio Bíblico (DGN2)
- 6:30 pm Grupo de Oración: Práctica de Banda (LR1)

### CONGRATULATIONS / FELICIDADES

#### Baptism / Bautismo:

Angel Santiago Cruz, Zoe Gabriela Cruz, Iker Gael Gil, and Rafael Andres Heiney-Gonzalez

#### Matrimony / Matrimonio:

José C. Mejía Hernández + Martha A. Girón  
José G. Mejía Rivas + Dilcia M. Rodríguez Mejía

### LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time /

18<sup>o</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

August 4/5, 2018

#### Masses/Celebrants:

- Sat., 5:00 pm (CH) Fr. Oscar Astigarraga
- Sun., 7:30 am (HC) Fr. Oscar Astigarraga
- Sun., 9:00 am (CH) Fr. Tony Krisak
- Sun., 10:00 pm (HC) Fr. Antonio Koffi (Français)
- Sun., 11:00 am (CH) Fr. Tony Krisak
- Sun., 1:00 pm (CH) Fr. Jacek Orzechowski (Español)

#### Scriptures:

Ex. 16:2-4, 12-15 / Eph. 4:17, 20-24/ Jn. 6:24-35

**Bread Bakers:** Group 10 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team A

### MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

+ *Deceased* \* *Living*

- Mon., 7/30 8:30 am + Frank Coffin
- Tue., 7/31 8:30 am + Gildo Augustine
- Wed., 8/1 8:30 am \* Kayla Rose Nichols
- Thur., 8/2 8:30 am + Eufrosia Aristorenas
- Fri., 8/3 8:30 am + Anthony Columbro
- Fri., 8/3 7:00 pm + Amanda Espada  
+ Manuel Da Costa  
+ Maria Antonieta Fabiani  
+ Fabiola Mesa  
+ Maria de los Angeles Mares  
+ Luz Maria Alcivar
- Sat., 8/4 5:00 pm + Eduardo Somarriba
- Sun., 8/5 7:30 am + Deacon Richard L. Schopfer
- Sun., 8/5 9:00 am + Lydia Camomot
- Sun., 8/5 11:00 am \* Mark Moitoza
- Sun., 8/5 1:00 pm + Fernando Rodriguez



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

### THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Louise Adams, Fe Arenasa, Carmen Bejarano, Janet Brady, James Butler, Danna Cevallos, Thomas Corea, Mary Ann Deak, Carla Del Carpio, Rosa Dieguez, Terry Fenimore, Allison Fisher, Carolina Garcia, Sharon Gutierrez, Jenny Harrell, Ricky Hermosilla, George Herndon, Sara Huey, Reakha Janus, Ilene Kracov, Jake Landsteiner, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Deacon John Liu, Cindy Loveland, Caren Malone, Bridget Grace Marufu, Josie Mattero, Kevin McCarthy, Rosalyn McCarthy, Neriz Mejia, Michael O'Hara, Helene O'Neil, Gloria Ortwerth, Marca Piehuta, Ana Portillo, Nilda Reid, Ana Rojas, Bunny Roncevic, Gabriela Santacruz, Patricia Sattalo, Peggy Smith, Janet Sorrells, Luzmila Tacuri, Patrick Terry, Maria Elizabeth Trejo, Jeanne Tufano, & Amy Williams.

### THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Luz Maria Alcivar, mother of Mercedes Novelo; Ivan Jarpa, husband of Jeny Iza; & Arturo Mares Molina, brother of Carmen Mares.

## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR / PALABRAS DE NUESTRO PASTOR

Many thousands of people go to bed hungry every night, mostly starving children in every nation. It is sad to see their tiny little bodies wasting away. Then sickness and death follow. Isn't it terrible?

In spite of all of our technological advances and great progress in agriculture, we still have not been able to find ways to share what we have with those in need. What can we do? Jesus asked the same question, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" "Not even with two hundred days wages could we buy loaves enough to give each one of them a morsel," Philip responded. Andrew then suggested: "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and a couple of fish, but what good is that for so many?" Then Jesus took the bread and fish, and in some mysterious and beautiful way, He fed over five thousand people. There was more than enough to satisfy their every need. In fact, they gathered twelve baskets of food that was left over. The Gospel goes on to tell us that they wanted to make Him King. But he wanted no part of that. He fled back to the mountain to be alone.

