

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: **2020:** Jan. 11 & 18, Mar. 14 & 21, May 16 (two classes in one), Sept. 12 & 19, Nov. 7 & 14

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: **2020:** Ene. 11 & 18, Mar. 14 & 21, May. 16 (dos clases en una), Sep. 12 & 19, Nov. 7 & 14

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 15, 2019

ADVENT III



DIRECTORY / DIRECTORIO

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BULLETIN / CALENDAR / ROOM RESERVATIONS

Bulletin items due 2 Fridays before publication date!

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PARISH STAFF

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Christmas Trees & Shoppe Árboles de Navidad y Tienda Navideña

HOURS OF OPERATION: Through Sun., Dec. 15th
Weekends - 9:00AM-8:00PM
Weekdays - 4:00-8:00PM

INFO: Mike Lynch,
christmas@strose.com or
Michael.e.lynch@gmail.com



Share the joy & 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 16

- 6:30 pm Gr. 7-12 Religious Education (CHLL/LR/YC)
- 6:30 pm A Journey Through the Liturgical Year (PCW)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 7:00 pm Family Formation Catechist Training (DGN)
- 7:30 pm Comité Hispano (BR)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 6:00 pm Accommodating Hearts Cookies & Carols (PCW)
- 6:00 pm Flower of Carmel Inquirers (DGN2)
- 6:30 pm HS MOHO: Ministry of Hanging Out (YC)
- 6:30 pm Grupo Renacer (STJ)
- 7:00 pm Flower of Carmel (DGN2)
- 7:30 pm Pax Christi (STP)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm (HC)
- 9:30 am Family Formation Packet Assembly (DGN1)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 pm Grupo de Oración (JE)
- 7:00 pm Ensayo: Maria Auxiliadora Coro (KD)
- 7:30 pm Yarn Angels Knitting & Crocheting (STP)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 6:30 pm 1st Penance Parent/Child Retreat (CH/DGN/STJ)
- 7:00 pm Grupo de Oración (LR/BR/OLCC)
- 7:30 pm Legión de Maria (JE)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 7:00 am That Man Is You (PCW)
- 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, DECEMBER 22 | ADVENT 4

- 11:15 am Reunión de Ministros Litúrgicos (LR)
- 12:30 pm Legion of Mary (JE)
- 2:15 pm Representación de Navidad (PCW)
- 6:30 pm Grupo de Oración (LR/BR)

CONGRATULATIONS / FELICIDADES

Baptism / Bautismo

Grecia Larisa Amaya
Alan Ethan Bonilla



IMPORTANT NOTICE / AVISO IMPORTANTE:

Parish Offices will be closed
from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day.
Offices will reopen on January 2, 2020. /
Las oficinas de la parroquia estarán cerradas
desde la Noche Buena hasta el Año Nuevo.
Las oficinas se reabrirán el 2 de enero 2020.

LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

4th Sunday of Advent / 4^o Domingo de Adviento
December 21/22, 2019

Masses/Celebrants:

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| Sat., 5:00 pm | (CH) | Fr. Quinn Conners |
| Sun., 7:30 am | (HC) | Fr. Oscar Astigarraga |
| Sun., 9:00 am | (CH) | Fr. Tony Krisak |
| Sun., 11:00 am | (CH) | Fr. Tony Krisak |
| Sun., 1:00 pm | (CH) | Fr. Agustin Mateo (Español) |

Scriptures (Year A):

Is 7:1-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

Bread Bakers: Group 9 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team A

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

+ *Deceased* * *Living*

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|--------------|----------|---|-------------------|
| Mon., 12/16 | 8:30 am | + | Catalino Cabe |
| Tue., 12/17 | 8:30 am | + | Lydia Camomot |
| Wed., 12/18 | 8:30 am | + | Marie Kozloski |
| Thur., 12/19 | 8:30 am | + | Iris Aird |
| Fri., 12/20 | 8:30 am | + | Kathleen McCamant |
| Sat., 12/21 | 5:00 pm | + | Yining Wang |
| Sun., 12/22 | 7:30 am | + | Marylou McCauley |
| Sun., 12/22 | 9:00 am | + | Thomas F. Connell |
| Sun., 12/22 | 11:00 am | + | Andrew Vocke |
| Sun., 12/22 | 1:00 pm | + | Maria Balderrama |

PLEASE PRAY FOR... /



POR FAVOR RECE POR...

THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Cynthia Alexander, Osvaldo Borges, Clint Botkin, Ximena Bravo, Normaly Cabrera, Teresita Cañizares, Louisa Daley, Mary Ann Deak, Charles Eiss, Sofia Enriquez, John Fletemeyer, Susan Frampton, Don Gisin, Karen Hammann, Ed Heinhold, Josette Heuschling, Barbara Homon, Ken Homon, Reakha Janus, David Jaramillo, Kathy Kral, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Graciela Larco, Jimmy Long, Kevin Markwordt, César Hernan Martinez, Josie Matteredo, Dora Mayorca, Alejandro Medina Guillen, Angela Mejia Guerra, Tina Mezgebu, Maria Jose Moreno, Marcelo Orellana, Paulina Orellana, William Orellana, Axel Palma, Geovanny Palma, Joseph R., Susan Raedeke, Tess Rohan, Harold Salmon Jr., Harold Salmon Sr., Patricia Sattalo, Fernando Servantes, Jacquy Toasa, Monica Toro, Barbara Wiley.

THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Etelvina Castillo, mother of Rolando Cruz Castillo; Margaret St. John, mother of Beckie St. John; Pina Lopopolo, aunt of Elizabeth Garofolo.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION / REFLEXION DE LAS ESCRITURAS

This weekend, we arrived at our third Sunday of Advent, known as "Gaudete" (Latin for "Rejoice") Sunday. The Church exhorts us to rejoice, for our salvation is very near. The last nine days to prepare for the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ in Bethlehem begin this week. Today we switch the focus from the second coming of Christ at the end of times to the first coming of Christ at his Incarnation to meditate on the mysteries of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The Church wears the color pink for the liturgy to emphasize the intense preparation for Christmas. We also light the pink candle in our Advent wreath.

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah most probably comes from the fifty-year period when God's captive people were exiled in Babylon. No doubt it was a time of hardship for God's people, since they lost their freedom, their homeland, their temple, and their personal property. It is likely they had no hope of ever being set free. Isaiah proclaims a Gaudete time for the people who are suffering since their redemption is at hand. He announces that God would turn their arid lands into gardens bursting with vegetation and beauty. The weak, sick, blind, and lame would be freed of their affliction. God's people would be crown with everlasting joy.

Jesus also proclaims this Gaudete time, the announcement of the Good News, to all peoples, and in a special way to John the Baptist's disciples. He commands them to announce it John. Jesus says, "go and tell John what you hear and see, the good news is proclaimed to the poor." John is in prison and will soon die there decapitated because he spoke the truth. He is the poor in spirit who is suffering in prison because of the wicked. The redemption of those who suffer because of their sins or because of the good news is at hand. At the time of Jesus, God's people were captive by sin and they needed to hear the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. All those who believe in this good news of salvation will experience the love, mercy, and forgiveness of their sins. They will be set free from the chains of sin and death.

The Church once again proclaims a Gaudete time for all of us who are in prison because of our sins. The birth of the baby Jesus is a good news only to the poor in spirit. It will not be good news for the proud and wicked, as Herod was. If we find ourselves in sin or in prison because of some sort of suffering, then let us believe in the words of Isaiah and Jesus Christ today. Let us rejoice that God becomes human so that we may be set free. If we do not see ourselves as being slaves of sin, then let us encourage and help those who are in sin. Let us be like John's disciples that went to John's prison to tell him that the blind see, the lame walk, and that the good news is for the poor in spirit.

Este fin de semana, llegamos a nuestro tercer domingo de Adviento, conocido principalmente como el domingo "Gaudete." Gaudete significa "alegraos" en latín, ya que la Iglesia nos exhorta a regocijarnos porque nuestra salvación está muy cerca. Los últimos nueve días para prepararse para la Encarnación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo en Belén comienza esta semana. Este domingo cambiamos el enfoque de la segunda venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos a la primera venida de Cristo en su Encarnación. Nos concentramos y meditamos intensamente sobre los misterios de la vida de la sagrada familia de Nazaret. La Iglesia usa el color rosa para la liturgia para enfatizar la intensa preparación para la Navidad, así como también encendemos nuestra vela rosada en nuestra corona de Adviento.

