

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:** Nov. 10 & 17 **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: **2018:** Nov. 10 y 17 **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.

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

ORDINARY TIME XXXI



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Bulletin items due at noon, 2 Fridays before publication date!

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Michael Friel, Principal-----301-869-0940

Website-----www.maryofnazareth.org

CHRISTMAS TREES & SHOPPE

ÁRBOLES DE NAVIDAD Y TIENDA NAVIDEÑA

- Many volunteers are needed. This is a great activity for families & groups!
Se necesitan muchos voluntaries. ¡Esta es un gran actividad para familias y grupos!
- Food donations for our volunteers are appreciated!
¡Se agradecen las donaciones de alimentos para nuestros voluntaries!
- SIGN UP TO HELP / ANOTESE PARA AYUDAR: Nov. 3/4 & 10/11
- PRE-ORDER POINSETTIAS: Nov. 3/4 & 10/11, after Masses
- INFO: christmas@strose.com;
Mike Lynch, 518-496-6900 or michael.e.lynch@gmail.com





NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

Not all meetings & events appear on this calendar!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:30 pm Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/LR)

6:30 pm Confirmation Family Session #1 (CH)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | ELECTION DAY

6:00 pm Family Formation Session (LR/BR/CHLL/CH)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:30 am Arimatheans (LR1)

6:30 pm HS MOHO - Ministry of Hanging Out (YC)

7:00 pm Taizé Prayer with Flower of Carmel (HC)

7:00 pm Grupo de Oración (JE)

7:30 pm Maria Auxiliadora Coro Planificación (LR1)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm (HC)

1:00 pm Jubilee Quilters (LR)

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (CH)

7:30 pm RCIA Precatechumenate (STP)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

6:30 pm Intergenerational Service Project (PCW)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00 am That Man Is You (PCW)

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

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

8:30 am Baptism Preparation: Session 1 (DGN)

9:00 am Taller de Oración y Vida (SAR)

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

5:00 pm Reunión: Ministros de la Eucaristía (DGN)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 | ORDINARY TIME 32

9:30 am Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/BR/YC)

12:00 pm Reunión de Nuevos Miembros (DGN)

12:15 pm Newcomer's Gathering (DGN)

2:30 pm Formación de la Familia (PCW/F/YC/LR/BR/CHLL)

5:00 pm Adaptive Religious Education (CHLL)

5:00 pm Filipino Mass (HC)

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

6:30 pm Grupo de Oración: Práctica de Banda (LR1)

LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time /

32^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

November 10/11, 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. Agustin Mateo

Sun., 11:00 am (CH) Fr. Agustin Mateo

Sun., 1:00 pm (CH) Fr. Jacek Orzechowski (Español)

Scriptures:

1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 / Mk 12:38-44

Bread Bakers: Group 12 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team C

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

+ *Deceased* * *Living*

Mon., 11/5 8:30 am + Nayr Calderon de Prudencio

Tue., 11/6 8:30 am + Carlos Weill

Wed., 11/7 8:30 am + Vera Munro

Thu., 11/8 8:30 am + William Leon Smith

Fri., 11/9 8:30 am * Luke Daniel McBee

Sat., 11/10 5:00 pm + Elena Alvarado

Sun., 11/11 7:30 am + Nelson Beltrame

Sun., 11/11 9:00 am + Loved Ones of Stephen Burt

Sun., 11/11 11:00 am + Michael D'Souza

Sun., 11/11 1:00 pm + Gloria Hernández

+ Juakin Cáceres

+ Mercedes Hernández



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

THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Zoraida Amado de Parada, Bob Brady, José Camargo, Giovanni Cappelletti, Isabel Teresa Cash Alchourron, Danna Cevallos, Mary Ann Deak, Kathryn Domingues, John Fletemeyer, Gabe Holt, Reakha Janus, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Deacon John Liu, Josie Mattero, Kevin McCarthy, Rosalyn McCarthy, Kathy Miracco, Helene O'Neil, Gloria Ortwerth, Margarita Ossorio-Goldman, Rocio Paul, Marca Piehuta, Ana Portillo, Joseph R., Anthony Reid, Patricia Sattalo, John Schmitz, Carolyn Tillery, Maria Elizabeth Trejo, Jeanne Tufano, Idalberto Vargas, Robert Washburn, and Amy Williams.

THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Rafael Aguado, uncle of Lili Cervantes; Michael O'Hara, grandson of Louise Waytena; Jhosydeh Rojas, cousin of Vivi Flanigan; John Spencer, cousin of Lili Cervantes; and Jorge Strauss Palacios, uncle of Heidi Strauss.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION / REFLEXION DE LAS ESCRITURAS

This Sunday's readings provide us with the key commandment to live forever. The first reading says that to love the Lord our God with all our hearts and all our strength is the path to grow and prosper. The fulfillment of this commandment also allows us to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, namely, milk and honey. Then, Jesus in the gospel repeats this first commandment and adds to love our neighbor as oneself. God knows well that our human love is very limited and sometimes we need the divine sort of love to love our neighbors. For this reason, God commands us to love Him first, so that we can experience first divine love and this may be reflected in others around us. We are not able to truly love our neighbor just by our own strength, since our human nature is wounded by original sin. God calls us to love him so that he may heal our wounded nature and we may love others as he does. If we love our neighbor with a divine kind of love, which only God can give us, then we may experience the fruits of the kingdom of God as the first reading and the gospel say. We taste strength and sweetness as milk and honey. This strength and sweetness is the brotherly communion.

We can fall in love with God only in the measure that we recognize our sinfulness. God already loved us and showed it on the cross to save us from our sins. However, if we do not recognize our sinfulness, then the saving love of God has little to do with us. Instead, if we truly experience our sinfulness, then the saving Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ has a fundamental meaning in our lives. This meeting between our sinfulness and the mercy of God is one of the first steps to falling in love with God. This is also the path to accepting ourselves with our own limitations and weaknesses. Then, we could be ready to love God above all else and with all our strength. The one who truly has this experience can reflect this loving relationship with his neighbor. This is how the Church stands together as a community of brothers and sisters. We are brothers and sisters because we have one Father in heaven. We gather to worship God every Sunday at the Eucharistic table for his love for us. The brother sitting beside us in the pews may be totally different from us in the human sense, but we all share in the love and forgiveness from our Father. The brothers and sisters beside us are our neighbors.

Las lecturas de este domingo nos proveen con el mandamiento para la vida eterna. La primera lectura nos habla de amar a Dios con todo el corazón. El cumplimiento de este mandamiento nos permite crecer, prosperar, and gustar de los frutos de la tierra prometida como la leche y la miel. Luego Jesús repite este primer mandamiento y adhiere un segundo que es el amar al prójimo como a uno mismo. Dios bien sabe que nuestro amor humano es muy limitado y que a veces necesitamos un amor de tipo divino para amar a nuestro prójimo. Es por eso que Dios nos pide nuestro corazón entero para que le amemos primero a él para que esta relación de amor pueda ser reflejarse en el prójimo. Nosotros no somos capaces de amar realmente a nuestro prójimo solo con un amor meramente humano o por nuestra propia fuerza ya que nuestra naturaleza humana está herida por el pecado original. Si amamos a nuestro prójimo con un amor divino que solo Dios nos puede dar, entonces podremos experimentar los frutos del reino de Dios como la primera lectura y el evangelio hablan. Así gustaremos de la fuerza y la dulzura como leche y miel. Esta fuerza y dulzura es la comunión fraterna.

Nosotros estamos llamados a enamorarnos del Señor en la medida que descubrimos la podredumbre de nuestros pecados. Dios ya nos amó desde el comienzo y nos mostró su amor en la cruz para salvarnos de nuestros pecados. Pero si no reconocemos nuestros pecados, entonces el amor salvífico de Dios tiene casi nada de lugar en nuestras vidas. En cambio, si experimentamos nuestros pecados y nos arrepentimos, entonces la pasión y resurrección de Jesucristo tiene un valor infinito en nuestras vidas. Este encuentro entre nuestros pecados y la misericordia de Dios es uno de los primeros pasos para enamorarnos de Dios. Este es también el camino para aceptar nuestras limitaciones y fracasos que podamos haber tenido en nuestro caminar. Así podremos preparar el camino para amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas y con todas nuestras fuerzas. El que realmente tiene esta experiencia puede reflejar este amor divino hacia el prójimo. Es así como la iglesia es una comunidad de hermanos y hermanas con un mismo Padre en el cielo. Nos reunimos juntos para alabar a Dios cada domingo alrededor del altar eucarístico por su amor por nosotros. El hermano sentado alado nuestro en las bancas de la iglesia puede ser totalmente diferente de uno mismo en el sentido humano, pero todos compartimos en la misma historia de salvación y perdón de nuestro Padre.

