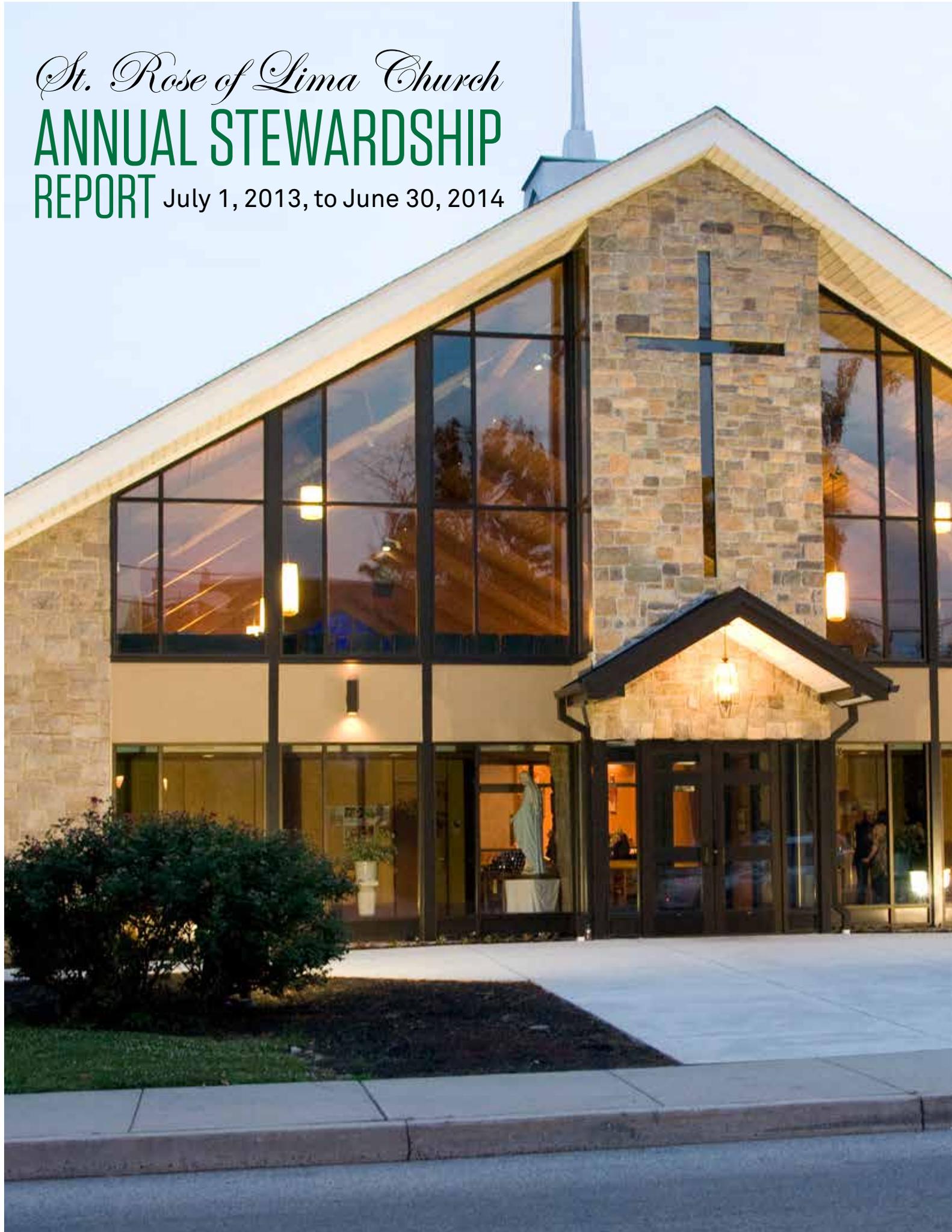


St. Rose of Lima Church
**ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP
REPORT** July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014



From the Pastor

LIVING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

In last year's Stewardship Report Monsignor Murray reminded us, citing the teaching of our most recent popes, we are Stewards of the Gospel.

This undoubtedly means that we have the responsibility of making sure the Gospel is preached. We sometimes forget, however, that this responsibility means that we also must live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The stewardship movement, relatively new to our Church, teaches us to give of our time, talent and treasure.



Rev. Msgr. James Graham

All three of these gifts are needed if we are to sustain and increase our parish community's ability to care for the spiritual wellbeing of our own members and to continue to reach out to others, those who are of our faith as well as those who are not.

Living the Gospel is at the heart of stewardship. Our example of Christian living can act as a beacon for a society which, for the most part, has lost its way. Our gift of time can benefit the lonely, the sick and the forgotten. Our gift of talent can assist the poor, the homeless and the abandoned. Our gift of treasure can help all of these people and also enable our parish to provide the physical, moral and spiritual assistance that so many of our neighbors need and crave.

Our many parish ministries provide diverse opportunities for you to share your personal gifts. Some examples would be: the Nor-Gwyn Food Cupboard that provides groceries to families facing challenging financial situations; the H.O.P.E. ministry that performs works of mercy such as rides to Mass, errands, friendly visits and other help to parishioners in times of emergency; St. John's Hospice whose volunteers prepare casseroles to feed the homeless; our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the precious Body of Our Lord to the ill and homebound; and the Legion of Mary whose members deepen their spiritual life and strengthen faith through daily prayer and weekly service activities serving our parish and community.

We often see in the news the reluctance of people to "get involved." There are many who do not want to be burdened with the problems of others. They feel that providing for their own families is the limit of their responsibility. Jesus came precisely to lift the burdens of others and to make them his own.