La primera lectura del profeta Isaías probablemente recuenta el periodo de cincuenta años cuando el pueblo de Dios estuvo cautivo y exiliado en Babilonia. Sin duda fue una época de dificultades para el pueblo de Dios, ya que perdieron su libertad, su patria, su templo y sus bienes personales. Es probable que no tuvieran la esperanza de ser liberados. Isaías proclama un tiempo de Gaudete para las personas que sufren el exilio. Él anuncia que Dios convertiría su desierto, tierras áridas, en jardines repletos de vegetación y belleza. Los débiles, enfermos, ciegos y cojos serían liberados de su afflictión. El pueblo de Dios será coronado con gozo eterno.

Este tiempo de Gaudete es lo que Jesús también proclama a toda la humanidad y en especial a los discípulos de Juan el Bautista a quienes les ordena que le transmitan este mensaje a Juan. Jesús dice, "ve y dile a Juan lo que oyes y ves, la buena noticia se proclama a los pobres." John está en prisión y pronto morirá allí decapitado porque proclamaba la verdad. Él es el pobre de espíritu del que Jesús habla quien necesita la salvación del Mesías ya que está sufriendo bajo la opresión del malvado. La redención de aquellos que sufren por sus pecados o por los pecados de los demás ha llegado. En el tiempo de Jesús, el pueblo de Dios también estaba cautivo por el pecado y necesitaban escuchar la buena noticia de la salvación por medio de Jesucristo.

La Iglesia una vez más proclama un tiempo de Gaudete para todos los que estamos en prisión por nuestros pecados. Si vemos que estamos en pecado, entonces creamos en las palabras de Isaías y en las de Jesucristo hoy. Y si no nos vemos a nosotros mismos como esclavos del pecado, alentemos y ayudemos a quienes están en pecado en la prisión. Seamos como los discípulos de John que fueron a la prisión de John para decirle que los ciegos ven, los cojos caminan, y que las buenas noticias son para los pobres de espíritu.

WORSHIP / ADORACION



CHRISTMAS EVE + CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

*Liturgical Ministers:
Please sign up to help!*

<https://tinyurl.com/Christmas2019A>

CHRISTMAS EVE - CHURCH / NOCHEBUENA - IGLESIA

Tuesday, December 24 / martes, 24 de diciembre

4:00pm: English Mass - Family Choir (Fr. Oscar)

5:40pm: 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)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

You and your household are invited to light the Advent Wreath before a weekend Mass during Advent. SIGN UP: <https://tinyurl.com/ADVWR2019>

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/ADVWR2019>

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Mon., Dec. 16, 6:30-8:00pm, Woodlands. Join us as we journey through the liturgical year and talk about Mary, Saints, Sacraments and sacramentals. This special and interesting session is a favorite for those who have attended! INFO: Christine Jeffrey, cjeffrey@strose.com

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT

We join in the *Find the Perfect Gift* initiative with parishes throughout the Archdiocese to encourage each of us, and those who are not currently practicing their faith, to celebrate the joy of Jesus, our Perfect Gift. Visit www.FindthePerfectGift.org and explore opportunities to donate time and resources to those in need!

ENCUENTRE EL REGALO PERFECTO

Comenzamos la iniciativa *Encuentra el Regalo Perfecto* contando con las parroquias de toda la Arquidiócesis para alentarnos y con los que actualmente no practican su fe para celebrar la alegría de Jesús, nuestro Regalo Perfecto, esta Navidad. ¡Visiten el sitio www.RegaloPerfecto.org y exploren oportunidades de donar tiempo y recursos para los necesitados!

