

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

2o Domingo ----- 12:00 pm----- (Español)
2nd Sunday ----- 12:15 pm----- (English)

OTHER SERVICES / OTROS SERVICIOS

Stephen Ministry

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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:** Jan. 13 & 20, Mar. 10 & 17, May 12 & 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:** Ene. 13 & 20, Mar. 10 & 17, 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.

DECEMBER 24, 2017

ADVENT IV & CHRISTMAS



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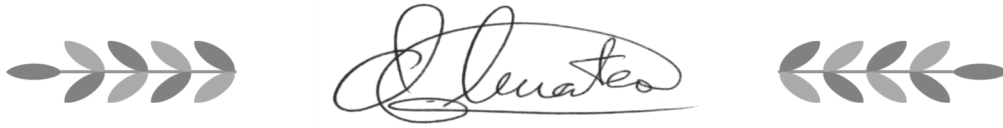
BEHOLD,
I bring you
tidings
of
GREAT JOY!

Welcome, Visitors!

May joy and peace be yours this Christmas! As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and welcome Him into our hearts, we extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting this Christmas! Some of you may be in town visiting family or friends; some of you may live locally, but do not regularly attend St. Rose; others of you may be coming to Mass at Christmas after being away from the Catholic Church for a time. To one and all, we are glad you are here, and hope that you find a spiritual home with us! Please come back again!

If you are interested in learning more about the parish, please visit our website at www.strose-parish.org. There are lots of ways to get involved! To register as a member, please attend a Newcomer's Gathering, held on the 2nd Sunday of each month, at 12:00pm in Spanish and 12:15pm in English, in the Duggan Room (on the lower level of the Church). The next session will be on January 14, 2018. Come meet parish representatives and receive registration materials and other information about St. Rose. We hope to see you there!

WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR / PALABRAS DE NUESTRO PASTOR



Isn't it true that our lives are filled with all kinds of surprises? They really open up our eyes to something new, wonderful, exciting. Sometimes surprises are frightening and we are afraid of what might happen next. There are other times when we are not sure what God is doing, what He expects of us or how we will ever get the job done, "For my ways are not your ways nor your ways my ways," says the Lord.

Throughout human history, God has acted in unexpected ways, at a most inopportune moment, in a place not well known, with a people who were not well liked nor appreciated. In a most astonishing way, He prepares a dwelling place for His Son. When Israel is under Roman domination, in a little town of Nazareth, Joseph of the house of David is betrothed to a young virgin whose name is Mary. And the angel told her, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall name Him Jesus". She is deeply troubled and scared. She wonders how this marvelous event shall come about. "Do not be afraid Mary, you have found favor with God and don't forget, nothing is impossible with God." And Mary said yes. Let it be. Mary's fiat changed history.

By her "Yes", Mary made the gift of herself back to God, a sign of her trust, her faith in His promises. When most of us pray, we beg that Thy will be changed, not thy will be done. Maybe we don't say it in those words but we try to twist God's arm. We try to have things go our way because we need to be in control. It is not easy to let go, to let God be God, to trust Him when things don't go our way. We need a deeper faith in His love and a firmer hope in His promises. We need to be like Mary who was humble, obedient and poor - not poor in the sense of money or clothes or food - but poor in the sense of total dependence upon our God, acknowledging Him as Our Father. Only those who are in need and recognize that they are not able to satisfy that need are free to be without fear. They are the ones who can rejoice in the God of surprises.

Remember nothing is impossible with our God. The one who was faithful to His promise to Mary is also the same God who invites us to bear His Son into our fragile and broken lives. Through that same Spirit that overshadowed Mary, we can make Christ flesh again in our troubled world, during these difficult and frightening days.

What happened 2,000 years ago happens again today. Like Mary, we say our yes. Let it be. That is a matter of trust and a measure of our faith.

¿No es cierto que nuestras vidas están llenas de todo tipo de sorpresas? Estas sorpresas nos abren los ojos ante algo nuevo, maravilloso y emocionante. También a veces, estas sorpresas son aterradoras y tememos a lo que sucederá a continuación. En otras veces, no estamos seguros lo que Dios está haciendo, de lo que El espera de nosotros o de cómo llevaremos a cabo lo que nos esta pidiendo, "porque mis caminos no son vuestros caminos ni vuestros caminos mis caminos", dice el Señor.