We read in the Gospel of Matthew: Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves, for my yoke is easy and my burden light. In this passage Jesus gives us both an invitation and a mission. He invites us to find rest in him. At the same time he sends us to provide that same respite for others – all others.

St. Rose has always been a welcoming community. Many of my friends who came to the installation Mass commented on how warmly they were received by our parishioners. This is truly a wonderful reputation for our parish to enjoy. Through our Eucharistic Communion and dedication to the Gospel it can be said of St. Rose of Lima Parish for many generations to come: "All are welcome in this place!"

Rev. Msgr. James J. Graham,

Rev. Msgr. James J. Graham, JCD
Pastor



THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS GROWING UP!

The Children's Ministry entered its second year with an expanded calendar of events, a growing number of team members, and more families coming out to get to know one another and enjoy fun and faith-filled activities.

Although our ministry is beginning to mature, our mission continues to focus on hosting spiritual, service and community-building activities for Parish families with young children.

The year started on a tasty note with the 2nd annual July Pancake Breakfast. As the leaves began to turn, we hosted a fall Mommy Market which attracted a record number of vendors and over 200 shoppers.

Parishioners of all ages gathered in church the Sunday before Thanksgiving for an uplifting prayer service followed by a pizza dinner. We rounded out the year with a family Advent wreath-making project. Ten families enthusiastically created wreaths decorated with live greens, pinecones, and ribbon to bring the light of Christ and this beautiful tradition into their home to celebrate Advent.

A highlight this year was a very special "Faith, Family & Fare" Lenten dinner. We joined efforts with the HOPE ministry, and many generous parishioners, to host a special fundraiser for Baby Danny Kenny who has Tay Sachs disease. We are thankful for the outpouring of love from our parish family and the hundreds of parishioners who attended the dinner to extend a caring embrace to the Kenny family. God bless you!

Winter also included our "Hands Healing Hearts" valentine service project where children made festive cards for deployed military personnel and residents of area nursing homes. Rounding out the year was St. Rose's first-ever Vacation Bible School in August.

Kids ages kindergarten through grade 4 enjoyed a "Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer" with faith lessons, music, games, crafts and snacks that helped them to learn more about prayer and how to put it into action in their lives. Plan to join us for next year's VBS in August 2015.

We have a full calendar of events for the 2014-2015 year and we hope to see everyone there. The Children's Ministry welcomes all who would like to be a part of the planning team. Contact Deann Lentz at DeannLentz@outlook.com or 215-470-4937.



Top: Vacation Bible School was full of happy campers; Middle: Chris Anderson played Saint John Bosco while Faith Leaders Ed Mannino and Toni O'Connell brought a Parisian flair. Bottom: The crowd at the Baby Danny Kenny fundraising dinner

PARISH STAFF



Campbell



Konarski



Top left: Rev. Mr. John Campbell, Deacon; Bottom Left: Rev. Mr. Edward A. Konarski, Deacon. Above (left to right): Eric Buseck (Maintenance), Bob Geiger (Facilities Manager), Jane Selner (Coordinator of Ministries), Helen Diebold (Secretary), Joanne Trageser (Director of Religious Education), Mary McCarthy (Secretary), Chris Anderson (Youth & Young Adult Minister and Bookkeeper) Top right: Jeremy Triplett, Director of Music, and Bottom right: Rudy Lucente, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy



Triplett



Lucente

MSGR. GRAHAM'S INSTALLATION AS PASTOR



Above: Rev. Msgr. James J. Graham, J.C.D. was installed as the ninth pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish at the Vigil Mass on July 19, 2014. The Most Reverend Daniel Thomas officiated. Bottom left: Msgr. Graham (left) and Bishop Thomas

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

by Chris Anderson

Youth & Young Adult Minister

We had a good amount of growth this year in the Youth Ministry and a new beginning in Young Adults Ministry and we hope to continue that momentum in 2015.

Last summer St Rose had completed the newly renovated Youth Center just weeks before I took on the position of Youth Minister and the Youth Group began to meet regularly as a group not long after. We focused on a schedule similar to ones in previous years, based on service, social events and prayer. Some of our biggest events were the annual Senior Brunch and Aid for Friends service project, which made over 300 meals for those in need. In August, St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Sanctuary United Methodist Church reached out to St Rose about putting on ecumenical youth group events, which we named the North Wales Youth Group Night. We had three NWYG Nights, including St Rose's Dodge Ball night, which was the biggest event of the year. 55 teens from the surrounding area came together for pizza and dodge ball, and Fr Kelly even got into the action, playing along with the teens!

The summer months were a time of well wishes for our seniors as they headed off to college and new events for our teens. We teamed up with Tony's Pizza on Main Street for Tuesdays at Tony's, a chance for teens to hang out during the week. We continued our Open Houses at the Youth Center, which we had started last fall. We also had two movie nights and an outing to see the Reading Phillies take on the Harrisburg Senators. Our Young Adults ministry also began to expand as a group of St Rose Young Adults started to meet periodically at Molly McGuire's in Lansdale. This upcoming year we hope to expand both ministries, continuing our focus on faith, service and social events as a path to welcoming all teens and young adults into active membership at St Rose.

