

Mass Times

Sunday 5:30 PM Anticipated
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM

Weekday
Mon - Sat 9:00 AM

Weekly Penance

Saturday 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Pastor **V. Reverend Larry Evans, II, V.F.**

St. Rose of Lima Parish

50 Short Hills Avenue
Short Hills, NJ 07078

Parish Office 973.379.3912
office hours: M-Th 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
(Closed between 12:30-1:30 PM)
Fri 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Website www.stroseshorthills.org

St. Rose of Lima Academy 973-379-3973

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023



“Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven.” - St. Rose of Lima

St. Rose Calendar

- Sun, Dec 10 4:00 pm Lessons & Carols. Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with music and festivities. This year we also celebrate Sr. Sandy's 50th Anniversary of Religious Life. Please join us as we congratulate Sr. Sandy and thank her for her continued service to the parish of St. Rose of Lima.
- Mon, Dec 11 7:00 pm, Communal Prayer Service with Individual Confession
- Wed, Dec 13 8:00 pm, Family Music Group Rehearsals
- Thurs, Dec 14 5:30 pm, Don't Eat Alone Dinner, Convent
7:30 pm, Night at the Movies, "Christmas Vacation", Sacristy
7:30 pm, BSA Troop 19 Christmas Party
8:00 pm, Baptism Meeting with Sr. Sandy, Zoom
- Fri, Dec 15 SRLA 12:10 Dismissal
- Sun, Dec 17 Blessing of the Crèche / Bambinelli Sunday, All Masses
Parishioners are encouraged to bring a figurine from your own home Nativity scene for blessing.
- Tues, Dec 19 8:00 pm, Family Music Group Rehearsals
- Wed, Dec 20 6:30 pm, SRLA Christmas Concert
- Thurs, Dec 21 SRLA Closed for Christmas Recess
- Sun, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm,
10:00 pm (Choral prelude), 10:30 pm Mass
- Mon, Dec 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY
Masses 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
- Sun, Dec 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, All Masses

The life of our parish is guided by the parish mission which is to educate, form and transform persons into disciples of Christ and to foster their active participation in the life, work and mission of the Church. All parishes are called to be “schools of discipleship” assisting the People of God with the ongoing life long conversion required to be followers of Jesus Christ. It is in our parishes, families and in the world that we are living witnesses to Christ’s love and the faith we profess. Discipleship is our invitation to continue Christ’s saving mission here and now and through generous stewardship change the world!

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Matrimony Arrangements must be made with one of the parish priests at least one year in advance. Please call the Parish Office		
Reconciliation , Individual confessions	Saturdays following 9:00am Mass and 4:30pm - 5:00pm	
Sacrament of the Sick or Eucharist for Homebound	Please call the Parish Office for assistance	
Parish Office Hours	M–Th 9:00am to 3:00 pm (closed from 12:30-1:30pm) Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm	

Visit the St. Rose of Lima Parish website at www.stroseshorthills.org for the latest news & events.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 10

7:30 am Rose LaPierre
 9:30 am Fred Riccio
 11:30 am Deceased Member of Moccia Family

Monday, December 11

9:00 am Jane White

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 am John Anthony DiMuzio

Wednesday, December 13

9:00 am St. Lucia

Thursday, December 14

9:00 am Marco, Santina & Mark DeMasi

Friday, December 15

9:00 am Jane White

Saturday, December 16

9:00 am Jaleel Perkin
 5:30 pm St. Lucy

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am Helen M. Bradis
 9:30 am Maureen Ellinwood Pluvinae
 11:30 am Deceased Members of Tighe Family

If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one that has passed away, please call the parish office at 973-379-3912.