To this day we keep wondering, "How did Jesus ever feed so many people with just a few loaves of bread and some fish?" Most Scripture scholars see this miracle not so much as an unlimited supply of food, but as a miracle of sharing. When Jesus blessed and broke that bread, something beautiful happened! It was not to the loaves and fish, but to the hearts of those present. Following the example of that little boy, one by one they began to share with one another the little they secretly and selfishly had for themselves. There was more than enough for all. They were totally satisfied. The greatest miracle to me is the fact that all present were willing to share what they had with those who did not have enough. Now isn't that what the kingdom of God is all about? Isn't it about sharing our lives, who we are and what we have, with all the hungry and lonely of our own little world? Jesus reminds us that salvation is here and now, and not only in the hereafter.

There are many hungry in Africa, India, and South America. Even here in our own land of plenty, people are ill fed and clothed. There are many starving for our care, our concern and our love right, perhaps in our own families, next door or just down the street. They hunger for our friendship, our forgiveness, our understanding and acceptance, our encouragement and affirmation. They are our young and our old, all sorts of people who are dying for someone to share their faith, their hope and love, so that they might know that life is worth living.

All of us are hungry. That is why we are here. The Eucharist we share nourishes our faith, hope and love. It is the Lord of Life Who will more than satisfy the hungers of the human heart. What more do we desire knowing God's love and His daily bread? Our hearts' desire is to share what we have received with all those who come to us in their need. Let's be generous.

Muchos miles de personas se van a la cama con hambre todas las noches, en su mayoría niños hambrientos en todas las naciones. Es triste ver cómo sus diminutos cuerpecitos se desgastan seguidos por la enfermedad y la muerte. ¿No es terrible?

A pesar de todos nuestros avances tecnológicos y grandes avances en la agricultura, aún no hemos podido encontrar la forma de compartir lo que tenemos con los necesitados. ¿Qué podemos hacer? Jesús hizo la misma pregunta: "¿Dónde podemos comprar suficiente comida para que coman?" "Ni siquiera con doscientos días de salario podríamos comprar panes lo suficiente como para darles a cada uno un bocado," respondió Philip. Andrew luego sugirió: "Hay un muchacho aquí que tiene cinco panes de cebada y un par de peces, pero ¿de qué sirve eso para tantos?" Entonces Jesús tomó el pan y el pescado, y de alguna manera misteriosa y hermosa, alimentó a más de cinco mil personas. Había más que suficiente para satisfacer todas sus necesidades. De hecho, juntaron doce canastas de comida que sobraron. El Evangelio continúa diciéndonos que querían hacerle Rey. Pero él no quería ser parte de eso. Huyó de vuelta a la montaña para estar solo.

Hasta el día de hoy nos preguntamos: "¿Cómo pudo Jesús alimentar a tantas personas con unos pocos panes y algunos peces?" La mayoría de los eruditos de las Escrituras ven este milagro no tanto como un suministro ilimitado de alimentos, sino como un milagro de compartir. Cuando Jesús bendijo y rompió ese pan, sucedió algo hermoso. No fue para los panes y los peces, sino para los corazones de los presentes. Siguiendo el ejemplo de ese niño pequeño, uno a uno comenzaron a compartir entre ellos lo poco que secretamente y egoístamente tenían para sí mismos. Había más que suficiente para todos. Estaban totalmente satisfechos. El mayor milagro para mí es el hecho de que todos los presentes estaban dispuestos a compartir lo que tenían con aquellos que no tenían suficiente. ¿No es eso de lo que se trata el reino de Dios? ¿No se trata de compartir nuestras vidas, quiénes somos y qué tenemos, con todos los hambrientos y solitarios de nuestro pequeño mundo? Jesús nos recuerda que la salvación está aquí y ahora, y no solo en el más allá.

Hay muchos hambrientos en África, India, y América del Sur. Incluso aquí en nuestra propia tierra de abundancia, las personas son mal alimentadas y vestidas. Hay muchos que mueren de hambre por nuestro cuidado, nuestra preocupación y nuestro amor, tal vez en nuestras propias familias, al lado o al final de la calle. Ellos tienen hambre de nuestra amistad, nuestro perdón, nuestra comprensión y aceptación, nuestro aliento y afirmación. Son nuestros jóvenes y nuestros viejos, todo tipo de personas que están muriendo por alguien para compartir su fe, su esperanza y su amor, para que puedan saber que la vida vale la pena vivir.