Our Young Adult ministry plans to begin reaching out to the St. Rose 20 to 30 year olds with opportunities to come together for Mass with lunch or dinner afterward, social nights at local hangout spots and a weekly Bible Study starting next spring. We hope to establish a group that can begin to make its mark on the parish and work towards involvement in all levels of parish life. Youth Ministry looks to expand and become more accessible through the creation of a CORE team, consisting of young adults and the young at heart to be outreach and support



Youth Group teens share a meal at the Reading Phillies game.

to our teens. We also are going digital, with a campaign to get every teen connected to our Facebook and Twitter pages and weekly video texts (to join text "strose" to 72727) to begin to connect the Church digitally into their daily lives. We will also be starting a new faith-sharing program this fall: Decision Point and continuing to meet every other Sunday for service and social events. Our CORE team hopes to begin to reach out into the community, by going to games and events at the nearby high schools and meeting the teens where they are.

I welcome everyone to join us this year at St Rose! Give me a call at (215) 699 4617 or email me at roseoflimaym@gmail.com for more information. And check out our Facebook and Twitter pages to keep posted on all that is going on here at St Rose!



The spring doughnut sale was a sell-out success!

WORKING & PRAYING TOGETHER AS A PARISH FAMILY

by Joanne Trageser
Director of Religious Education

The 2013-2014 CCD/PREP year found our students studying the treasure that is the Catholic Faith with lessons that helped them learn the necessary book work while actively participating in hands-on faith-building experiences with classmates, clergy and parishioners.

Parishioner and staff support and involvement in our Sunday morning program continues to insure our students the highest level of interactive, substantive catechetical experiences for their individual faith journey.

Our October 27 Living Rosary is a perfect example of parishioners coming forward to share their faith with our students. Deacon Konarski presided as our students formed a rosary and joined together with parents and members of the Legion of Mary and Followers of Mary in prayer. As always, we recited the 3rd Decade in Latin. In a special celebration of both the diversity and oneness that is our Catholic Family of Faith, our students listened intently and respectfully as the Hail Mary's of the 5th Glorious Mystery were recited in Italian, Polish, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and Tamil-a language of India by PREP parents, catechists and parishioners who generously answered the call to become involved in this prayer event.

Other special activities this year included the well attended Blessing of the Animals in recognition of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Deacon Konarski presided as the church parking lot filled with prayers



Deacon Ed Konarski gives a tour of the Church to students in the Parish CCD Program

joined with the enthusiastic sounds of over 50 beloved pets. December witnessed the 7th and 8th graders enactment of the Christmas Narratives of Luke and Matthew. With the support of grades 1 to 6 as angels, innkeepers, and census-taking Roman soldiers, not to mention the night wind, little lambs, shepherd boys, and mighty kings of our closing hymn: "Do You Hear What I Hear?", the real meaning of Christmas was evident in a our humble gym. A special thanks to Mr. Jeremy Triplett and the St Rose Youth and Teen Choir whose music made our scriptural enactment come alive!

Our commitment to keep faithful Mass attendance and bring our students to a greater understanding of Sacred Scripture as a priority continues with grades 1-8 reviewing each Sunday's Gospel with age appropriate materials each class session. We studied along with the entire Archdiocese the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit; and joined together with St Martin of Tours Parish PREP in New Hope in making St Patrick Day greeting cards for troops serving in Northern Africa.

Our second graders sent prayer partner shamrocks to each platoon member assuring them of their prayers for the duration of their deployment that included assisting in the evacuation of refugees from Sudan. Fittingly so for prayer partners, "our platoon" all safely returned to Fort Riley, Kansas, just as our second graders were receiving their First Holy Communion!

We are blessed with dedicated catechists, spectacular high school teen aides, generous parents and parishioners who come together each and every year to insure our faith formation ministry is a success. No one has been more representative of this continuous commitment and service to our Religious Education programs than Deacon Edward Konarski.

Besides the before mentioned Blessing of Animals and Living Rosary, you would be hard pressed to find a CCD Sunday that does not include the deacon. 40 Hours approaching, you find Deacon Konarski with a monstrance in the Father Murphy Room instructing the students; he presides

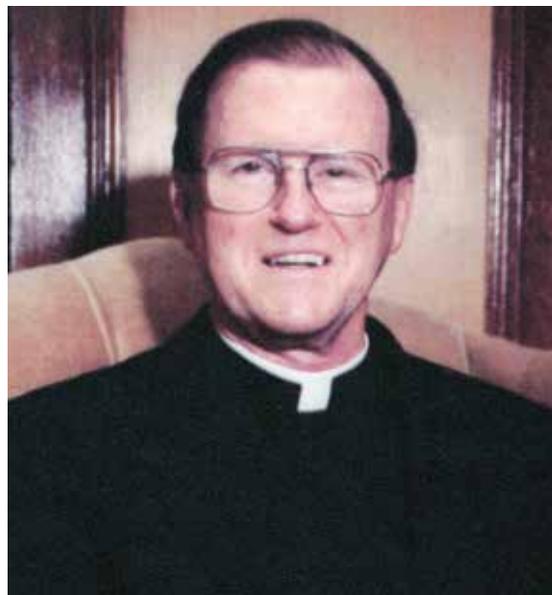
at every prayer service, blesses all the bibles, gives all the church tours, and can be seen regularly enacting an infant baptism in the church with a toy doll and a group of interested 4th and 5th graders acting as parents, godparents and family.

Want to do a special presentation on angels for Guardian Angel Day? You can count on Deacon Konarski meeting with all eight grades with age appropriate lesson plans. It is the Deacon who readies the children in the proper reception of the Body and Blood of Christ for their First Holy Communion. He's explaining the vestments and vessels in the sacristy; and he and Mrs. Konarski attend every Christmas pageant. His dedication and care of all aspects of religious education just don't happen on Sunday mornings.

