

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Short Hills, NJ

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025

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

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office hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
(Closed 12:30-1:30 PM)

Website www.stroseshorthills.org

St. Rose of Lima Academy 973-379-3973



Upcoming Events

- Sun, Dec 14 **Third Sunday of Advent | Gaudete**
Blessing of the Crèche | Bambinelli Sunday
Mass 5:30 PM (Anticipated),
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM
Everyone is invited to bring a figurine from your home nativity for blessing.
Lessons & Carols 3 PM, Church
- Mon, Dec 15 **Advent Evening of Prayer**
St. James Parish, Homily by Fr. Larry
45 S Springfield Ave, Springfield
- Tue, Dec 16 **Don't Eat Alone with Movie, 11AM, Ryan Hall**
Night at the Movies, 7:30 PM, Devine Conf. Room
- Thu, Dec 18 **St. Rose of Lima Academy Christmas Pageant, 6:30 PM**
- Sun, Dec 21 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Mass 5:30 PM (Anticipated),
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM
- Wed, Dec 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Mass 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM,
10:00 PM (music prelude), Mass 10:30 PM
Animals present following 4 PM and 6PM Masses
- Thur, Dec 25 **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
(Holyday of Obligation)
Mass 7:30 AM 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM
Animals present following 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM 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

Mon–Fri 9:00am to 3:00 pm (closed 12:30-1:30pm)

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

Bulletin advertising: to advertise your business in this bulletin, please email Mike Roberts mroberts@stroseshorthills.org

Bulletin flyers/inserts: please email to Sandra O’Boyle at soboyle@stroseshorthills.org. **Deadline:** Monday at 12 PM, items received after the deadline may be delayed.

The Third Sunday of

Advent

Gaudeamus

The traditional name for the Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. The name comes from Gaudete in Domino semper, Latin for “Rejoice in the Lord always,” opening words of today’s entrance antiphon.

We use the liturgical color of rose today as we rejoice that Christmas is near, and Christ’s second coming is nearer than it was yesterday.



Advent 3 -Table Prayer

Light three candles of the Advent Wreath

O God,
to those who have hunger give bread;
and to us who have bread give the hunger for justice.
Blessed are you, O God in this food
and in our sharing.
Blessed are you as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark your Calendar!

ADVENT

Prepare The Way

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 14, 3 PM

Join us for a beautiful recounting of the promise of a Messiah in scripture and music. A celebration of the season of Advent and the coming of Christ.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

December 21

Mass 5:30 PM (Anticipated)

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

Mass 4:00pm, 6:00pm,

10:00 Choral Prelude, 10:30pm Mass

Live nativity animals present following Mass at 4 PM and 6 PM

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Thursday, December 25

Mass 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Live nativity animals present following Mass at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Prayer As We Prepare Gifts

Prayer as we prepare gifts for our family and friends

Giving God, who so loved the world
that you sent your Son to be your love in human flesh,
help us be your living gifts of love to family, friends
and stranger.
May we wrap each Christmas gift with love
so that our gift-giving become Advent prayers
awakening our hearts to the true mystery of Christmas.
You are our God,
living and reigning, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflection — Rejoice Always

In his love, Christ has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate His birth, so that when He comes He may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. Do we get so busy at this time of year with all “we have to do” that there is no time for silence, prayer and reflection on the astounding mystery of God made man, or Word made flesh? Are we so comfortable with the level of noise pollution in our lives that we almost forget what a silent night can be like?

A baby figurine with curly brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a white tunic with gold trim, is positioned in the center. It is surrounded by straw and a white cloth with a green holly leaf and red berry pattern. A white banner with a red border is overlaid on the image.

Bambinelli Sunday

Blessing of the Creche

Sun, Dec 14th • All Masses

Bring a figurine from your home nativity for blessing & join us for this special celebration as we prepare for Christmas!

