

# ST. ROSE OF LIMA

## 2020 Guide Book & Directory



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## Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioner,

I hope this directory proves helpful to you and helps you to get in touch with one another more easily. When we are trying to get something organized it is always helpful to have the information we need all in one place.

We have also included some recollections of our 100th Anniversary Celebrations. Our parish has a great spirit and a real sense of caring for each other. We have tried this anniversary year to reflect that spirit in our various jubilee activities. Many thanks to Ed Mannino for

writing our parish history. Ed put much effort into this project. He researched local records, archdiocesan personnel records and interviewed many of our “Old-timers” to gather the necessary information. The completed work is a gem. Every family will receive a copy as a Christmas gift.

I am very grateful to Brian Toto and his family and friends for their hard work in building our prayer garden. Brian undertook this project as part of his requirements to become an Eagle Scout. The prayer garden contains the Stations of the Cross and is dedicated to the memory of Monsignor John P. Boland whose kind and patient hand guided St. Rose for almost 20 years. Accordingly, the prayer garden will be known as **Boland Greene**.

Work on our new Youth Center has been completed. The space that formerly housed the Youth Center has been renovated into a meeting room and will be known as the **Father Smith Board Room**.

Praying that God will continue to bless us as we begin our second century, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*James J. Graham*

Rev. Msgr. James J. Graham

Pastor

## Our Mission

*The mission of Saint Rose of Lima Parish is to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to nourish and awaken each parishioner's relationship with Our Lord, with one another and with the Church. We strive to be a vibrant, inclusive Catholic community, revealing the presence of God by the way we worship and live in the modern world.*



## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Monday through Saturday	8:30 a.m.

### **Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Fridays after 8:30 a.m. Mass until Noon

### **Rosary**

The Rosary is prayed daily after 8:30 a.m. Mass

## Clergy

Rev. Msgr. James J. Graham, J.C.D., Pastor  
Rev. Gasper A. Genuardi, Weekend Assistant  
Deacon Robert P. Gohde, Pastoral Services Administrator  
Deacon John J. Campbell, Retired

## Parish Staff

Zac Moren, Director of Youth & Young Adult Evangelization  
Eileen Homa, Coordinator of Religious Education  
Amanda McDonald, Director of Music  
Jane Selner, Coordinator of Ministries  
Amy Juarez, Elder Care Services Director  
Helen Diebold, Parish Secretary  
Mary McCarthy, Parish Secretary  
Jim McCarthy, Bookkeeper  
Bob Geiger, Facilities Manager  
Elizabeth Waltrich, Principal, *Mater Dei Catholic School*  
Diane McCaughan, President, *Mater Dei Catholic School*

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Parish office is closed daily from noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

## Sacraments

Contact the office at 215-699-4617 regarding: Anointing of the Sick, Baptism, Marriage, Rite of Christian Burial, and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For information on the reception of First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation or Confirmation, contact the Coordinator of Religious Education at 215-699-4434.

**Reconciliation** - Confessions are heard on Saturday from 4:00-4:45 p.m. in Church. Other times are available by contacting the Parish office to make an appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick** - The Pastor should be notified as soon as possible when a parishioner needs to receive the sacrament. This sacrament is celebrated whenever requested. We rely on family and friends to inform the parish office when a loved one becomes seriously ill or is hospitalized.



**Baptism** - Arrangements for Baptism must be made in advance through the Parish office. Pre-Jordan class (~1 hour) is a prerequisite for first-time parents preparing for the baptism of a child. You are welcome to begin the process prior to the birth of your baby.

**Pre-Jordan** - Classes are held every other month on a weekday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The class teaches parents the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism, the history of Baptism and the role the St. Rose community plays in nurturing a child's Catholic faith. Contact the office to register to attend.

**Marriage** - Couples must contact the Pastor by calling the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the desired wedding date. Pre-marriage instruction is required of all engaged couples. Contact the parish office for program details.

**Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana)** - The Marriage Preparation program is a joint ministry of St. Rose of Lima Parish and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Ambler. The program is held on Friday evening and all-day Saturday and is presented by married couples and a priest/deacon. The program provides valuable information on couple communication, adjustments, in-laws, sexuality and the spiritual side of marriage. Couples satisfy the requirement for their pre-marriage instruction in an informal and enjoyable environment. Call the Parish office for information and dates for the next program.