For our students, Deacon Konarski is the face of Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent; he's on the bus on every Confirmation retreat to the Neumann Shrine and Cathedral. All the new altar servers know they can depend on him on the altar and the not so new DRE can always rely on his profound guidance in all aspects of our faith formation ministry. He is the advisor to our PREP Advisory Board and his mentorship has been invaluable.

It is due to the unfailing support of Deacon Konarski, our priests, our staff, our volunteer catechists and parishioners that our St Rose of Lima CCD/PREP has enjoyed a fun, faith filled school year. Please contact us at 215.699.4434 to see how you can be a part of our ministry.

Rest in Peace, Monsignor Murray



It was with heavy hearts that the St. Rose Parish community said goodbye to Rev. Msgr. Daniel A. Murray who died on June 26.

Before being named pastor at St. Rose in 2004, Msgr. Murray was pastor at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Drexel Hill, Pa. Previously he was a member of the faculty, and then rector of, St. Charles Seminary from 1970 to 1994. He was ordained in 1964 in Rome and named a monsignor in 1986.

AID FOR FRIENDS 2013-2014

Aid for Friends is a regional effort across a number of churches and other groups who provide meals and friendships for the isolated homebound in Montgomery, Bucks, Philadelphia, Chester, and Delaware counties.

Anita Capps and Chris McDade lead approximately 20 parishioners who donate meals, 10 parishioners who visit homebound and deliver meals, and 2 parishioners who pick up supplies from the Aid for Friends Philadelphia office.

The group receives donations from Deep Run Presbyterian Church, Christ United Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts. There is also occasional sharing of meals to other local Aid for Friends locations (this year mostly Corpus Christi).

St. Rose of Lima provided about 150 meals per month to the homebound. We generally take in about 60 meals per month. The difference is made up with major food preparation days, including an all Parish event in August near St. Rose of Lima's Feast Day, a St. Rose of Lima Youth Group event

in November, and a Mater Dei School event in May. With the addition of the August Parish meal preparation event, we did not need to request any meals this year. Sharing of meals across organizations is coordinated by a regional coordinator.



To draw attention to our ministry, we make requests through the parish bulletin. Foil trays, foil wraps, meal sheets, plastic soup containers, plastic bags, and twist ties are provided so that only the prepared food need be donated. The supplies are put together in sets of five and are available at the freezer in the Parish garage from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day.

For the coming year, we are again planning major food preparation days in honor of our Parish patron saint's feast day in August, with our youth group in November, and with Mater Dei School in May.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

by Chris Anderson

Youth & Young Adult Minister and Bookkeeper

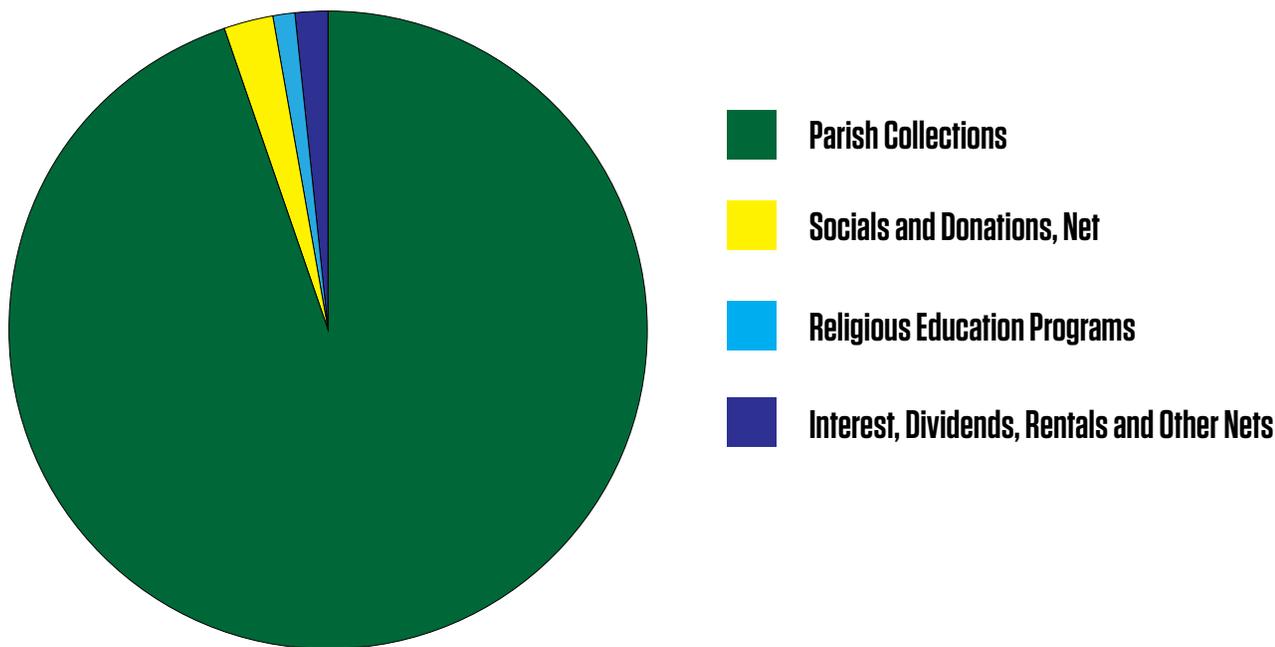
Overall, the parish financial position remains sound. We realized a modest surplus for the past fiscal year and continue to carry no long term debt. Operating expenses grew by ~5% over the prior year due to several new hires, increased improvements to the parish facilities, and some unexpected expenses. Following the guidance of the Archdiocese, we added a part-time Youth & Young Adult Minister in August 2013 by hiring Chris Anderson. A full time Facilities Manager, Bob Geiger, came on board last October to replace three part-time maintenance employees. Rounding out staff changes, Nick Semchuk stepped down from his position as Business Manager in June 2014, after 8 years of dedicated service. As a result, Chris Anderson's duties were expanded to full time to include bookkeeper responsibilities.