Let us pray for those who most need our prayers:

Denes Ackroyd	Tricia Finley	Dennis Nitka
Steve Allen	Ted Fujita	Joan O'Brien
Logan Alseika	Rosemarie Giuliano	Erin Wade Pado
Elizabeth Arjune	Doreen Hastings	Alfredo Parrelli
Carl Barry	Christian Joseph Isola	Giovannina Palumbo
Jonathan Benjamin	Joseph	Jacob Rivera
Ariel Biviano	Donovan Jimenez	Jaxson Rivera
Amanda M. Brando	John Kennedy Jr.	Mary Ross
Sophie Chhowalla	Patt Kent	Daniel Sanchez
Julia Cino	Soondol Francisca Kim	Anastasia Stott
Gretta Eliza Clausen	Kathleen Kunish	Josephine Valente
John Connolly	Debbie Kovach	Dina Vila
Alex Cullen	Charles F. Labus	John Ward
Francesca D'Andrea	Christina LaRosa	Kathleen Wheaton
Michael DeVincenzo	Roseanne Logan	Dana Willoughby
Gloria DiBella	G. Louis	Madge Wilson
Athena DiLeva	Mary McDonnell	Leroy Wilson
Sally Drennen	Patricia N. Miller	Nancy Zabita
Scott Eveland	John Mudd	Walter Zelinski
	Kathleen Mulrooney	

"Peace I leave you; my peace I give you I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

- John 14:27 -



Richard Campagna

Anna Rose Hartley

John Russell Paynter, Jr.

Nancy Jean Zabita

*May the Lord welcome them to the heavenly banquet table.
 We pray to the Lord.*

2nd Sunday of Advent



As we celebrate this second Sunday of the new liturgical year, we note that this is a B year in the three-year cycle of Sunday readings. In B years, we concentrate on the Gospel of Mark. In A years, we read Matthew, and in C years, we delve into Luke. This Gospel may have been written for Roman converts because it presumes no knowledge of Jewish law or custom on the part of its audience, and tradition has it that Mark was a disciple of Peter. Mark's is the oldest of the Gospels, most likely written between the years 65 and 70. It is also the shortest and contains no infancy narrative, but begins with Jesus' baptism in the Jordan river.

ADVENT 2 -TABLE PRAYER

Light two candles of the Advent Wreath.

Blessed are you, Lord,
in this food and in this sharing.
Bless these your gifts
with which we are about to nourish our bodies,
so that, receiving new strength,
we may wait in watchfulness for
the glorious coming of Christ.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reflection — Do we pray for the coming of the Kingdom as Jesus taught us?

How appropriate it is that today's hopeful liturgy tells us that John the Baptizer is the messenger who exemplifies what real holiday preparation is all about. True Christmas preparation requires that we search our souls to determine what areas of our lives need the healing and saving message of the Christ who comes. What are the areas of my life that need the illuminating light of Christ? What are the areas in our world that need the peace and justice of Christ? Today's liturgy proclaims John the Baptist as the last messenger to prepare the way of the Lord. In our day, in our world, in our nation, in our families, we are God's messengers!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ADVENT

Lessons & Carols
Sr. Sandy's 50th Anniversary
of Religious Life

Sunday, December 10, 4:00 PM

Join us for an annual holiday tradition of musical choirs.
Enjoy snacks, refreshements and activities
for children. Church and courtyard.

Communal Prayer Service
with Individual Confessions

Monday, December 11th 7:00 PM

*Going to Confession cards can be found on our website
in the Mass Times section or click [HERE](#) to be transferred.*

December 17th Gaudete Sunday
BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE
BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

All Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to bring
a figure from your home Nativity for special blessing.

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

Prayer as We Prepare our Homes for the Christmas Feasts

God of all creation, we praise you for this tree
which brings beauty and memories
and the promise of life to our home.
May your blessing be upon all
who gather around this tree,
all who keep the Christmas festival by its lights.
We wait for the coming of Christ,
the days of everlasting justice and of peace.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever.
Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.





St Rose of Lima Parish

Advent

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 10, 4:00 PM

Join us for our annual Advent musical celebration. This year festivities include Sr. Sandy DeMasi's 50th Jubilee Anniversary of Religious Life. Snacks & Refreshments, Holiday Activities for Children, Golf Raffle Winner Announcement!