Join our Parish for the celebration of

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 14 | 3:00pm

Advent Lessons & Carols originated in Cornwall, England, in the late 19th century. The first "Lessons and Carols" was held on Christmas Eve 1880. During the service, we listen to Scripture lessons recounting the promise of a Messiah. Lessons are followed by a carol or song reflecting the lesson's message and brief prayer. Join us for this beautiful tradition celebrating Advent and the coming of Christ. Everyone is welcome.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, Dec 14

7:30 am Barbara Thiel
 9:30 am Maureen Ellinwood Pluvinage
 11:30 am Catherine & Charles Nicastro

Monday, Dec 15

9:00 am Patricia Casey

Tuesday, Dec 16

9:00 am Martha Fehren

Wednesday, Dec 17

9:00 am Special Intention

Thursday, Dec 18

9:00 am John Piniero

Friday, Dec 19

9:00 am The Novak Family

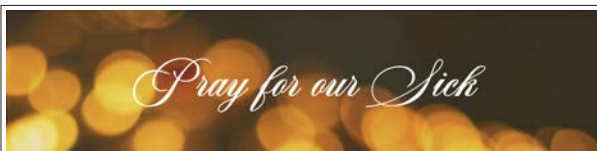
Saturday, Dec 20

9:00 am Gary Andrasko
 5:30 pm Giuseppina Minicozzi

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, Dec 21

7:30 am The Tighe Family
 9:30 am The Moccia Family
 11:30 am Paul Tighe



Let us pray for those who most need our prayers:

Denes Ackroyd	Lawrence Handley	Alfredo Parrelli
Logan Alseika	William Hill	Giovannina Palumbo
Elliot Anelle	Christian Joseph Isola	Christine Pye-Batocabe
Elizabeth Arjune	Joseph	Jacob Rivera
Carl Barry	Donovan Jimenez	Jaxson Rivera
Jonathan Benjamin	Jane Kearney	Mary Ross
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Ariel Biviano	Patt Kent	Carter Soderberg
Amanda M. Brando	Kathleen Kunish	Anastasia Stott
Sophie Chhowalla	Debbie Kovach	Kathleen McGonigle Toolan
Julia Cino	Charles F. Labus	Josephine Valente
Gretta Eliza Clausen	Christina LaRosa	Angela Vaticano
John Connolly	Roseanne Logan	Dina Vila
Alex Cullen	G. Louis	John Ward
Gloria DiBella	Anna Lucia	Dana Willoughby
Athena DiLeva	Mary McDonnell	Madge Wilson
Patricia Evanik	Patricia N. Miller	Leroy Wilson
Scott Eveland	John Mudd	Mary Yauch
Elizabeth Filardo	Dennis Nitka	Walter Zelinski
Ted Fujita	Havva Nesrin Oral	
Rosemarie Giuliano	Erin Wade Pado	

*"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*



Arlene Margaret Burke
 Richard Gortler
 Marie Jeannine Ilairo
 Mary Trincanella
 Kathleen Wheaton

'I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise.'
 - Luke 23:43

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

Advent Evening Prayer

December 15, 7:00 pm

St. James the Apostle Church

Homily by Fr. Larry Evans, II

45 S. Springfield Ave, Springfield

Advent is a time of promises and waiting. Christmas is the promise fulfilled. Our scriptures during Advent teach us about waiting and what happens when we wait for Christ. Advent waiting is expectant and purposeful. Come celebrate the Advent season with us as our two parishes join together in song and prayer. We hope you'll join us.



Christmas Flowers Donations

Advent & Christmas 2025/2026

To make a donation for flowers to be used to decorate the Church during the Advent and Christmas Season, please complete and send in your Christmas Flowers envelope (sent with your weekly offertory envelopes) or complete the form below to donate. Please send this form with your donation by mail to St. Rose of Lima or include in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and place in the offertory collection at Mass. Online donations can be made with the QR code or visit www.stroseshorthills.org.

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2. On the return envelope please write "**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.**"
3. Mail to: **St. Rose of Lima Parish 50 Short Hills Avenue, Short Hills, NJ 07078**

Thank you!