Using our Heritage of Faith - Vision of Hope funding, investments were made to fix the leakage problems in the front of Church with a beautiful new exterior façade and to enhance lighting on the property. Wireless internet was brought into the Youth Center and Parish Center to allow for expanded use by the entire parish

community. Unanticipated expenses incurred in the spring of 2014 include costs associated with Monsignor Murray's 50th Jubilee Mass and celebration, his funeral Masses, Father Kelly's farewell gathering, and Monsignor Graham's installation Mass and reception. It was also discovered that the roofs on the Parish Center, which had leakage problems in the past, would need to be replaced as soon as possible. This will cost approximately \$100,000 and will be finished by the end of 2014. \$50,000 of the roof costs was recognized as expenditures in the 2013-2014 financial year.

It is important to note that we continue to see a decrease in Parish-wide giving. Our Sunday collections decreased 8% from the prior year and income from socials and donations were down by 3%. While times have continued to be tough for many, we would hope this year will bring new commitments towards giving to God the first fruits of the gifts he has given us. Parishioner contributions provide for new programs for spiritual growth, greater opportunities to build and strengthen our parish community, and the regular upkeep needed for the life of our Parish. We look forward to rental of the Parish Center's second floor in the near future to increase St. Rose's income. However, we, the Parish family, must remain the primary source of parish funding and the leaders in building up the Kingdom of God here in North Wales.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHART OF ORDINARY INCOME 2013-14

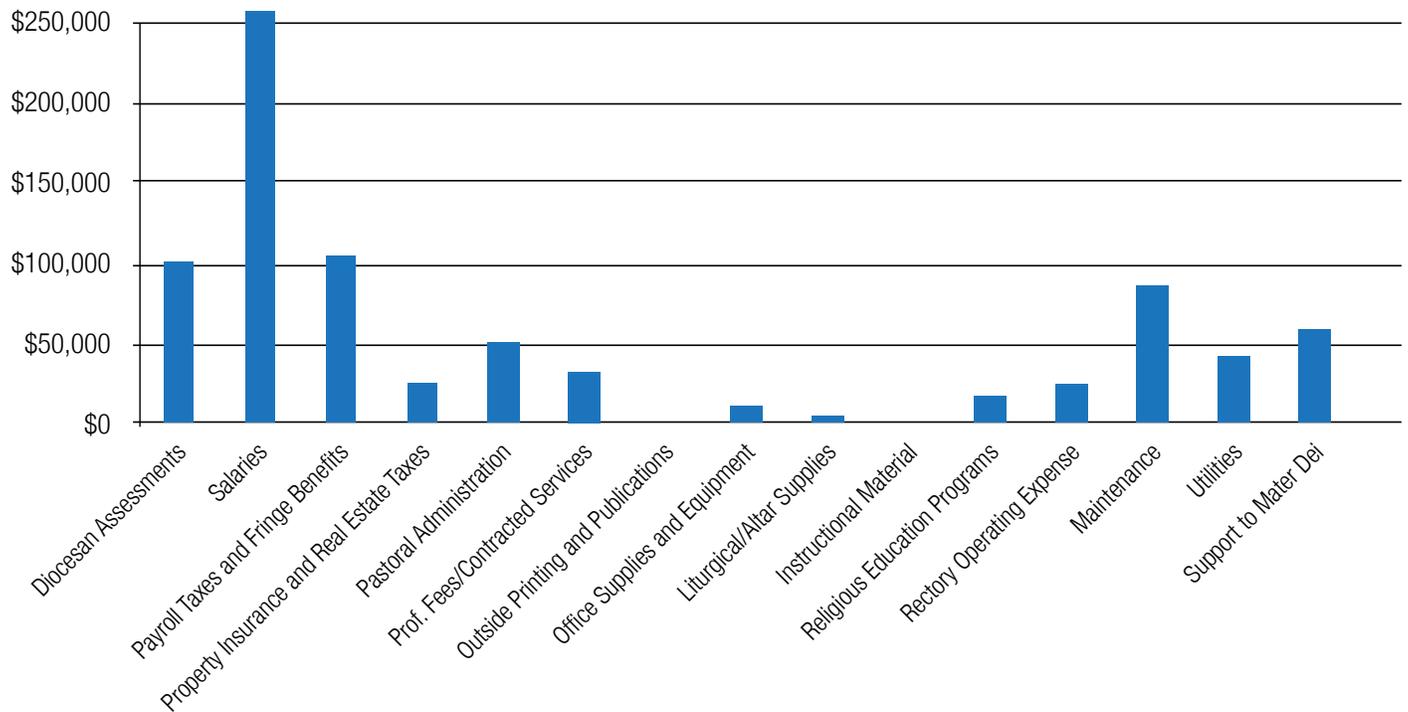


INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR-ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