**Rite of Christian Burial (Funeral Arrangements)** - Arrangements for funerals are coordinated by the funeral home of your choice. At the passing of your loved one, please contact the funeral home to make arrangements and they will contact St. Rose of Lima.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** - RCIA is a gathering of adults who explore, inquire, discuss and learn about the Catholic faith. All are welcome! Many participants are discerning Baptism or coming into Full Communion with the Catholic Church (“becoming Catholic”), some are non-Catholics interested in learning more about the Church, and others are practicing Catholics enjoying learning more about their faith. For information, contact Deacon Gohde at 215-699-4617.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER! Godparent and Confirmation Sponsor Letters of Eligibility**

If you have been asked to serve as a godparent for someone being Baptized or as a sponsor for someone receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and need a Letter of Eligibility, please note the following:

- Requests for a Letter of Eligibility may be made by calling the parish office. You must be registered as a parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Parish.
- Young adults that have reached the age of 21 years (or completed higher education), whether living at their parent’s home or residing elsewhere within the parish boundaries, must be registered individually.
- Letters of eligibility are provided by the parish where you reside and are registered. If you move out of the parish boundaries, remember to promptly register at your new parish to avoid confusion.

**St. Rose of Lima Eldercare Assistance Program** - Providing Guidance, Supporting Choice.

For more information on this free service, call Amy Juarez at 267-663-5399 [ajuarez@chs-adphila.org](mailto:ajuarez@chs-adphila.org)

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Phone: 215-799-2211  
980 Cowpath Road, Hatfield, PA 19440  
Director: Katherine Stansbury  
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## Dynamic Catholic Education

*Reveal Jesus. Discover Identity. Belong to the Church.*

**Coordinator of Religious Education:** Eileen Homa, 215-699-4434  
[srolprep@gmail.com](mailto:srolprep@gmail.com)

The parish offers a comprehensive and dynamic Catholic religious formation program (Dynamic Catholic Education or DCE) for students who do not attend a Catholic School. Our parish is committed to providing a strong and effective catechetical experience that will enable all of our children to learn the truths of our Faith and to be able to articulate this faith. Our curriculum standards and guidelines are the same as our Archdiocesan Catholic schools. Everything we do for our children is to bring them closer to Jesus Christ.

Our goal is to reveal the true person of Christ through the Sacraments, to help your children discover their identity as children of God, and to help them know they belong to the Church.

**DCE for Grades Kindergarten through 6** is held on Sunday mornings in the Parish Center from 10:30 a.m. until Noon. **DCE for Grades 7 and 8** is held on Monday evenings in the Youth Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The DCE program is staffed by volunteer members of the parish who answer the call to the ministry of teaching and forming others in the Catholic Faith. Parishioners are warmly welcomed and encouraged to contact the Coordinator of religious Education for opportunities as catechists, office staff, project coordinators and classroom aides. Our catechists come from a variety of backgrounds and professional fields but all share in the responsibility for forming young people in the life and practice of the Faith. Catechist certification and professional development are provided by the parish.

We are committed to welcoming all students and their families. We invite and encourage families with children with learning differences or special education needs to contact us so we may work in partnership with parents and schools in insuring an appropriate faith formation and sacrament preparation experience is available for all our St. Rose of Lima Parish children and youth.

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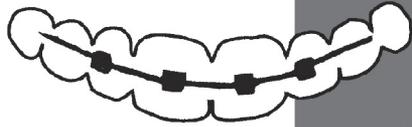
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**Catechetical Faith Formation** - to learn about how teens and children may prepare to receive First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation or to be Confirmed, please speak with the Coordinator of Religious Education at 215-699-4434. All parishioners, regardless of age or learning differences, are encouraged to contact us so we may partner with you in ensuring an appropriate faith formation and sacrament preparation experience is available for all our St. Rose of Lima parishioners.

### **Youth & Young Adult Evangelization**

**Director:** Zac Moren, 215-699-4617 [roseoflimaym@gmail.com](mailto:roseoflimaym@gmail.com)

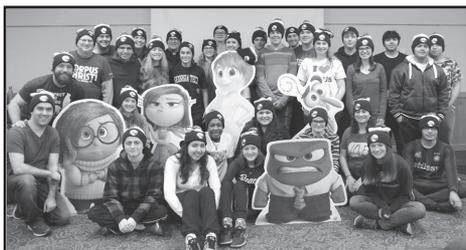


Zac grew up in the Archdiocese and studied at St. Charles Borromeo where he earned a BA in Philosophy. As Director of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization he oversees the Dynamic Catholic Education program and CYO, leads DCE for grades 7-8, the Sr. High Youth Ministry, and Metanoia (Montgomery County's Young Adult group.) Zac has worked in ministry for seven years and seeks to form intentional disciples within our parish's youth and young adults! When he is away from

work he can be found leading Praise and Worship or at a Philadelphia Union or Phillies game.