A lo largo de la historia humana, Dios ha estado actuando de modos inesperados, en los momentos más inoportunos, en un lugar no conocido y con un pueblo que que no era del agrado de nadie, Israel, ni tampoco apreciado. De la manera más sorprendente, prepara una morada para su Hijo. Cuando Israel está bajo dominación romana, en un pequeño pueblo de Nazaret, José de la casa de David se compromete con una joven virgen cuyo nombre es María. Y el ángel le dijo. "He aquí, concebirás en tu seno y dará a luz a un hijo y le pondrás por nombre Jesús". Ella está profundamente preocupada y asustada. Ella solo pregunta cómo este maravilloso evento sucederá. "No tengas miedo María, porque has encontrado favor con Dios y no te olvides, nada es imposible con Dios." Y María dijo que sí. Que sea lo que Dios quiera. María así cambió el curso de la historia.

Por su "Sí", María se hizo regalo para Dios, una señal de su confianza y de su fe en sus promesas. Cuando oramos, en realidad suplicamos a Dios mío que se haga su voluntad sino que se cumpla la nuestra. Tal vez no lo decimos con esas palabras pero tratamos de torcer el brazo de Dios. Tratamos de hacer que las cosas sucedan como nosotros queremos porque tenemos que estar en control. No es fácil dejar que Dios sea Dios, y confiar en él cuando las cosas no van a nuestra manera. Necesitamos una fe más profunda en su amor y una esperanza más firme en sus promesas. Tenemos que ser como María, que era humilde, obediente y pobre, no pobre en el sentido de dinero, ropa o comida pero pobre en el sentido de la total dependencia de nuestro Dios como el Padre. Sólo aquellos que están en necesidad y reconocen que no son capaces de satisfacer esas necesidades son libres, sin miedo, capaces de regocijarse en el Dios de las sorpresas.

Recordemos que nada es imposible con nuestro Dios. El mismo Dios que fue fiel a su promesa a María es también el mismo Dios que nos invita a incluir a su Hijo en nuestra vida frágil y rota. Con ese mismo espíritu que eclipsó a María, podemos hacer que Cristo venga otra vez a nuestro mundo perturbado durante estos difíciles y aterradores días.

Lo que sucedió hace 2.000 años sucede otra vez este día. Como María, decimos nuestro sí. Que sea lo que Dios quiera. Es una cuestión de confianza y una medida de nuestra



NEXT WEEK / LA PROXIMA SEMANA

CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

*Not all meetings & events appear on this calendar!
Due to the holidays, many regularly recurring events are not taking place. Contact your ministry coordinator if in doubt.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 | CHRISTMAS

Parish Offices Closed

10:00 am Mass (CH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Parish Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

10:00 am Yarn Angels Knitting & Crocheting (STP)

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

7:00 pm Maria Auxiliadora Coro Practica (KD)

7:30 pm RCIA Precatechumenate (STP)

7:30 pm Legión de Maria (JE)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am Worship Guide Assembly Team D (PCF)

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 am Church Cleaning Ministry (CH/CHF)

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

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 | HOLY FAMILY

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

10:00 am Thomas Merton Contemplative Prayer (PAR)

11:15 am Grupo de Jóvenes (YC)

11:30 am Grupo de Oración: Estudio Bíblico (BR2)

1:00 pm Legion of Mary (JE)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 | MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Parish Offices Closed

10:00 am Mass (CH)

12:00 pm Misa (CH)

LITURGY SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LITURGIA

The Holy Family / La Sagrada Familia

December 30/31, 2017

Masses/Celebrants:

Sat., 5:00 pm (CH) Fr. Quinn Conners

Sun., 7:30 am (HC) Fr. Francis Russo

Sun., 9:00 am (CH) Fr. Justin Huber

Sun., 11:00 am (CH) Fr. Agustín Mateo

Sun., 1:00 pm (CH) Fr. Agustín Mateo (español)