Todos tenemos hambre. Es por eso que estamos aquí. La Eucaristía que compartimos alimenta nuestra fe, esperanza y amor. Es el Señor de la Vida que satisfará con creces las ansias del corazón humano. ¿Qué más deseamos conociendo el amor de Dios y su pan de cada día? Nuestros corazones desean compartir con aquellos que están en necesidad. Seamos generosos.

**EL DIVINO SALVADOR DEL MUNDO CELEBRATION**

Next Sun., Aug. 5, starting at 12:30pm, a special procession from the Historic Chapel to the Church precedes the 1:00pm Mass. After the Mass, a wonderful celebration is held in the Woodlands Room. Please join in this tradition of our Salvadoran brothers and sisters. Come enjoy food, fellowship and more!



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Wed., Aug. 15. Mass times are at 8:30am and 12:15pm (English) in the Historic Chapel and 7:00pm (Bilingual) in the Church. Liturgical Ministers are asked to serve. Sign up sheets are in the Church by the liturgical ministry sign-in table, or sign up online: <https://tinyurl.com/Assump2018>

**WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH - BE A SPONSOR**

A sponsor is an active Catholic who serves as a companion on the journey of faith with an adult preparing for sacraments of initiation through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process. They get acquainted, listen, answer questions, pray together, and connect their catechumen or candidate with other parishioners. Sponsors often find that their own faith is enriched and deepened. Sponsors are not expected to have all the answers. INFO: Christine Jeffrey, [cjeffrey@strose.com](mailto:cjeffrey@strose.com)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS NEEDED**

Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays in the Historic Chapel. Spend an hour with the Lord! Adorers are especially needed from 12:00-1:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm. INFO: Abigail Morais, [amorais327@gmail.com](mailto:amorais327@gmail.com)

**GREETERS NEEDED**

Do you like to say hello with a smile? Join the Greeter Ministry! Welcome your brothers and sisters to Mass, hold the door for an elderly person or a mom with children. Several slots need to be filled; there is a critical need at the 5:00pm Mass. Training is provided. Greeters serve once every three weeks. This is a great ministry for families to do together. INFO: Linda LeBlanc, [linda.anne.leblanc@gmail.com](mailto:linda.anne.leblanc@gmail.com)

**SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE: WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

The Saint John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harewood Rd. NE, Wash., DC has a new weekly program: ► "The Art of Prayer" series on interior prayer, with time for silent meditation. Followed by a Vespers service. Sundays, 6:00-7:00pm. ► INFO: Anne-Elisabeth Giuliani, 202-635-5428 or [Anne.Giuliani@jp2shrine.org](mailto:Anne.Giuliani@jp2shrine.org)

**SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION: JULY 21 - SEPT. 9**

Help St. Rose donate new school supplies to several local schools this coming fall through coordination with the City of Gaithersburg. Pick up a few extra items when shopping for your family and drop off in the collection boxes in the church foyer. **NEEDED:** pencils, pens, crayons, markers, highlighters, spiral notebooks, 3 ring binders, loose-leaf paper, pocket folders, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, protractors, compasses, erasers, pencil cases, etc.



**ADAPTIVE ADULT SMALL FAITH GROUP LEADERS NEEDED**

The Accommodating Hearts Ministry will start a Small Faith Group for adults who have developmental differences or special learning needs. Several group leaders are needed to facilitate once a month. If you are interested in joining the team or if you know an adult who might be interested in attending this small faith group, please contact Sherry Moitoza: [smoitoza@strose.com](mailto:smoitoza@strose.com).

**RENTING IN MARYLAND?**

**YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A STATE TAX CREDIT**

The state of Maryland has a program that aims to assist low income renters struggling with rising rent payments, particularly for those who are over 60 years old, permanently disabled, or have a dependent under age 18. If you are a renter in Maryland and want to learn if you qualify for up to \$1,000 in financial assistance, contact the Housing Partnership Initiative ([www.hiphomes.org](http://www.hiphomes.org)) at 301-916-5946 or [ccastro@hiphomes.org](mailto:ccastro@hiphomes.org). Additional information is available at [MarylandTaxCredit.com](http://MarylandTaxCredit.com).

