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THE
ASSOCIATION
for the preservation of
ST. ROSE OF LIMA
CHAPEL

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Association for the Preservation of St. Rose of Lima Chapel, an association of the Christian faithful established under canon law, has as its purpose to ensure that St. Rose of Lima Chapel will remain open so that all whose spiritual lives are enriched by this church can continue to worship within it by Eucharistic Adoration and other sacred activities. Funds for this purpose will be raised by the Association which will make St. Rose Chapel available to all in the geographic area for generations to come.



Valentine Chili Supper

In appreciation for all your help, support and encouragement,
the St. Rose Association is hosting a Chili Supper on Valentine's Day.

All members, donors and their guests are invited to attend.

There will be Chili, of course, and another dish for non-Chili lovers.

Your choice - mild or spicier.

We'll also have salad and desserts.

It will be held in the lower church hall from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Free will offerings will be accepted, of course.



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RIVERVIEW HOLIDAY HOUSE WALK

We were honored and pleased that St. Rose Chapel was invited to be a part of this year's House Walk in early December. We were host to over 200 people, many who had never been inside before. All were amazed at the beauty of the Chapel, and many extended their appreciation to the Association for the work that is being done.

Thank you to the artistic folks who decorated the Chapel for Christmas a bit early so we could be ready for the House Walk. Mimi Raiche and Vicki and Zandra Cross contributed to the elegant, understated beauty, as well as many volunteers.

THE NEW *Spirit of*
St. Rose



CASH BASH / DRAW DOWN
A SUCCESS

The Association had a very successful 2nd Annual Spirit of St. Rose Cash Bash Drawdown. Again, those in attendance had an enjoyable evening, along with good food and games. Again, it was a packed hall! Since this is the major fundraiser of the year, we are happy to announce that the Chapel benefitted by almost \$18,000!

DECEMBER 27TH CHRISTMAS MASS

Mass was well-attended, and those present were privileged to hear a guest choir, Maternity BVM, led by Chris Lord. Their renditions of the familiar Christmas Carols was beautiful, inspirational and brought tears to many eyes.

St. Rose again was alive with the Joyful Sounds of Christmas!

FUNERAL SERVICES

It is with great joy that former St. Rose parishioners who loved this church, can now have their Mass and Memorial, including visitations, here at the Chapel. We are grateful to Bishop Conlon for this blessing. To date, two funerals have been held here, with two Memorials to take place in April – April 17, 10:00 a.m. for Raphael Fortin Reynolds and April 25, 11:00 a.m. for Jackie McCorkle.

Also, some have selected St. Rose of Lima Chapel for Memorial Offerings in lieu of flowers.

We are grateful for their thoughtfulness!

WEEKLY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Wednesday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. We encourage all to spend some time with the Lord in His holy presence.

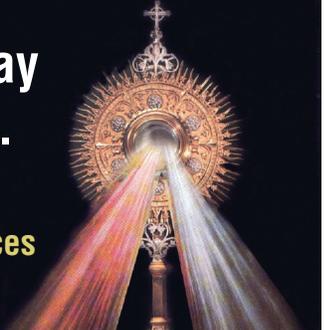
To enhance our Lenten Worship, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Wednesday of Adoration at 3:30 p.m.

The West doors, near the elevator, are open for your convenience.

Exposition
of the Blessed
Sacrament

Every Wednesday
1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Please use
South and West Entrances
(near elevator)



MONTHLY MASSES

Please remember the date, the last Friday of every month, at 6:00 p.m. In January, the date is the 31st, February, the 28th, March, the 27th.

Come and enjoy Mass in our beautiful Chapel, along with old friends and lovers of St. Rose.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICES

The Advent Penance and Reconciliation Service was held at St. Rose Chapel on December 14. Fathers Lescher, Peeters and Weinert were with us to hear confessions.

The Lenten Penance and Reconciliation Service will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m.

PLAQUES ARE
BEING PREPARED

The Plaques of Charter members, Platinum and Gold members are in the process of being made. Look for them sometime in the spring.

CHAPEL AND RECTORY CLEANING AND REPAIRS TO DATE

With careful planning, serious forethought and taking great care to be the best stewards of the funds so lovingly contributed for St. Rose of Lima by our members and friends, the following repairs/maintenance have been accomplished:

1. The elevator was serviced and certified.
2. The air conditioner was repaired.
3. Volunteers gathered in August and 60 persons volunteered and cleaned the Chapel top to bottom, and trimmed, raked, mowed and cleaned up the exterior grounds.
4. Later, another group of volunteers answered the call to clean the Rectory.
5. We owe a big debt of gratitude to the faithful cleaning crew who come every first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. to clean the Chapel. If you would like to join these volunteers, please call 815-573-5455, leave a message and someone will get back to you.
6. Shingles and flashing on the oval roof over the altar were repaired and maintenance performed. Our deep appreciation to Jerry Alexander of Alexander Equipment Company for again donating the use of his man-lift at no cost to the Chapel!!!
7. For added security and comfort of our visitors, as well as to lower lighting costs, bulbs were changed to cost-efficient LED and some lights were added in areas where it was too dark.
8. Three bids have been obtained and a contractor has been selected and a contract has been awarded. Due to the generosity of several members, \$4,000.00 toward this project has been donated, reducing the net cost to the Association of \$3,300.00. So very soon, the window frame and adjoining area will be pristine again! Be sure to go up to the choir loft and check it out.
9. Plumbing repairs in the Sacristy and in the Rectory have been completed for parts-only cost, since the labor was performed by a member.
10. A roofing contractor, who has access to a drone, has been asked to use this technology to examine the condition of the slates on the roof. Our beautiful slate roof is a valuable asset, and we have been told that there are many, many more good years left, with proper maintenance. Timely maintenance is the key. "A stitch in times saves nine," our mothers used to say!
11. George Allen worked with Gene Marcotte to fine-tune the boiler. We are so fortunate to have Mr. Allen volunteering to work on the boiler he is so familiar with and knowledgeable about.



PLANNED IN MAY

The date has not been selected yet, but it will be tentatively on a

Saturday

from

9 to 3.

Any items that you no longer enjoy or have no need for anymore will be greatly appreciated.

Household items, decorative items, tools, linens, etc., and all-season holiday items, such as, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and St. Patrick Day, will be gladly accepted.

It's a good chance to clean out the garage, attic and spare room!

**START ASSEMBLING THE
ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE
TO BENEFIT
ST. ROSE CHAPEL**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

8, 15, 22, 29 – 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
31 – 6:00 p.m Monthly Mass

FEBRUARY

5, 12, 19, 26 – 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
14 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m Valentine Chili Supper
26Ash Wednesday



26 – 3:30 p.m Stations of the Cross
28 – 6:00 p.m Monthly Mass

MARCH

4, 11, 18, 25 – 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4, 11, 18, 25 – 3:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
27 – 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Monthly Mass

APRIL

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1, 8 – 3:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
24 – 6:00 p.m. Monthly Mass
TBAHealing Mass



Please remember St. Rose Chapel when you are making plans for your Estate! Perhaps you would choose specific ways you would wish your funds to be used, or maybe you would want the Capital to remain with interest only available to cover expenses. Your benevolence would ensure long-range life for St. Rose! Please be clear and specify ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHAPEL to ensure your wishes are carried out.

ON-SITE CAMERA
Due to the generosity of a member, cameras have been installed covering the Chapel entrances and the parking lot and grounds. St. Rose may be historic and old, but it's up-to-the-twenty-first century!



St. Rose Chapel is making plans to have a Healing Mass in April.

Please watch for further announcements.