Scriptures:

Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col. 3:12-21 / Lk. 2:22-40

Bread Bakers: Group 13 **Liturgical Ministers:** Team C

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

† Deceased * Living

Mon., 12/25 10:00 am † Robert Steven Bayha

Tue., 12/26 8:30 am Thanks to Infant Jesus

Wed., 12/27 8:30 am * JoAnn Coules

Thu., 12/28 8:30 am † Rodolfo Velicky

Fri., 12/29 8:30 am † Eric Lindstrom

Sat., 12/30 5:00 pm † Pratap Chirayath

Sun., 12/31 7:30 am † Agnes Scheurich

Sun., 12/31 9:00 am † Lynn Dziwura

Sun., 12/31 11:00 am † Eric Lindstrom

Sun., 12/31 1:00 pm † Juan Antonio Sotelo

† Emmanuel Sotelo

† Miguel Sotelo

† Silvia Sotelo



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

THE SICK / LOS ENFERMOS

Maria Alcivar, Cliff Arsenault, Will Bauman, Dolna Brieske, Maddie Cabatic, Danna Cevallos, Lidia Desposorio, Lyn Dibble, Linda Edgeman, Jose Escalante, Mary Eustice, Ana Lucia Gonzales, Marta Guerrero, Gregory Hanks, Elsie Hebert, Fernando Hernandez, Kenneth Homon, Evelin Idrovo, John Kelsey, Carolina Kline, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Augusto Lora, Yanira Mancía, Linda Markle, Priscila Martinez, Jennette Mattero, Josie Mattero, Virginia Mendoza, Son Nguyen, Rafael Orellana, Gloria Ortwerth, Bob Quinlan, Maggie Quinlan, Martha Ramos, Camila Robbins Fonseca, Francisco Romero, Bunny Roncevic, Holley Ryan, Patricia Sattalo, Etmonia Sawyer, Paula Turner, Valentin Umazor, Adela Valderrama, William Valentine, Adela Vargas, Mel Vineyard, Amy Williams, and Salvador Zelada.

THE DECEASED / LOS DIFUNTOS

Janet Cordone, friend of Rick Mattero; Frances Doerner, mother of Mary Ellen Siguenza and Martha Romack; Thomas Homon, brother of Ken Homon; Aoutel Karam, grandfather of Kristin Gould; Rev. Msgr. William J. Kane, uncle of Patricia W. Newhall; Emma Koszey, grandmother of Steve Biro; Ana Perez; and Deacon Adrien D. Picard.



WORSHIP / ADORACION

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE - SUN., DEC. 24 - MAIN CHURCH

- 4:00pm Mass in English / Celebrant: Fr. Huber
Music: Celebration & Children Love Christ Choirs
- 5:40pm Musical Prelude
- 6:00pm Mass in English / Celebrant: Fr. Krisak
Music: Teens Love Christ Choir
- 8:00pm Misa en Español / Celebrante: Padre Mateo
Música: Maria Auxiliadora Coro
- 9:40pm Musical Prelude
- 10:00pm Mass in English / Celebrant: Fr. Mateo
Music: Adult Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY - MON., DEC. 25 - MAIN CHURCH

- 10:00am Mass in English / Celebrant: Fr. Huber

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED - PLEASE SIGN UP!

We still have need for Liturgical Ministers for Mary, Mother of God Masses. Please sign up today! Sign up sheets are near the Liturgical Ministers' table.

LAS POSADAS: NOVENA AL NIÑO JESÚS

Invitamos a todos los que nos quieran acompañarnos a cantar, rezar y compartir un momento de alegría y oración mientras esperamos la venida de nuestro Niño Jesús. La última posada será el 24 de diciembre, a las 7:00pm, en Sta. Rosa. INFO: Ivonne Salazar, isalazar@strose.com

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HOMEBOUND?

Being homebound can be very lonely. The comfort and joy of receiving Holy Communion can make a real difference to those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness, senior care issues, etc.. We have ministers who can bring Holy Communion to them at home! To arrange a visit, please contact the Parish Office.



BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

All make the sign of the cross.

Leader: Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus. Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and

friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

Response: Amen.

BLESSING OF A NATIVITY SCENE

All make the sign of the cross.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord

Response: Who made heaven and earth.

Scripture: Luke 2:1-8 or Isaiah 7:10-15

All join hands.

Leader: God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: Amen.



LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love Divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

~ Christina Georgina Rossetti



SERVICE / SERVICIO

YOUTH RALLY, MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE

#iStand4Life

Friday, January 19, 2018

6:00am - Drop Off at Shady Grove Metro.
Depart for Capital One Arena, in Wash., DC
for the Youth Rally, Confessions & Mass.
Walk to the National Mall
for the March for Life.

Depart from Union Station Metro.

3:00pm - Pick Up from Shady Grove Metro.

For youth in Grades 6-12. Adult Chaperones are needed!
Limited spaces are available. Sign up now!

INFO & REGISTRATION: www.strose-parish.org/mfl





EDUCATION / EDUCACION

YOU'RE INVITED: OPEN HOUSE

Sun., Jan. 28, 2018

1:00-3:00pm

14131 Seneca Rd., Darnestown, MD 20878

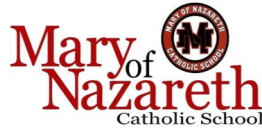
Children and parents are invited to visit classrooms, meet talented faculty, and tour the beautiful campus. RSVP to attend the Open House or to schedule a tour: <https://www.maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/>

Visit: www.maryofnazareth.org

Like: www.facebook.com/MoNCatholicSchool

Follow: [@MoNCatholic_Sch](https://twitter.com/MoNCatholic_Sch)

Call: (301) 869-0940



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 the Sacrament of 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!* Classes will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, January-May. INFO & REGISTRATION: <http://strose-parish.org/adult-confirmation>

ARE YOU OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW...

► interested in becoming Catholic? ► a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? ► baptized Catholic as a child, but have not yet celebrated Confirmation and Eucharist? Come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. INFO: Christine Jeffrey, 301-948-7545 x230 or cjeffrey@strose.com

LOOKING FOR REFLECTION & FORMATION RESOURCES?

Visit www.Formed.org (Parish Code QD4Q28). Check out this wonderful resource provided to you, compliments of the parish! There is lots of fascinating Catholic content which you may enjoy at your leisure, in your own home.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON JUST WAR THEORY

Tues., Jan. 30, 7:00pm, Lewis Room. Join us for this presentation on the Church's teaching on Just War theory, followed by a discussion about war and the way war is viewed. Some discussion questions will be based on Ken Burns' documentary on the Vietnam War. Presentation by Fr. Justin. Discussion facilitation by Mark Moitoza.

Q & A WITH FR. JUSTIN

Email your questions to:
fatherjustin@strose.com



QUESTION: What does it mean to say that Christmas is a celebration of Christ's "incarnation"?

ANSWER: At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. In doing so, we celebrate Christ's "incarnation." But what does this mean and why is it so important?

The word "incarnation" literally means "to become flesh" or "to be made flesh." In common usage, we usually think about something becoming incarnate in the sense of an abstract idea becoming a physical reality: "the artist's vision became incarnate in stone." When we speak of the incarnation of Jesus we are speaking of the fact that the invisible God, at a definite moment in time, broke into the human experience in the visible person of Jesus Christ – one person with a divine nature and a human nature. This is to say that God became flesh.

One could spend an entire lifetime reflecting on the meaning and importance of this event and still not come to a complete understanding. However, one thing that is worth recognizing is that the humanity of Jesus is true humanity. Jesus did not simply "put on a human suit" and pretend to be human. This means that he truly tasted the human experience – all things except sin. It means that he truly enjoyed the good things in life and we should as well. St. Irenaeus of Lyon famously said that the glory of God is a human being fully alive. It also means that he truly felt sorrow and sadness, especially when he encountered sadness and pain in his friends. It means that Christ truly knows our own personal joys and sorrows and wants to be personally present in our lives.