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS**

**BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Tues., Aug. 28, at Faith United Methodist Church, 6810 Montrose Rd., Rockville. This Back to School Fair serves over 300 children who are no longer homeless, thanks to MCCH's permanent housing programs! Lots of hands are needed to set up, run games and activities, distribute backpacks, serve food, and clean up. SSL hours are available for High School students. INFO: Lynn Rose, [volunteer@mcch.net](mailto:volunteer@mcch.net)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE PRO-LIFE BOOTH AT THE COUNTY FAIR**

The Montgomery County Fair will be held August 10-18. Volunteers are needed to help at Right to Life of Montgomery County's Pro-Life booth. INFO: Mr. Tharpa C. Roberts, 301-962-5611 or [rtl-omc@snkmail.com](mailto:rtl-omc@snkmail.com)



## EDUCATION / EDUCACION

### 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](mailto:sjoseph@strose.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 and one class per month), but the benefits are numerous! INFO: Susan Joseph, [sjoseph@strose.com](mailto:sjoseph@strose.com); <http://www.strose-parish.org/family-formation>.

### ADAPTIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### CATECHISTS & FAITH MENTORS NEEDED

This program is growing and we need your help! If you have a heart for young people with special needs and would like to walk alongside them in their unique journey with Christ – Adaptive RE is for you!! NEEDED: adult catechist, adult leaders for the parent group, and TEEN faith mentors. Check out the mini-documentary on the St. Rose Home Page: <https://strose-parish.org/> INFO: Sherry Moitoza, [smoitoza@strose.com](mailto:smoitoza@strose.com)

### HAVE YOU LOGGED ONTO FORMED.ORG RECENTLY?

Check out the many informative and interesting Catholic programs and content for people of all ages and interests on [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)! The Parish Code is QD4Q28. (St. Rose has purchased a subscription for our parishioners, as our gift to you!)

### COMPUTER AND ENGLISH CLASSES

If you are interested in taking some free classes, the Gilchrist Center provides a variety of courses: Introduction to Computers, MS Office, MS Word, Internet, E-mails, and English as a Second Language (ESL). This center has locations in Gaithersburg and Germantown. If you would like to get dates and times and more about what they offer, please visit their website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist) or call 240-777-4960.

### SCIENCE & FAITH: PRESENTATION ON GENETIC EDITING

Wed., Aug. 1, 7:30-9:00pm, St. Raphael Church, 1513 Dunster Rd., Rockville. Fr. Joseph Tham, Ph.D., will speak about the ethical issues raised by genetic editing. Fr. Tham was a physician in Toronto before becoming a priest. After his ordination, he obtained his Ph.D. in Bioethics at Georgetown University and joined the faculty of the School of Bioethics at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome. Free-will offerings for this event will be most appreciated. INFO & RSVP: Suzanne Nelson, [suzanne.nelson2@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.nelson2@gmail.com)

## ASK FR. OSCAR!

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



Peace to my flock of St. Rose!

When I first arrived at the parish, I was told that parishioners may send me questions to answer in the bulletin each week. This week, I received no questions. So instead, I decided to ask a simple question of a parishioner!

I asked, "If I were a totally pagan man, then tell me in one sentence, 'What is Christianity all about at the end of the day?'" The parishioner literally told me: "Christianity is to know God, to love Him, to be loved by Him, and to see Him in every person I meet or in any activity of the everyday life."

I was glad to ask this question and have some answers, because some non-church friends used to sometimes ask me (even more often after I joined the seminary), "What is this of Christianity, why bother so much?" I could say that Christianity is, in a few words, "the Good News - Christ loves the sinner and wants to be one with him." This sentence has some key words and ideas: Good News, joy, sinfulness, Christ, love, and unity. Whether Catholic or not, all of us experience brokenness in our nature. This sometimes brings sadness. However, Christ brought the Good News of love for the sinner. Some big sinners believed in it and became one with Jesus Christ. Christ was their friend and beloved. He ate, worked, made field trips with them. In other words, Christ was one with them. This brought so much joy in their lives that the disciples began to do the same with others after the Resurrection. This is how the Church was born, which is a community of love and unity. This is my experience of the Church and what I often told people. Christianity is Good News. St. Paul would call it *Kerygma* in Greek. It is as if I told you that you just won the lottery. Actually, it is greater than that, since not even your entire life is enough to enjoy it. We need eternal life to celebrate so much joy. We must celebrate the joy of the forgiveness of our sins, our salvation, our unity with God and men. We celebrate this Good News every Sunday at the Mass. Get ready to answer what Christianity is in your life, because there are many people out there who have no idea what it is!