### **Youth Ministry**

St. Rose's High School Youth Ministry exists to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples. We provide a safe environment for high school teenagers to seek sainthood! We meet every 3rd Sunday of the month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass for fun and games. Ask about our Discipleship Groups.

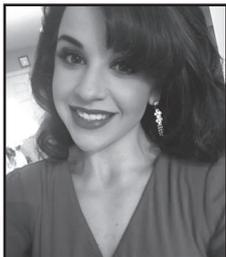


### **Metanoia Young Adult Ministry**

We are Catholic young adults who value growth in faith, fellowship and communion. Offering mutual support, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we foster friendship and engage in activities that will deepen our faith and empower us to be Christian disciples in every aspect of our daily lives. We extend ourselves to women and men in their 20's and 30's of any state in life.



## Music Ministry



**Director of Music:** Amanda McDonald, 215-699-4617  
stroselima@srol.org

We welcome Amanda McDonald as the new Director of Music. Amanda holds a bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance and minor in church music from the University of Delaware. She also received her master's degree and Artist Certificate from the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Currently, she is an adjunct professor at Widener University and performs in concerts all over the country. Amanda has always had a passion singing for the glory of God and is even a St. Rose of Lima alumni. You will often see Amanda accompanied by her daughters and sidekicks Lucy and Gabby. If you have a desire to share your musical talent with the parish, please contact Amanda McDonald at strsoelima@srol.org

**Cantors and Musicians** - At Mass, cantors lead the congregation in song and proclaim the psalm and musicians provide musical support.

**Choir** - The Choir invites all parish members to join them in singing praise to God. Choir practice is at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, September-June.

*Now's the time  
to join the  
Choir!*

**Worship & Praise Band** - This group allows our high school teens and young adults to share their musical talents. The group plays at the 11:30 a.m. Mass the third Sunday each month. They also lead Praise and Worship at Festival of Praise events.

## Mater Dei CYO - Catholic Youth Organization

In 2019, St. Rose of Lima Parish, St. Maria Goretti Parish and St. Stanislaus Parish CYO joined together into one CYO...**Three into One!** Growing - Praying - Serving - Playing **Stronger Together!**

Youth Ministry and Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) provide spiritual, athletic, service and social activities for parish youth. Adults coach, encourage and support our youth. A team of dedicated youth representatives and adult advisors share ideas and plan for events at monthly board meetings. With the help of parents and other parish volunteers, our youth find fellowship and fun among their peers. Any child that is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish is eligible to participate. Contact Bob Romano for more information at bob.romano@yahoo.com or 215-485-7098.

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***Visit the parish website daily for news and events!***