St. Rose of Lima Invites You

“Don’t Eat Alone”

Our Don’t Eat Alone series are small gatherings of parishioners who enjoy dining and watching a movie in the company of fellow parishioners.

Tues, Dec 16 - 11:00 am

Join us for lunch & movie in Ryan Hall

Please call 973-379-3912 to reserve your seat

We look forward to seeing you!



St. Rose of Lima Movie Night

Date/Time: Tues, Dec 16, 7:30 pm

Location: Devine Center Conference Room

Movie: Remember the Night (1939)

Please watch the movie ahead of time and join the discussion or just join us for some good conversation

Questions? Please email:

Anna-Lisa Dwyer at gibbslight@yahoo.com



St. Rose of Lima Parish is pleased to host

Live Nativity Animals in our outdoor manger scene

*Bring your children, grandchildren and friends
Come visit the nativity animals following Mass*

Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass | 6:00 PM Mass

Christmas Day 9:30 AM Mass | 11:30 AM Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026 9:30 AM Mass | 11:30 AM Mass

Everyone is welcome!

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THINKING ABOUT YOUR RMD?

You can make a difference with your Required Minimum Distribution this year. Did you know that you can make a tax-free gift to St. Rose of Lima Church directly from your IRA through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) in any amount up to \$108,000 in 2025?

When you make a QCD, your gift must go directly from your IRA Trustee to St. Rose and it will not be included as taxable income on your 2025 income tax return.

You must be age 70-1/2 or older at December 31, 2025 to qualify for this double benefit – St. Rose receives your gift and you do not pay tax on the gifted portion of your RMD.

You should make arrangements with your IRA Trustee as soon as possible if you plan on making a QCD this year as the logistics of the transfer to St. Rose may require some additional data gathering and Trustees are usually very busy at year end working on RMDs.

This suggestion does not constitute, and should not be considered as, tax advice and you should discuss this matter with your tax advisor before entering into any transaction with respect to your RMD.

Thank you for your consideration,

St. Rose of Lima Parish Finance Council





Christmas Donations to St. Rose of Lima

St. Rose of Lima Parish appreciates your generous donations to our church throughout the year. If you would like to give an additional Christmas Donation please send your donation in the Christmas envelope mailed to parishioners. Donations can also be made online through our Christmas Donation link at www.stroseshorthills.org or scan QR code below.

Thank you!





Welcome New Parishioners

To become a parishioner of St. Rose, please select new member registration on our website stroseshorthills.org or use QR code to be transferred.



Do you know anyone who is homebound and unable to get to Mass? Recovering from a hospitalization or illness?

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Third Sunday of Advent

Candle of Joy



Lord, on this Third Sunday of Advent, I've light the Candle of Joy. Fill our hearts with joyful anticipation of Your coming. May Your presence bring peace and gladness to our lives and may we share that joy with others, reflecting the hope and love You bring to the world. Amen.

Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially

If you suspect financial misconduct, use EthicsPoint, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for hotline and reporting link.

Weekly Parish Calendar

Visit our parish calendar at stroseshorthills.org for up to date Mass times and events

Sun Dec 14	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Blessing of the Crèche Bambinelli Sunday Everyone is invited to bring a figurine from your home nativity for blessing. 7:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 11:30 AM Mass 3:00 PM Lessons & Carols, Church/Ryan Hall
Mon Dec 15	9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Advent Evening Prayer Homily by Fr. Larry St. James the Apostle Parish, Springfield
Tues Dec 16	9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Don't Eat Alone, Ryan Hall 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Movie Night, Devine Center 8:00 PM Family Music Group Rehearsal
Wed Dec 17	6:00 AM Mens Group Meeting, Ryan Hall 9:00 AM Mass
Thu Dec 18	9:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM SRLA Christmas Concert, Church
Fri Dec 19	9:00 AM Mass
Sat Dec 20	9:00 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass
Sun Dec 21	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 11:30 AM Mass

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