 **COMMUNITY / COMUNIDAD****NEW SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF ADDICTS**

Do you have a family member who is struggling with addiction? Do you need support? Come to this new support group, offered on the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm, in the St. Joseph Room. NEXT MEETING: Aug. 22. INFO: Christine Jeffrey, [cjeffrey@strose.com](mailto:cjeffrey@strose.com)

**CATHOLIC TERPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

Are you (or your child/friend/relative) attending the University of Maryland, College Park this Fall? Visit the Catholic Student Center for Mass, free Wednesday dinner every week, Bible studies, retreats, service, and more! To connect with Catholic Terps, go to [www.catholicterps.org](http://www.catholicterps.org) or email Lisa Lytwyn at [lisa@catholicterps.org](mailto:lisa@catholicterps.org).

**DO IT ALL IN JESUS' NAME**

Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others - listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received and employing the tools of faith. Consider becoming a Stephen Minister. A training class is starting soon. INFO: Zita Tepie, 301 519-1527

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Don't take a vacation from your marriage! Come learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. This weekend offers a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. Fill your marriage with joy! Upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: August 3-5, 2018 in Hanover, or November 2-4, 2018 in Gaithersburg. Early registration is recommended. INFO & REGISTRATION: [moments4marriage.org](http://moments4marriage.org) or 301-541-7007.

**RETRouvaille: HELP FOR MARRIAGES IN TROUBLE**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Have you stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program, beginning with a weekend on September 14-16, please visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), call 443-400-7017, or email [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org).

**VOLUNTEER AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE**

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist. Hours and days are flexible. Training will be provided. INFO: Dee Steel, 202-526-8300 x111 or [dsteel@bnsic.org](mailto:dsteel@bnsic.org)

**STEWARDSHIP /  
CORRESPONSABILIDAD****ARCHDIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS (CCC) & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)**  
August 4/5 - This combined collection is vital to the outreach efforts of the Church and to sharing the Good News in the larger community. Funds for CCC support various communications initiatives of the Church at local and national levels, and in developing countries. Funds for CCHD support non-profit groups, locally and throughout the US, working to help the poor and disenfranchised. Please give generously. Donations may be placed in the specially marked Poor Boxes.

**LIGHTEN THE LOAD! SWAP OLD LIGHT BULBS FOR LEDs!**

Swap old incandescent and/or CFL bulbs for energy-efficient LEDs! Bring as many bulbs as you wish, but each family is limited to receiving three free LEDs and one reusable shopping bag. HOURS: 4:00-6:00pm DATES & LOCATIONS:  
▶ July 30, Safeway at 5510 Norbeck Road, Rockville, 20853  
▶ August 6, Safeway at 11201 Georgia Ave, Wheaton, 20902  
▶ August 13, Safeway at 9807 Main Street, Damascus, 20872  
▶ August 20, Safeway at 3333 Spartan Road, Olney, 20832

**THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!****TREASURE / TESORO July 14 - 20, 2018****Your Gifts to the Lord**

Offertory.....	\$22,274
Direct Debit Offertory.....	\$31,279
Mortgage Reduction.....	\$885
Direct Debit Mortgage Reduction.....	\$4,631
Capital Campaign.....	\$335
Gift Certificate Profit.....	\$149

**Our Weekly Tithe**

Parish Poor Box.....	\$2,678
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	\$500

**Financial Fact**

In addition to our monthly assessment for the Archdiocesan Schools Fund, we (along with the 6 other feeder parishes) are also assessed for the Mary of Nazareth Tuition Assistance Fund. For this fiscal year, our assessment for Mary of Nazareth will be \$71,341.

**TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO****Bible Camp Leaders & Helpers**

It takes many people to make our annual Bible Camp a reality. Shannon Phelan has coordinated our Bible Camp for the past couple of years. Many other adults and teens have also served, making Bible Camp a week of faith, fun and learning for our youngsters. Thanks, everyone!