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS AT THE CATHEDRAL

This Sunday, Dec. 15, 7:30pm, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington DC. Come and enjoy this tradition of splendid choral music, Gregorian chants, hymns, and carols interwoven with proclamations of the Scriptures that anticipate the birth of Christ, the promised one of the ages. St. Matthew's Schola Cantorum and Festival Singers join seven of the Cathedral's finest lectors telling the story of the joyful anticipation of those awaiting the Messiah. FREE. All are welcome. The Cathedral is located between Connecticut Ave. and 17th St., near the Farragut North Red Line, Farragut West Orange Line, and Dupont Circle Red Line Metro stops. INFO: www.stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD LEADER

We are in need of people to serve as Leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word, which occurs during the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sunday. Leaders plan a reflection for children (aged 4+) based on the Sunday readings. Materials and training are provided. All Child Protection Policy requirements must be met before serving. CONTACT: Jane Rice, 301-963-7226, janericemail@gmail.com

Representación de Navidad

Invitamos a todos a la representación de navidad que lo harán los niños y los padres del catecismo el día domingo 22 de diciembre después de la misa de 1:00pm en la Salón Woodlands. INFO: Ivonne Salazar, isalazar@strose.com



COMMUNITY / COMUNIDAD

GET READY FOR THE BOOK NOOK SALE!

Set aside your donations of books, CDs, DVDs and other media! Collection dates are listed below. Many volunteers are needed to help with this fabulous event!

BOOK DROP OFF: Dec. 28 (9:00am-3:00pm)
Dec. 29 (8:00am-2:00pm)
Dec. 30 (9:00am-3:00pm)
Dec. 31 (9:00am-3:00pm)
Woodlands Room

BOOK NOOK SALE: Jan. 2 & 3 (9:00am-9:00pm)
Jan. 4 (9:00am-8:00pm)
Woodlands Room



CHRISTMAS COOKIES & CAROLS

Wed., Dec. 18, 6:30pm, Woodlands Room. Join the Teens Love Christ (TLC) choir as they host a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long for those in our community with special needs and developmental differences. All are welcome to join in this festive evening. Please bring a plate of your favorite holiday treats to share.

JUSTFAITH – LENTEN STUDY ON FOOD INSECURITY

Hunger for Change will explore the realities of food insecurity here in the United States and abroad. This study consists of eight 2 1/2 hour sessions that include prayer, dialogue, active listening and relationship building. It will be offered on Thursdays, Feb. 6 - Apr. 2, 2020. Some sessions may include video and/or guest speakers as well as an immersion experience. Participants will deepen their understanding through in-depth reading and viewing videos and online materials. The most essential resource is the community formed through the process. The recommended group size is 8-15 participants, so space is limited. **REGISTRATION:** Contact Sherry Moitoza, smoitoza@strose.com. *Sign up through St. Rose, not the JustFaith website.* **COURSE INFO:** www.justfaith.org.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS - SACRED SCRIPTURE

Join us as we explore the Sacred Scriptures to deepen our relationship with God in His revealed Word. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, this course will be taught by instructor Edward Kent. Starting on Jan. 9, 2020, the series will be held at St. Rose on six consecutive Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm. Registration is required. **INFO & REGISTRATION:** <https://strose-parish.org/adult-faith-formation>; Susan Joseph, sjoseph@strose.com; Christine Jeffrey, cjeffrey@strose.com

EDUCATION / EDUCACION

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN IN JANUARY!

Adult Catholics (aged 18+) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith, but have not celebrated Confirmation, are invited to participate in this preparation program. *Those who have already been confirmed are also welcome to attend to learn more about the Catholic faith!* Class schedule is on the website. **INFO & REGISTRATION:** <http://strose-parish.org/adult-confirmation>

ADULT FAITH MENTORS NEEDED

You may be aware of the amazing Teen Faith Mentors in our Adaptive Religious Education program who dedicate their time to faithfully mentoring students with special needs in their spiritual journey. Recently St. Rose started an adult small faith group that is geared towards adults that would benefit from the same small group teaching methods. It has been a huge success and we are in need of more adult faith mentors for these young adults who have various developmental differences. The group meets once a month after the 11:00am Mass. If you are interested in becoming an adult faith mentor for our Adult Adaptive Small Faith Group, please contact Sherry Moitoza at smoitoza@strose.com.

INCLEMENT WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSING POLICIES

- ▶ **Weekend Masses, Religious Education & Family Formation:** Cancellation notices will be posted on our website as early as possible.
- ▶ **Weekday Masses:** If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) open late or are closed, there is no 8:30am Mass. ▶ **Weekday Religious Education & Family Formation:** If MCPS close early or cancel all evening activities, Religious Education & Family Formation are cancelled. Updates and cancellations will be sent out via Flocknote (English classes).
- ▶ **Thursday Adoration & Confessions:** If MCPS open late, Adoration will be held 1:00-9:00pm. If MCPS close early, Adoration and Confessions are cancelled.
- ▶ **Parish Offices:** If MCPS Administrative Offices open late, we open as close to 9:00am as possible. If MCPS Administrative Offices are closed, Parish Offices are closed.
- ▶ **Cancellation Notices:** Visit the parish website at www.strose-parish.org.