Church | Ryan Hall

FAMILY PROMISE CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

COMMUNAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 11

7:00 PM | Church

Select this link to view our Going to Confession card

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17

All are encouraged to bring a figurine from your home

Nativity scene for blessing.

Mass 5:30 PM (Anticipated) | 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

SRL ACADEMY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 PM | Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 24

Mass 5:30 PM (Anticipated) | 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

The season of Advent is a time to let ourselves be surprised by God's mercy and compassion.

- Pope Francis

Join St. Rose of Lima Parish today at 4 pm!

Lessons & Carols

Sr. Sandy's 50th Anniversary ^{of} Religious Life

DECEMBER 10TH - 4:00 PM

- * Musical Choirs
- * Snacks & Refreshments
- * Holiday Activities For Children
- * Golf Raffle Winner Announcement!



- SUNDAY, DEC 10TH -

**LAST DAY TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS TO WIN A GOLF TRIP FOR 2 TO IRELAND!
THE WINNER OF THE GOLF TRIP WILL BE ANNOUNCED TODAY!**

The St. Rose of Lima Golf Trip for 2 to Ireland raffle ends Sunday, December 10th. We would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket to help fund our parish building and grounds. Raffle tickets will continue to be sold after all Masses on Sunday, Dec 10th. Raffle ticket sales end December 10th at 1:00 pm.

Stay tuned! The winner of the golf trip to Ireland will be announced Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 pm! Winners be notified by phone or email. We wish everyone the best of luck!

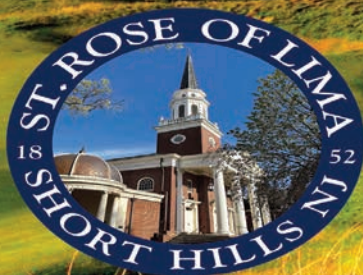


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Winner will be chosen in the church on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Winner need not be present and will be notified by email or phone.

6 day 5 night trip for 2 people to play the Southwest of Ireland. 4 Rounds of Golf: Ballybunion Golf Club - Old Course, Dooks Golf Club, Tralee Golf Club, Waterville Golf Links. Accommodation: The Ross Hotel, Killarney. Full Irish breakfast daily. All hotel taxes and service charges included. Raffle includes \$1,000 per person toward your airfare. Ground Transport: Self-drive car rental with automatic transmission from Hertz. Includes unlimited mileage, collision damage waiver insurance and VAT. **Trip valued at approximately \$7,000.** No cash value or refund for un-used portions of the prize. Travel valid for one year from date of raffle.

How to Buy Tickets

Raffle Tickets may be purchased at the Devine Center or after weekend Masses

Devine Center

Office Hours:

Mon-Thur 9 am - 3 pm (closed 12:30-1:30 pm)

Friday 9 am - 1 pm

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St. Rose of Lima Invites You To Join Us for

"Don't Eat Alone Nights"

The Don't Eat Alone Nights is a small gathering of parishioners who would enjoy dining in the company of fellow St. Rose parishioners.

Our dinner gatherings are held in the convent from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. There is a limit of 10 guests per date. Our next dinner gathering will be held on:

Thursday, Dec 14, 2023

Please call Mary Jean at 973-379-3912 to reserve your seat.
We look forward to seeing you!



ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

BAPTISM SIGN UP ON ZOOM

If you are interested in having your child baptized,
join us for a sign up meeting on zoom with Sr. Sandy on

December 14, 2023 at 8:00PM

On the **date and time above**, use QR Code to be directed.
Once on Zoom, select Join Meeting,

enter:

Meeting ID: 851 866 0427

Passcode: strose



Or, enter the following URL into your browser to be directed:

<https://tinyurl.com/SRLBaptismSignup>

Use the **Meeting ID and Passcode** above to enter Baptism Meeting.

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*Join St. Rose of Lima as we celebrate a beautiful Italian tradition
of blessing the baby Jesus to prepare for Christmas!*

Bambinelli Sunday / Blessing of the Crèche

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17 - All Masses

All are encouraged to bring a figurine from your home Nativity scene for blessing.

