

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Art Wineman

It's not uncommon for someone to join Saint Rose parish after sampling other churches. During 2018 Art Wineman did just that—attending worship services at 28 different churches, sometimes two or three on a Sunday. That's somewhat unusual. But Art wasn't just looking for a new church, he was also looking for a renewal of his faith.

A life-long Lutheran, Art became disillusioned by the path being taken by church leaders. After completing his church-sampling marathon, he kept feeling called to the Catholic Church and started attending Saint Rose regularly.

“Last July I met with Fr. Paveglio and told him I wanted to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church,” says Art. “In November I was Confirmed and received Communion. Joining the Church has meant more to me, a much more significant change in my life, than my recent retirement. Being part of such a faithful congregation has made following the path in which God is leading me easier.”

Even before he joined Saint Rose Art became a member of the choir. After his Confirmation he added the role of cantor. He also joined the Social Justice Committee, continues to be part of the RCIA program, participated in the ChristLife classes and is enrolled in the Catechetical Institute Pillars program.

“Since joining the parish I feel closer to Jesus and to the Father,” he says. “After initial skepticism—I was raised Lutheran after all—I've found comfort in turning to Mary. I often come to the Adoration Chapel to pray. Receiving absolution at the time of my First Confession and taking Communion have felt like pushing the 'reset' button. It's a privilege to be part of this fellowship.”

Art says he found the people at Saint Rose reverent and committed to serving the Lord in many ways. “I feel the love of Christ filling the congregation.”

Other things to know about Art:

- He grew up in Greensburg, PA, a small town about 30 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. After Art graduated from the John Hopkins School of Medicine he looked for a good family medicine residency program (very few were available on the east coast). That led him to St. Paul Ramsey Hospital (now Regions). After completing residency he joined Ramsey Clinic Associates, then moved to Group Health, which eventually became Health Partners. In 1999 he became department head for Family Medicine, a position he held until retirement earlier this year. He was also Regional Medical Director for a number of primary care clinics.
- Art met his wife Deb when she attended a young adult Bible study he was leading at Roseville Lutheran Church. They were married in 1985. Although Deb remains a member of St. Timothy Lutheran Church she often attends Mass with Art. Son Michael is a mechanical/electrical engineer for Chrysler in Detroit (his wife is an engineer for Ford). They have two children. Daughter Sarah is a medical resident studying Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Milwaukee.
- Art's musical talent began with the piano in second grade. More recently he learned how to play the harp, bagpipe and trumpet. His goal is to play the pipes and bugle (Taps) at funerals. During the pandemic Art put together some gigantic Lego sets—a 4,000-piece Disney castle and a large roller coaster. Learning how to draw is on his future agenda.