SERVICE / SERVICIO

HATS, GLOVES & SCARVES COLLECTION

Our Outreach Committee is accepting donations of NEW gloves, hats and scarves for children up to age 18. Donation bins will be in the Gathering Space through mid-December. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THE GIFTING TREE

Bring holiday cheer to our neighbors in need! Holiday wish tags are on the Gifting Trees (in the Church Foyer, Church Lower Level, and Parish Centre Foyer). Take a gift tag from the tree, purchase the requested item, and return it (with tag affixed) under the Gifting Tree by Sun., Dec. 15.

SHARE CHRISTMAS JOY WITH LOCAL REFUGEE AND ASYLUM-SEEKING FAMILIES

Again this year, Pax Christi members are pleased to be working with refugee and asylum-seeking families from Cameroon and Ethiopia. You are invited to get involved through this year's Gifting Tree. There is also always a need for cash donations to help with rent and other expenses. Pax Christi is part of a network of Church communities supporting refugees and shares an off-site accountant. Checks should be made payable to "Dayspring Church" (please write "SRL Pax Christi" on the memo line). Send to Diana Domingues, 792 Quince Orchard Blvd. T-2, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. INFO: Bob Cooke, cookerh1251@gmail.com or 301-661-6670

21ST ANNUAL CARDINAL O'CONNOR CONFERENCE ON LIFE

Jan. 25, 2020, Georgetown University. THEME: "The Consistent Life Ethic and the Law: the Ethical Argument for Life." As pro-life issues emerge at the forefront of our legal system, particularly taking into consideration the recent passage of pro-life laws on the state level, we will consider the argument for life in both state and federal legislation. We will also consider how the consistent ethic of life informs our understanding of public morality. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Assistant General Secretary for Integral Human Development for the United States Conference of Bishops and Executive Director for Justice Peace and Human Development; Sr. Bethany Madonna, Vocations Director, Sisters of Life. INFO & TICKETS: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twenty-first-annual-cardinal-oconnor-conference-on-life-tickets-63179334089>

JOB OPENING AT SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER

SGPC is seeking a Community Outreach Coordinator to develop and implement a successful fundraising strategy and build relationships in the community by promoting the Center's Mission. This position is part-time, 9:00am-5:00pm, 3 days per week (flexible). Send résumés to execdirector@pregnancy-options.org.

STEWARDSHIP / CORRESPONSABILIDAD

ONLINE GIVING & DIRECT DEBIT PROGRAMS

- Online Giving: Your gifts are transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account or credit card to St. Rose. You manage your account, making changes at your convenience. SIGN UP: <https://strose-parish.org/online-giving>
- Direct Debit: The contribution amount you specify is transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account to St. Rose each month on a set date. If you wish to make a change, you notify us and we take care of it. SIGN UP: <https://strose-parish.org/treasure>



ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

See the difference your generosity makes! View the report on our website at <https://strose-parish.org/stewardship>.

THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!

TREASURE / TESORO Nov. 30 - Dec. 6, 2019

Your Gifts to the Lord

Offertory.....	\$32,545
Mortgage Reduction	\$5,031
Capital Campaign	\$1,015
Gift Certificate Profit	\$110

Our Weekly Tithe

Parish Poor Box.....	\$1,627
Action in Montgomery (AIM).....	\$500

Financial Fact

Although we are exempt from property tax, we receive an annual bill from Montgomery County for special services, i.e., solid waste, Bay Restoration, and water quality protection charges. In 2018, our assessment was \$4,679. Our 2019 assessment is \$5,689.

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Family Formation Core Team

We are deeply grateful for the Core Team who roots the Family Formation program in prayer. In taking the time each month to gather and pray for each Family Formation family and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this program is flourishing with over 400 child participants. In addition to prayer, the Core Team is fundamental in helping to promote activities and ideas to support parents in their roles as the primary teachers of the faith to their children.