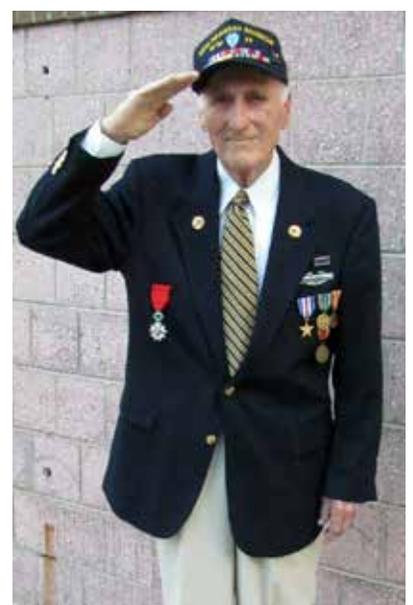
	F/Y 2013-14	F/Y 2012-13	F/Y 2011-12
OPERATING INCOME			
Parish Collections	\$783,626	\$856,942	\$906,901
Socials and Donations, Net	\$20,376	\$30,027	\$61,376
Tuition and Fees Income	\$0	\$0	\$419,877
Religious Education Programs	\$8,400	\$14,542	\$14,323
Income (Loss) Cafeteria & Bus Services, Net	\$0	\$0	\$8,684
Interest, dividends, Rentals, & Other Net	\$13,327	\$20,428	\$10,936
Cares and/or Day Care Programs, Net	\$0	\$0	\$16,364
Total Other Income	\$6,108	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Income	\$831,837	\$921,939	\$1,438,461
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Diocesan Assessments	\$100,500	\$102,900	\$104,255
Salaries	\$256,871	\$234,400	\$861,551
Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits	\$101,969	\$77,736	\$227,430
Property Insurance and Real Estate Taxes	\$23,815	\$30,811	\$29,344
Pastoral Administration	\$51,142	\$58,604	\$50,250
Professional Fees/Contracted Services	\$29,655	\$8,608	\$15,437
Outside Printing and Publications	\$0	\$2,873	\$2,157
Office Supplies and Equipment	\$14,308	\$13,006	\$45,251
Liturgical/Altar Supplies	\$9,734	\$4,422	\$8,466
Instructional Material	\$0	\$0	\$6,242
Religious Education Programs	\$16,715	\$15,560	\$18,777
Rectory Operating Expense	\$21,705	\$19,568	\$20,505
Maintenance	\$93,659	\$61,309	\$129,520
Utilities	\$44,481	\$47,759	\$54,177
Support to Mater Dei	\$62,000	\$106,682	
Total Operating Expenses	\$826,554	\$784,238	\$1,573,362
Operating Excess (Deficit)	\$5,283	\$137,701	(\$134,901)
Capital Contributions & Insurance Claims	\$29,657	\$54,297	\$70,310
Capital Expenditures & Insurance Claims	\$279,097	\$21,510	\$23,678
Change in Cash	\$88,638	\$170,488	(\$88,269)
Ending Cash Balance June 30	\$926,726	\$838,088	\$667,600
Restricted Funds	\$561,248	\$418,034	\$464,891
Unrestricted Funds	\$365,478	\$420,054	\$202,709
TOTAL FUNDS	\$926,726	\$838,088	\$667,600
N.B. Unreleased Funds from Vision of Hope Campaign (Funds Restricted to Campaign Projects To Be Released when Projects are completed, e.g. Church windows, etc.)			
	\$71,082	\$255,141	\$207,074

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ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHART OF EXPENSES 2013-14



Blue Mass



On September 11, 2013, St. Rose of Lima celebrated its first-ever Blue Mass to honor police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, and active and retired military personnel. Attendees of the Mass included the members of the Father John E. Doyle Knights of Columbus (above left) and Ralph Cartwright, a veteran of World War II who earned, among others, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star (above right).

EVANGELIZATION REPORT 2013-2014

This past year marked the completion of 3 ½ years in the ChristLife process here at St. Rose.

More than 475 people have participated in one or more of the three ChristLife courses called Discovering Christ, Following Christ, and Sharing Christ.

This year also marked the first year when all 3 courses were conducted in a 12-month period. The ChristLife process will continue as the core curriculum at St. Rose of Lima for Evangelization. Through this process, we have heard the testimonies of many parishioners who have come into a new or deeper relationship with the Lord through the Discovering Christ series. It has also been heartwarming to see many from nearby parishes attend after hearing about the series.

Through the Following Christ course we learn how to become better disciples and live out our faith. Through the Sharing Christ course we have learned how to tell others the Good News of the Gospel and invite them to encounter the love of Christ.

At the conclusion of the Sharing Christ series last November, those who completed the course called 1,081 parish families (more than 80% of registered households) to invite them to attend Christmas Mass at St. Rose and also ask

if our prayer team could pray for any special intention they may have. At the Christmas Masses the book *Home Sweet Rome* by Scott Hahn was given out as a gift from the parish.

Because we have truly experienced the work of the Holy Spirit here at St. Rose, the Evangelization Team decided to recommend the ChristLife process to the Philadelphia Archdiocese as part of its Evangelization outreach. Bishop McIntyre agreed that this was something worthy to embrace and a ChristLife Training Conference was held at the Malvern Retreat House in February.

Representatives from 25 parishes and more than 150 people were trained by the ChristLife team in how to run the Discovering Christ course. During the conference, 12 persons from the St. Rose Evangelization Team assisted ChristLife as Small Group leaders and in other volunteer roles.