 **WORSHIP / ADORACION****MASS OF CELEBRATION - ST. ROSE HOUSE ANNIVERSARY**

Nov. 11, 11:00am. Join us in celebrating the 9th Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Rose House. Join us in truly living out the mission of our parish that ALL are welcome! This Mass will also highlight our Accommodating Hearts Ministry, which aims to fully include people of varying abilities and their caregivers in all aspects of parish life.

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

During the month of November, we remember and pray for the faithful departed, especially those for whom we celebrated a funeral or burial at St. Rose in the past year. We display our Book of the Dead near the entrance of the Church and the Historic Chapel. Recorded on the pages of this book are the names of those for whom we held funeral services or buried in our cemetery. There are also pages for writing in your deceased loved ones.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thurs., Nov. 22, 10:00am, Church. Come and give thanks for God's many blessings. Liturgical Ministers are needed. Please sign up by the Liturgical Ministry sign-in table.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT INFORMATION

Would you like to have your marriage recognized by the Church? Do you need an annulment? Misinformation about ecclesiastical marriage annulments is common and based in misconceptions, misunderstanding and ignorance. INFO: <https://tinyurl.com/adwannulment>. If you want to begin the annulment process, contact the parish office.

ARE YOU READY TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S HEALING LOVE?

Nov. 5, 6 and 7, 7:00-9:30pm, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Damascus. Join nationally recognized Healing and Deliverance Priest Father Greg Bramlage for a special three evening mission. Experience a new level of healing you never thought possible. INFO: 301 253-2027

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH MASS

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to the celebration of Mass in honor of Black Catholic History Month. The Mass will be held on Sat., Nov. 10, 4:30pm, at Mount Calvary Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD. INFO: culturaldiversity@adw.org

DAVID HAAS CONCERT & BOOK TOUR:**I WILL BRING YOU HOME - SONGS OF PRAYER, STORIES OF FAITH**

Fri., Nov. 9, 8:00pm, St. Ignatius Church, 4103 Prices Distillery Rd., Ijamsville, MD. TICKETS: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$5 children 12 and under. INFO: Zack Stachowski, concertsatstignatius@gmail.com

**STEWARDSHIP /
CORRESPONSABILIDAD****ANNUAL COMMITMENTS OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

If you haven't yet turned in your Time, Talent & Treasure Commitment form, it's not too late to do so! Extra forms are available in the Church and Historic Chapel. Simply fill one out for your household and return it in the collection basket at Mass or send it in to the Parish Office. If you would like more information about where your gifts of Time & Talent are needed, check out the Opportunity Knocks Booklet: https://strose-parish.org/documents/2018/10/2018%20OPP%20KNOCKS_Web%20Version.pdf

SPECIAL COLLECTION: ARCHDIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS

Nov. 3-4. Help to provide care and housing for our retired archdiocesan priests so they can live in dignity. Place your donations in the specially marked Poor Boxes, or you can also give through your smart phone by texting "Priest" to 301-231-1816. A link will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.

THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!**TREASURE / TESORO** Oct. 20 - 26, 2018**Your Gifts to the Lord**

Offertory.....	\$18,752
Mortgage Reduction	\$1,000
Direct Debit Mortgage Reduction.....	\$4,136
Capital Campaign.....	\$372
Gift Certificate Profit.....	\$104

Our Weekly Tithe

Parish Poor Box.....	\$938
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....	\$500

Financial Fact

St. Rose obtains its property/casualty insurance through the Archdiocese of Washington. Our current fiscal year assessment is \$35,364 for all of our facilities. This is \$1,056 less than last year's assessment.

TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO**Ronald Montano & Ogechi Akalegbere**

As our Pastoral Council Liaisons, Ron and Ogechi serve the Parish faithfully. They have done an outstanding job representing youth and young adults in the parish, especially during this past year, when the Synod 2018 of Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment was underway. Thank you, Ron and Ogechi, for bringing to light the hopes, needs, and dreams of our youth and young adults, and teaching us to walk together in Christ.