## Parish Ministry Contacts

Adult Faith Formation .....	Karen Haynie....	215-699-9488
Altar Linens.....	Patty Ratke....	215-699-4744
Altar Servers .....	Zac Moren....	215-699-4617
Blood Drive .....	Parish Office....	215-699-4617
Care for Friends .....	Anita Capps....	215-699-8433
.....	Christine McDade....	215-801-8869
CYO.....	Bob Romano....	267-222-8319
Dynamic Catholic Education (PREP).....	Eileen Homa....	215-699-4434
Evangelization Team .....	Rusty Beardsley....	215-498-3007
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.....	.....	.....
.....	Christine McDade....	215-801-8869
Followers of Mary .....	Richard Wieda....	215-699-5151
Gardening Angels.....	Flora Szabo....	215-327-7526
Greeters .....	Stan Schuck....	215-478-5772
H.O.P.E. ....	Patty Ratke....	215-699-4744
Hospitality & Welcoming.....	Jane Selner....	215-699-4617
Jr & Sr. High Youth Ministry.....	Zac Moren....	215-699-4617
Keenagers (Seniors 55+) .....	Steve Matraszek....	215-699-5513
Knights of Columbus .....	Pete Mazzeo....	215-205-8278
Lectors .....	Christine McDade....	215-801-8869
Legion of Mary.....	Kay Weida....	215-699-5151
Living Again.....	Larry Hill....	215-540-0650
Marriage Preparation .....	Parish Office....	215-699-4617
Martha's Servers .....	Karen Vizza....	734-834-2681
Men's Basketball .....	Terry Scott....	215-661-1319
Men's Prayer Group .....	Jim Roper....	215-699-4397
Music Ministry .....	Amanda McDonald....	215-699-4617
Natural Family Planning .....	Parish Office....	215-699-4617
North Wales Partnership of Churches ..	Msgr. James Graham....	215-699-4617
Postal Engineers.....	Helen Diebold....	215-699-9478
Prayer Shawls .....	Paul & Ginny Hunter....	215-822-3554
Pre-Jordan .....	David & Angie Bauer....	215-616-0599
Respect Life Committee.....	Msgr. James Graham....	215-699-4617
Social Justice .....	Mary Reilly....	215-699-5831
.....	Dave Vossen....	610-666-6852
St. John's Hospice .....	Ann White....	215-699-6821
St. Vincent de Paul.....	Msgr. James J. Graham....	215-699-4617
Ushers .....	Ed Oswald....	215-699-4939
Women's Prayer Group.....	Kathy Krolkowski....	215-699-4617
Young Adults (Metanoia) .....	Zac Moren....	215-699-4617



*Where is the Lord calling you to share your time and talents?*

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## Worship Ministries

**Altar Servers** - Youth of the Parish in grades 4-12 are invited to be altar servers. The time commitment is minimal; just a willingness to serve any of the weekend masses about 1-2 times per month. This is a wonderful way the youth of our parish can serve the Lord. Contact Zac Moren at [roseoflimaym@gmail.com](mailto:roseoflimaym@gmail.com)

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - At St. Rose, we have about 40 active Extraordinary Ministers who assist the priests and deacons with the distribution of the Eucharist under both species as well as taking Communion to the home-bound and ill of our parish. If you feel the calling to serve your fellow parishioners in this special way and would like to be considered for appointment (note, minimum age is 18 years), contact Msgr. Graham.

**Gift Bearers** - We invite all parishioners, as a family or an individual, to be gift bearers on a date and Mass time most convenient for you. Kindly inform the ushers you would like to bring up the gifts.

**Lectors** - St. Rose is blessed with wonderful people who proclaim the Lord's word each week. Lectors range in age from 16 to 70+ years of age. Lectors are given training and a workbook with all the readings for the year along with suggestions, pronunciations and explanations.

**Ushers** - Ushers provide hospitality to all who enter the church, assist as necessary, provide for taking up the offertory and offer guidance to gift bearers. They also hand out bulletins and neaten the church after each Mass.

**Greeters** - Greeters offer a smile and extend a warm welcome to all who join us for worship and attend parish events. When a person steps into our church we want them to know we are happy to see them. Contact Stan Schuck at 215-478-5772.

## Spiritual Ministries

**Followers of Mary** - The Followers of Mary is a prayer group that meets in church at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month and each first Saturday for devotions before the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The purpose of this organization is to pray for priests in accordance with guidelines established by the Marian Movement of Priests founded by Gobi. Meetings consist of praying the Rosary, prayers for the Holy Father, and other prayers.

**Legion of Mary** - The Legion of Mary is an apostolic group that meets every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Splendor of Truth Room. Meetings consist of a balanced program of prayer and service to give parishioners an opportunity to do something positive and at the same time deepen their spiritual life.

**Men's Prayer Group** - The Men's Prayer Group is open to all adult men of St. Rose of Lima Parish. The group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Fr. Murphy Room. The ministry offers a forum for group prayer, an exchange of ideas and the building up of the church through outreach to others. The goal of this group is to foster fellowship and prayer, and allow each individual's personal mission to be nurtured.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Do you know someone in need of prayer and a "Hug from God?" Recipients of prayer shawls are prayed for from the first stitch and their special intentions are remembered in prayer by the members of the ministry prayer community. Contact the parish office to request a prayer shawl.



We will arrange for delivery or a convenient time for pick up. Help is always welcome with: knitting, crocheting, sewing and stitching shawls (lessons will be provided if needed), wrapping and/or delivering shawls, being part of the prayer team and donations to help offset the costs of supplies.