*"The Nativity Scene is like a living Gospel...So great is His love for us that He became one of us,
so that we in turn might become one with Him." - Pope Francis 2019*



St. Rose Food Collection

Food donations are in great need at all food pantries. Your donations help many who find themselves struggling to provide this basic need for themselves and for their families.

Canned and dry food items are always welcomed and may be dropped off anytime to our Blue Van located in the parking area.

Monetary donations are welcomed and can be made in the Food Insecurities module on our website.

Thank you in advance for your help!

If you're pregnant and don't feel like you have much of a choice, call these people.

They don't want your money, they just want to help.

Birthright: 800-550-4900

Care Net: 800-395-HELP care-net.org

Catholic Charities: 800-CARE-002
catholiccharitiesusa.org

Are You In The Loop?

Each Week we send an email with important announcements, links to Mass, worship aids, bulletin and the latest news from our the parish. If you would like to be added to this list, please email rsabatella@stroseshorthills.org



St. Rose Steps Fundraiser

A Place of Gathering A Place for our Future

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your patience after each Mass the weekend of December 3rd.

I spoke at each Mass to request your financial support for donations to our Steps Fundraiser, our goal is \$400,000. This estimate includes the complete removal of the current brick and flagstone steps and rebuilding with granite. Granite will ensure a long lasting solution to the current ongoing deterioration while maintaining the aesthetic of our beautiful church.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and kindly request that your donations be made by January 15, 2024.

Thank you,
Mike Roberts, Steps Committee Chair

Thank you for considering a donation to this exciting renewal project for our parish.

Donor Levels

\$50,000	Portico Donor	\$10,000	Granite Donor
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Complete the following information. Detach along the dotted line and include with your donation.

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(Names listed in the *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* will be included on our plaque of acknowledgment)

Please make checks payable to:
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike Roberts at 973.379.3912 or email mroberts@stroseshorthills.org.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY AND MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING MINISTRY

Blue Christmas Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH AT 7:00 P.M.



The Light Shines in the Darkness

The intention of the Blue Christmas Mass is especially for those for whom the Christmas season is a profoundly sad and lonely time, a reminder of loss and brokenness. The death or impending death of a loved one, loss of health or employment, family crises, and depression are some of the many reasons that Christmas can be painful and isolating.

One can grieve knowing they are not alone and be comforted and strengthened by the love of Christ and those present. Join us for yourself, for someone you love or for those who suffer around the world. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the mass. For more information please contact: Bereavement@saintjamesparish.org



St. Rose of Lima

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to our Parish*

To become a member

select this link and complete
the registration form.

Or visit

New Member Registration

on our website at

www.stroseshorthills.org

Thank you

Family Prayer

*God our Father, You loved us so much you
sent us your only Son, Jesus, born of the
Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to
you. We pray that, with your blessing,
these images of Jesus might be a sign of your
presence and love in our homes.*

*Good Father, give your blessing to all who
gather with us this Christmas, our family and
friends. Open our hearts, that we might
receive Jesus in joy, do always what he asks of
us, and see him in those who need our love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved
Son, who came to give peace to the world.
You, who live and reign forever and ever.*

Amen

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Parish Calendar December 10 - December 17, 2023

<p>Sunday, Dec 10</p>	<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:00 AM Sunday Prayer Service/ HTTV Comcast 36 & Verizon 33 7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Sunday Prayer Service/ HTTV Comcast 36 & Verizon 33 9:30 AM Mass 11:30AM Mass 4:00 PM Lessons & Carols, Sr. Sandy's Jubilee Anniversary, Winner of the St. Rose Golf Trip to Ireland Raffle.</p>
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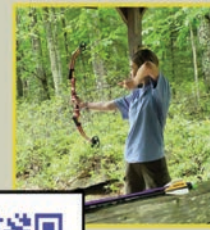
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