SERVICE / SERVICIO

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD:

SHOP AT THE FAIR TRADE SALE!

Sat., Nov. 3, 2:00-7:00pm, and Sun., Nov. 4, 8:00am-1:00pm, Woodlands Room. Make your Christmas gift-giving more meaningful; purchase gifts that give more than once! Proceeds benefit small-scale artisans and farmers in developing countries. **FEATURED:** Lovely jewelry, handmade crafts, coffees/teas/cocoa, chocolates, and body/spa products from around the world. Most items are in the \$5 - \$25 range. Merchandise is from SERRV International, Equal Exchange, UPVAIM, Kenyan Jewelry, the Women's Bean Project, Ornaments4Orphans, Shea Yeleen, Aid Through Trade, Prosperity Candles, and Putumayo.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The City of Gaithersburg Holiday Giving Team needs volunteers to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for local families in need. Baskets consist of gift cards, non-perishable items, or a combination of both, and must be delivered directly to your assigned family. Spend an average of \$35 for a family of 4. INFO: Regina McCutcheon, rjmccutch@yahoo.com

HELP LOCAL CHILDREN STAY WARM THIS WINTER THROUGH OUR GLOVES, HATS & SCARVES COLLECTION

Through Dec. 9. Help our Gaithersburg friends in need during the holiday season. We are collecting donations of NEW gloves, hats and scarves for about 1,500 children of all ages, to be distributed in mid-December. Blue donation bins are in the Church Foyer. We'll also have our annual Gifting Tree Collection after Thanksgiving. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT: BOX OF JOY



Fri., Nov. 9, 6:30pm, Woodlands Room. Join us for this great family activity, which will bring joy to kids who want just one Christmas gift! Here's how it works: Decide how many boxes you would like to send. Your family fills each box with a gift, and donates funds to cover program services and shipping. Bring the gift(s) and \$9 check to St. Rose on Nov. 9, where your family will make notes to go in each box, pack them and pray for the gift recipient. For a list of suggested gift items to pack, please visit our St. Rose website homepage: www.strose-parish.org.

COMMUNITY / COMUNIDAD

BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS . . .

Our Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential, one-to-one care, prayer, and support to those who are going through a difficult time. Do you know a loved one, friend, neighbor, or colleague who could benefit from this type of care? No need to struggle alone; Stephen Ministers walk with those in need of a caring, Christian friend. INFO: Zita Tepie, 301 519-1527

OWLS POTLUCK LUNCHEON & UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TALK

Tues., Nov. 13, 12:00pm, Duggan Room. Join the Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors for a potluck luncheon and lecture. The Sandy Springs community in Montgomery County was actively engaged in the Underground Railroad. A county Park Service Volunteer will describe the railroad and the experiences of slaves attempting to reach freedom. Bring a dish to share. Friends are welcome. INFO & RSVP: stroseowls@gmail.com, or Linda LeBlanc, 301-963-1269

ST. ROSE TRIP TO IRELAND - IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP

June 22 - July 1, 2019. Join Fr. Mateo in the Emerald Isle. There are still some spots available. This is a family-friendly trip. Full details are on the website. Sign up now to receive the early bird discount. INFO: cjeffrey@strose.com

NALOXONE TRAINING

Tues., Nov. 27, 5:30-7:30pm, Duggan Room. If you are an adult (18+ years old.) and are concerned about a friend, family member, or associate with an opioid addiction, this FREE training is for you. Naloxone is a prescription medication that reverses the effect of an opioid overdose. The training will be held at St. Rose and is sponsored by the Mont. Co. Dept. of Health and Human Services. REGISTRATION: 240-777-1836 or OverdoseResponseProgram@montgomerycountymd.gov

GET READY FOR THE BOOK NOOK SALE!

Start setting aside your donations of books, CDs, DVDs and other media! There are collection dates in late November and late December. Volunteers are needed to help collect books and sort them. Please consider lending a hand!