**Parish Prayer Team** - This is a confidential intercessory prayer line in which parishioners pray for those who request prayers. All requests are kept private. To request prayer, or to join the Prayer Team, contact Jane Selner at [jselner@srol.org](mailto:jselner@srol.org) or 215-699-4617.

**Drive-Thru Prayer** - From May through September (weather permitting), on Wednesdays, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. members of the prayer team are present in the parish side parking lot to offer prayer for anyone seeking intercession for their needs and concerns. The prayer team invites all those driving (walking, jogging or biking) through North Wales to stop for a brief time of prayer. Prayer intentions are added to the parish prayer journal and remembered daily in the prayer team members prayers.

**Women's Prayer Group** - Parish ladies meet for prayer, scripture reflection and discussion once a month on the third Tuesday, September through June. The group also hosts an annual Ladies Mardi Gras social one evening during the week before Ash Wednesday and a Women's Mini-Retreat in Lent.

## Parish Life & Creating Community

**Children's Ministry** - A variety of activities for parish families with children ages birth to grade 5 are offered to nurture the faith of our youngest parish members and strengthen the sense of connectedness and community among our families. Events include pancake breakfasts, Tree of Thanksgiving, Hands Healing Hearts lunch and St. Valentine's card making project, and a Lenten Pasta Dinner followed by Children's Stations of the Cross.



**Evangelization** - The Evangelization Team assists the parish in discovering ways to deepen the faith, share the faith, and invite others to the faith. The team's work brings forth powerful spiritual renewal and supports our core evangelization curriculum, the *ChristLife* evangelization series which includes three popular 7-week courses: *Discovering Christ*, *Following Christ* and *Sharing Christ*. Evangelization is about setting hearts "on fire" with the love of Christ and transforming lives!

**Hospitality & Welcoming** - St. Rose of Lima Parish warmly welcomes all parishioners and members of the community to join us for the celebration of the Liturgy. The **Hospitality Team** serves the parish by hosting fun social gatherings such as pancake breakfasts, pasta dinners, coffee & doughnut Sundays and the summer parish barbecue. We also have a talented group of volunteer bakers who frequently share their home-made sweets for parish events. The **Welcoming Team** assists new members as they acclimate into our faith community. Help is needed to deliver welcome gifts. Parishioners interested in helping with this ministry are encouraged to contact the office.

**Keenagers** - We welcome all seniors age 55+ to our gatherings on the first Wednesday of each month, September through June. Except for our December luncheon, which is held at a local restaurant, all of our meetings are held in the Parish Center at 1:30 p.m. We enjoy lively conversation, trivia quizzes, bingo and refreshments and host several Parish trips each year.

**Living Again** - our St. Rose bereavement group is very different from any other bereavement group you're likely to find. We meet once a month, usually on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. There is no minimum nor maximum number of meetings you must attend. You are always free to participate or just observe.

**Men's Basketball** - Adult males (age 18 years+) meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Parish Center gym for pick-up basketball. The group meets at 9:30 p.m., from September to May, and at 8:30 p.m. during the summer months.

## Community Outreach & Social Justice

These ministries strive to reach out and extend support with the heart of Jesus Christ to all those burdened by material, emotional, health or other needs. We focus on supporting our parishioners and members of the greater community through corporal works of mercy and advocacy so that all may experience the fullness of life that Jesus promised.

**The Advent Giving Tree** - The Advent Giving Tree is a parish custom that assists needy families at Christmas. Parishioners select a tag from a parish Christmas tree that lists the age and sex, and sometimes a definite need for parishioners from St. Malachy (our sister parish). St. Rose of Lima families donate wrapped gifts that are delivered in time for Christmas. Thanks to our parishioners' generosity, over 400 people receive these gifts.

**Caring for Friends** - This non-profit organization provides free, frozen, home-cooked meals and friendly visits to the homebound frail and elderly in the five county greater Philadelphia area. St. Rose of Lima houses a freezer (in the parish garage which is open daily 9am-5pm) and provides meals for shut-ins living in the North Penn community. Volunteers are always welcome to help by preparing meals that are stored in our parish freezer or by being trained to visit a shut-in weekly to deliver meals and spend time with the individual.