The heart of the meaning of the incarnation is this: there is no area of our lives that is without meaning – no area of our lives where God is not present. The challenge for each of us is to develop a sensitivity that allows us to become aware of his presence – through daily prayer, through weekly worship at Mass, and through acts of service. As we become aware of God's constant presence, we become aware of his incarnation – not only 2000 years ago but also today, personally.

COMMUNITY / COMUNIDAD



COME TO THE BOOK NOOK & CAFÉ!
January 5-7, 2018. Love a good book, movie, music & treats? Check out this NEW parish event. Lots of fabulous finds will be available for purchase at bargain prices! Get some goodies to enjoy during the cold days of winter!

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

- Ages 5-6: 1st Place - Aiden Duque
Ages 7-8: 1st Place - Bianca Rodriguez-Casta
2nd Place - Alejandro Rodriguez-Casta
3rd Place - John Sracic and Messie Mekbeb
Ages 9-12: 1st Place - Juliana Lee
2nd Place - Bennett Martin

WHILE CHILDREN ARE ON CHRISTMAS BREAK...

Enjoy a field trip to enrich their Catholic cultural experience, nurture their faith, and deepen their connection with the universal Church. A few highlights...

- ▶ National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: View lots of beautiful sacred art! www.nationalshrine.org
- ▶ Franciscan Monastery: See a lovely exhibit of Nativities of the World! www.myfranciscan.org
- ▶ National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Learn about the first American born Saint! www.setonshrine.org
- ▶ Saint John Paul II Shrine: Visit the Luminous Mysteries Chapel! www.jp2shrine.org
- ▶ Museum of the Bible: Take a guided tour of The World of Jesus of Nazareth! www.museumofthebible.org

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS - CHECK IT OUT!

Come check out MOHO - Ministry of Hanging Out! This group of High School aged teens meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in our Youth Center for fellowship, faith, and fun!

YOUNG ADULTS - CHECK IT OUT!

270Catholic is a lively ministry of young adults (20s & 30s) in the I-270, Mont. Co. region seeking to grow closer to Christ.



Young Adults on the Road to Christ

- ▶ Theology on Tap at The Barking Dog in Bethesda 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:00pm
- ▶ Christ in the City Holy Hour & Fellowship at St. Mary's in Rockville Last Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm

They also do monthly service events and have started lively small groups in the region. INFO: <http://270catholic.org>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - ANNUAL PARISH THANK YOU PARTY
Saturday, February 3, 2018, 6:30pm, Woodlands Room



ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS! YOU ARE INVITED!

Are you a senior who would enjoy connecting with other mature people for fun and interesting events throughout the year? Consider joining our OWLS (the Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors). Most events are held on weekdays - luncheons, talks, mini-retreats, and more. ▶ **UPCOMING EVENT:** Epiphany Luncheon, Tuesday, January 9, 12:00pm, at Not Your Average Joe's Restaurant, 245 Kentlands Blvd., in the Kentlands. COST: \$27.00, including starters and a choice from several entrée options. Drinks and dessert are extra. Pay when you arrive at the restaurant. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP, so a place can be set for you. Contact Linda LeBlanc, 301-963-1269 or stroseowls@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP /



CORRESPONSABILIDAD

THANK YOU! / ¡GRACIAS!

TREASURE / TESORO December 9 - 15, 2017

Due to an early deadline, financial figures were not available when we went to press.

TIME & TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO

Christmas Tree Lot & Shoppe Leaders

Once again, our dedicated leaders worked throughout the year to prepare for this event, and bustled through the flurry of activity in the weeks leading up to, during and after the Tree Lot & Shoppe & Children's Shoppe. They also do a post-event evaluation and a January shopping event for next year!

Though final figures for this year have not yet come in, we expect that their efforts over the years have netted upwards of \$1,000,000 for the parish. Many programs and services that the parish is able to provide are directly related to these funds.

Many of these leaders have held their posts for decades, and are no longer "spring chickens". It is our sincere desire that new leaders will emerge to fill these posts, so that we can continue to hold this beloved annual event. Besides being a major parish fundraiser, it also serves to build community and to share the light of Christ with all! Interested? Contact Dan Millavec: admda@juno.com