Some of the other activities the Evangelization Team was involved in were the four-day Mission in November by Fr. Michael Sullivan, OSA, and the Parish Mission in March/April by Mr. Bill Wegner of Good News International. Also, A Biblical Walk Through The Mass, a five-part teaching by Dr. Edward Sri was



Meghan Cokeley, Director of the Office for the New Evangelization, visited St. Rose in May to present a talk on St. Pope John Paul II's teaching on the Theology of the Body.

held last Advent and again in the spring. Last summer, three special gatherings called "Summer Rest Stops" were held to bring parishioners together once a month during the vacation period to "fill up their spiritual tank."

As a result of many of the activities over this past year, several new ministries and adult faith formation courses have sprung up including a Men's Prayer Group that now meets twice each month. This past year was indeed a time of grace and spiritual renewal that has helped to change our culture at St. Rose to create a more welcoming and caring environment.



Several of the parish staff joined members of the Keenagers, the parish's senior group, for cake and ice cream to celebrate Fr. Gerald Smith's 50th year in Christ's Priesthood/Golden Jubilee. Fr. Smith was a parochial vicar at St. Rose until his retirement in 2012

The St. Rose of Lima Annual Stewardship Report is published annually by and for the people of the parish. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

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Clockwise, from top left: And they're off. Runners in the annual St. Rose of Lima I Can Help 5K begin the race; Top right: Fr. Kelly extends a pet blessing at the North Wales Day Ecumenical Prayer Service on October 5, 2013; Middle and Bottom Left: Displays at the September Ministry EXPO which invited parishioners to learn about the 40+ parish ministries and consider where they are being called to serve and grow in faith. Bottom right: Family, friends and fellow clergy gathered for a reception to honor Msgr. Murray after his Golden Jubilee Mass.

MUSIC MINISTRY

This year at Saint Rose, the music ministry program experienced tremendous growth in our endeavors.

We held a successful full year for the parish Youth Choir that provided musical support once a month at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Singing in beautiful harmonies for the glory of God, the Youth Choir's mission is to proclaim to everyone the good news that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, by learning the sacred music of the Catholic Church.

We come with confidence and gratitude to God to share the spirit, knowledge and talents of our Youth Choir by proclaiming the good news of Jesus at Mass and at special liturgical events. All parish children in grades 2 through 12 are most welcome to join the choir.

We also had the privilege to host visiting choirs including the Mater Dei Catholic School Choir and the Valley Forge Chorale. Along with the Brandywine Valley Chorale and the Chadds Ford Boy Choir, the Valley Forge Chorale presented a tremendous spring concert featuring Carl Orff's masterpiece, Carmina Burana, that left our parishioners begging for the date



of their return concert. We are pleased to welcome the Chorale back to St. Rose on Saturday, December 20, for a 7:30 p.m. concert: 2014 Christmas Joy!

In early June, we participated in a most joyous Mass to celebrate Monsignor Murray's Golden Jubilee in Christ's Holy Priesthood. Our Youth Choir and our wonderful and ever-growing Contemporary Music Group provided beautiful musical support.

Monsignor Murray was such a strong supporter of our programs, and we all came together for a magnificent Mass to commemorate his 50th anniversary. Monsignor Graham, our new pastor, greatly shares the same enthusiasm and support for our music program and we are truly blessed!

In September, we offered our musical talents at our parish's Blue Mass which was a fantastic tribute to area police, fire fighters, emergency medical responders and military personnel. We hosted the talented bagpipers and drummers from the Cameron Highlanders for this special liturgy.

We constantly reached out to parishioners to encourage them to take part as we expand our knowledge of liturgical music with new hymns and cantors from the parish. Together, we grow as a community drawing ever closer to God through the means of music.

Top: The Contemporary Music Group (from left): Maggie McCabe, Mike Covais, Liz McCabe, David Lee, Lucille Kesilman, Steve McGlynn and Beatrice Leung. Bottom left: The Valley Forge Chorale singing Carmina Burana.



CYO SPORTS

Below is a quick recap of the year from a CYO perspective by sport. Noting special successes or achievements, or just something special that happened during this past CYO year for each sport or sports from a Catholic Youth Sports perspective.

Kathy Arnow (Girls Varsity Volleyball) - This year's Varsity Volleyball team was composed of one 8th grader, eight 7th graders and three 6th graders. All but our 8th grader were new to varsity volleyball. The way volleyball matches are played changes a lot from JV to Varsity, so these girls had a big learning curve to start the season. We were by far one of the youngest teams competing at the varsity level in Region 20 but we finished a strong 8th out of 18 teams and ultimately lost in the playoffs to the #1 over all seed. Many times I received compliments about our young, hardworking team. These girls made an impression on Region 20 but more importantly represented St. Rose very well as athletes and young ladies.

Kathy Arnow (Girls Varsity Basketball) - The Girls Varsity Basketball team proudly brought a 2nd consecutive Region 20 North Division championship home to St. Rose this season. We had ten 8th graders returning, added one 7th grader and one 6th grader. The team represented a mix of Mater Dei, CCD & GMA students with varying basketball skill levels that came together to form a very strong and competitive team. We had a tremendous showing from the St. Rose community at the championship game on February 23rd. It was inspiring and truly represented the sense of family that is so very powerful at St. Rose of Lima and especially within our CYO.