**H.O.P.E. Helping Other Parishioners in Emergencies** - If you, or someone you know in the parish, needs H.O.P.E. services, or to volunteer, contact the Group Leader (listed in the bulletin and on the website [srol.org](http://srol.org)). Parish volunteers help with transportation to Mass, doctor appointments, prescription pick up, childcare for parents in emergency situations, food shopping, get-well cards, friendly visits and phone calls to homebound parishioners, meals for parishioners in crisis situations and other essential services, as needed.

**Knights of Columbus St. Rose Roundtable** - The Knights of Columbus support the Church in both its doctrine and its charitable causes. The family is the heart of the order, which helps at many parish functions and promotes the culture of life. St. Rose of Lima Parish and Corpus Christi Parish jointly sponsor the Fr. John E. Doyle Council. The Knights generously gift newly registered Parish families with a free pancake breakfast and present a rose and rosary to the newly baptized. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men of at least 18 years of age. The St. Rose Roundtable meets monthly.

**Pro-Life** - St. Rose of Lima Parish actively supports activities that promote our teaching: education, celebration of Pro-Life days, food programs and public advocacy. Included are letter writing campaigns, annual Pro-Life flower sale on Mother's Day, and a parish trip to Washington, DC each January for the March for Life, and voter guides.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** - St. Rose sponsors three Red Cross blood drives each year. Donors are always needed and appreciated. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for information and to make an appointment.

**Social Justice Team** - Invites parishioners to engage in outreach to and support for those who are marginalized or de-valued by society. The team's work focuses on serving and advocating for the hungry and homeless in our community in partnership with local organizations that provides support for those impacted by domestic violence, homelessness and food insecurity. If you are experiencing food insecurity and need assistance, contact the parish office.

**Feed and Be Fed** - This parish initiative supports Manna on Main Street, Catherine's Cupboard at GMU, the I-FHA Food Pantry, and St. Helena Food Cupboard in Olney by donating non-perishable food and volunteer service. We encourage every parishioner to purchase one non-perishable food item when you shop for your family to **Feed** the hungry. Bring the food item to church and place it in the donation bin **and Be Fed** by the Word of God and Eucharist at Mass.

**St. John's Hospice** - Parish families prepare frozen casseroles to help feed the homeless in Philadelphia. Empty foil casserole pans are available in the parish garage (open daily 9am-5pm.) Frozen casseroles can be placed in the St. John's freezer when convenient and they are picked up by the St. John's Hospice truck once a month (the second Thursday of the month). Each day, from donations of food, St. John's is able to feed over 500 meals to homeless men.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** - The St. Vincent de Paul Society assists the local poor with clothing, food, rent, and other necessities. It is financed through financial donations by parishioners, particularly through the "poor boxes" inside the church. Periodic clothing drives are conducted to accept donations of clean and gently used clothing and small household items. Contact the pastor for information or if your family needs assistance.

**Treats for Troops** - St. Rose collects items to support our military. Donated snacks are included in care packages shipped to service men and women deployed overseas. Treats are also distributed to personnel stationed at the Horsham Air Guard Base. A donation bin is located in the church vestibule.



**Community Day of Service** - Each fall, members of St. Rose and the other North Wales/Gwynedd area churches conduct a Day of Service by coming together to tackle small home improvement/repair jobs, yard/garden cleanup and other community-based service projects to help neighbors in need (elderly, ill, home-bound and those facing financial challenges).

## Parish Service Ministries

St. Rose members serve the parish and fellow parishioners through their active involvement.

**Altar Linens** - Parish volunteers launder and iron the small altar linens used at Mass. A schedule is distributed bi-annually with pick-up dates on Sunday or Wednesday. Volunteers are scheduled approximately four times a year.

**Communications Team** - This team works with the pastor and parish staff to enhance parish communications. Activities include refreshing the website, bulletin cover and layout, parish logo, email messages and newsletters. If you are interested in helping St. Rose to more effectively connect with and communicate with our parish members and the broader community, contact Jane Selner at 215-699-4617 or [jselner@srol.org](mailto:jselner@srol.org).

**Gardening Angels** - Parishioners beautify the parish grounds by planting, pruning, watering and weeding. The group also decorates the outdoor planters seasonally.

**Martha's Servers** - Volunteers meet to clean the church on the third Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. (come when convenient; we clean for 1 hour at each time) and clean the church for Christmas, Easter, and parish celebrations such as First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**Postal Engineers** - The members of the Postal Engineers serve the parish throughout the year by preparing bulk mailings. All are welcome to join and assist with filling and labeling envelopes, and affixing postage to parish communications.