Sign Up Weekends: Nov. 17, 18, 24 & 25, Dec. 1 & 2
After Masses

Book Drop Off: Nov. 23 (9:00am-3:00pm)
Nov. 24 (9:00am-12:00pm)
At the Garages in the Back Parking Lot
Dec. 29 (9:00am-3:00pm)
Dec. 30 (8:00am-2:00pm)
Dec. 31 (9:00am-3:00pm)
Jan. 1 (5:00-8:00pm)
In the Woodlands Room



Book Nook Sale: Jan. 3 & 4 (9:00am-9:00pm)
Jan. 5 (9:00am-8:00pm)
In the Woodlands Room

WANT TO GROW IN FAITH? BE AN RCIA SPONSOR!

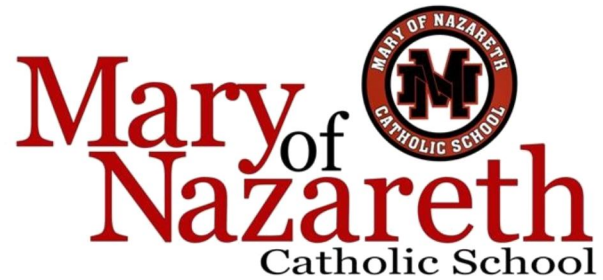
A sponsor is an active Catholic who serves as a companion on the journey of faith with an adult preparing for sacraments of initiation through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process. They get acquainted, listen, answer questions, pray together, and connect their catechumen/candidate with 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

FORMED.ORG – HAVE YOU VISITED THE SITE RECENTLY?

Enjoy lots of interesting Catholic content. Learn more about our newly canonized saints. Listen to Dr. Scott Hahn speak on “Making Sense Out of Suffering.” Watch one of the Brother Francis shows with your children. Our parish code is QD4Q28.

CALLING ALL ACTORS!

The Family Formation Core Team is looking for adults and/or youth to creatively present the month’s lesson topic to students. We are looking for folks willing to create fun, zany, catchy skits to bring the topic to life at our monthly session! This is sure to be a great way to have some fun and serve the community. We hope to begin the presentations in January. Please contact Susan Joseph, sjoseph@strose.com.



COME TO AN OPEN HOUSE AT MARY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Mary of Nazareth Catholic School, 14131 Seneca Rd., Darnestown, MD 20878. Mary of Nazareth Catholic School offers: Full Day PreK - 8th grade; STREAM Instruction (*Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics*); 190+ Acre Campus; 10:1 Student to Teacher Ratio; Full Time Registered Nurse; and more. OPEN HOUSE DATES: Tues., Nov. 6, 9:00-11:00am; and Sun., Jan. 27, 1:00-3:00pm. Children and parents are invited to visit classrooms, meet talented faculty, and tour the campus. RSVP: <https://www.maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/>. INFO: 301-869-0940

AN ILLUMINATED REQUIEM:

MEDITATIONS ON LOVE AND MORTALITY BY ANN SCHMALSTIEG

Through Nov. 29, Memorial Hall, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave. NE, Wash., DC. The theme of this exhibit is found in the propers of the Requiem Mass, and the paintings are an expression of the personal experience of love in the context of death. It is the artist’s intention to guide visitors through an understanding of mortality and the love and mercy of God and to inspire the living to pray for the dear departed. This event is free and open to the public. Parking lot (free) is on Harewood Rd.

FROM FR. OSCAR

Email your questions to:
fatheroscar@strose.com



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we are talking about the graces of baptism. With baptism, all our sins are forgiven: original sin, all personal sins, and all punishments for sins. Yet certain temporal consequences of sin remain after baptism, such as suffering, illness, death, weaknesses of character, and an inclination to sin that Tradition “concupiscence” (CCC, 1263-1264). For this reason, the life of the Christian is a constant battle against temptations and the allurements of sins. Sometimes, this battle discourages us because we may experience that in the process of fighting against sin, we may get wounded. This is the experience of most Catholics. However, St. Francis of Sales used to say that our Christian struggle is similar to soldiers who engage in war. When soldiers come back from war, many of them receive their medals of honors standing on crutches, with a band around their heads to cover some wounds. Yet they receive their honor because they fought loyally. Obviously, if they would have run away at the battlefield because they were cowards, then there is no merit in coming back home without wounds. Let us not be timid in the struggle against sin after we have received baptism, knowing that even if we get wounded by sin in the struggle, we struggle loyally to keep the Holy Spirit that God gave us at our baptism.

Father Oscar