Chris Leone (JV Soccer) - This fall was my first time coaching CYO JV soccer. It was such a wonderful experience seeing a group of 14 children come together and work as a team. The team consisted of children both with and without experience, but they all worked together to support and help each other in all aspects whether it was practice or a game. This helped to make it a fun environment, while they learned how to work as a team. The JV soccer team actually ended up going undefeated and won the JV Championship, which was an added bonus. Our goal wasn't to win, but for the children to learn how to work together and support each other as one. This was



accomplished beyond my expectations which made it a great experience. Hopefully, they will carry this experience throughout the rest of their lives, and share it with others.

Frank Esterle (Varsity Soccer) - Our own SRL CYO Mackenzie Pluck will continue to play at a national level for U-15 FC Bucks ECNL league next fall, Mack is 1 of only 16 Midfielders in the country. She was one of the top scorers in her age division this past year. This is what she was called up for the U.S. Soccer federation. U.S. U-14 Girls' National Team Roster By Position: MIDFIELDERS (16): Mackenzie Pluck (FC Bucks; North Wales, Pa.),

Matt Naulty (4th Grade Boys BBall) - The 2014 season for 4th grade basketball was a great success. It was the first year of basketball for not only the 9 boys, but also their coach. From when we began practice, all the way into the season the boy's energy and teamwork always rose to the top. Each week you could see the team coming together. My goals were accomplished this year, to develop a positive atmosphere and building the players self-confidence, not only in playing the game but also in how they conducted themselves. During the course of the season; I tried to get every player on the team to have "his moment" where he felt like he had accomplished what we set out to do. The accomplishment might have been scoring a basket or getting a rebound or stealing the ball. Every player on this team had many of these moments happen. To see the huge smiles and joy that they had during the games was as they say: priceless! We had our ups and downs during the season. Of course winning some games brought pride, but the most important thing that came out was the fact that not one player on this team ever had his head down when things were not going our way. That speaks volumes about the young boys I had the privilege to coach for the fourth grade

basketball team. Keeping their determination and confidence was the greatest accomplishment they had. Congrats to the 2014 fourth grade CYO Basketball team!

Bob Romano (JV Boys Baseball) – We had 16 boys this year of varying skill level, working hard every game to improve and help their team. They played as a team and displayed sportsmanship towards their opponents, never quit and battled through adversity. They all had shining moments that added up to a great season. They played hard, they laughed and cheered together, and created great memories.

Brian O'Donnell (JV South Boys BBall) - The St. Rose JV South boys basketball played well in a very tough division this past year. Although the boys regularly faced teams with



taller and more experienced players, they battled in every game and improved as the season progressed. The boys also worked extremely hard at practice and displayed good sportsmanship

throughout the season. Significantly, the team won the St. Maria Goretti Christmas Tournament.

Dave Fasano (Girls Varsity Softball) – Congratulations go out to the Saint Rose of Lima Varsity Softball Team for taking second place in the Region 20 Playoffs! The team was comprised of girls from both St. Rose and St. Stanislaus CYO programs. The merger of these two small but talented softball programs including players and coaches, which resulted in a strong team that finished the regular season with an 8-3 record.

Mike McDonald (Boys Varsity Baseball) - We had a good year. We blended kids from Mater Dei, St. Rose Prep program and SMG to make up our squad. The kids improved with every game and won a playoff game. I think the young men enjoyed the season and I know the coaches enjoyed the season.

Bern Price (Track) - Vito Leone – holds the new SRL CYO 100M record with a run time of 12.97 seconds at the Region Championship, Vito shattered the old record of 13.50, which stood for 25 yrs. Meaghan Toscano – Now holds the New St. Rose Minor girls Shot Put record that she achieved at the Area C meet. With a throw of 31 feet she broke the record and finished 1st place in the Area C competition.

CYO Service



In addition to fall and spring clean up and landscaping service projects on the parish grounds (shown above and right), 81 CYO athletes from grades 4-8 ushered at 37 Masses as Youth Ministers of Hospitality. Fifteen parents served as chaperones for the Youth Ministers of Hospitality program.



We thank our parish youth for their service and invite

all interested children in grades 4-8 to join our Youth Ministers of Hospitality. Contact the Parish office at 215-699-4617 for details.



The junior varsity boys basketball team had the opportunity to practice with Maalik Wayns, a former NBA player (Philadelphia 76ers, L.A. Clippers) and a star while at Villanova University.

Our Pastor, Monsignor Graham, has proudly announced a new Saint Rose of Lima Parish Mission Statement. He presented it to parishioners at several Masses in December. This important guiding statement is an expression of what we, the Parish family of St. Rose of Lima, are committed to achieving as we live out our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

saint rose of Lima parish MISSION STATEMENT

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

Monsignor Graham went on to express that in order to live out this focal statement, it is essential to know what is in the hearts and on the minds of our parishioners and to understand their needs. We must also reach out in love to all parish families and share with them what our parish has to offer. To do this, St. Rose of Lima will be undertaking an historic initiative in early 2015 to visit every parish family. Stay tuned for more details about this exciting initiative!

Upcoming Parish Events

2015 WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 8-SESSION PREPARATORY CATECHESIS

Session 1: Created for Joy
December 3 • 7:30 p.m.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
December 4 • 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS BRUNCH
Hosted by the St. Rose Youth Group
December 13 • 12:00 p.m.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
December 18 • 7:30 p.m.
Last scheduled Confessions before Christmas -
December 20 • 4:00 p.m.

2014 CHRISTMAS JOY!
Christmas Concert featuring
the Valley Forge Chorale
December 20 • 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWING
December 21 • After the 11:30 a.m. Mass