

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

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St. Rose of Lima Parish

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ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE THIRD & FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17 & December 24, 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 17 Blessing of the Crèche / Bambinelli Sunday, All Masses

Parishioners are encouraged to bring a figurine from your own

home Natitivy 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Times

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

Sun, Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm (Choral prelude), 10:30 pm Mass Live animals present from 4:45pm to 7:30pm, see flyer for details.

Mon, Dec 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Masses 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Live animals present from 10:30am to 1:00pm, see flyer for details.

Sun, Dec 31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF IESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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

Mon, Jan 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Parish offices closed Mon, January 1 - Tuesday Jan 2, 2024.

Sun, Jan 7 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Live animals present from 10:00am to 1:00pm, see flyer for details.

Mon, Jan 8 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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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 assitance

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.

Mass Intentions

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun	Dec 17	7:30 am	Helen M. Bradis
		9:30 am	Maureen Ellinwood Pluvinage
		11:30am	Deceased Members of Tighe Family
Mor	n Dec 18	9:00 am	The Novak Family
Tue	Dec 19	9:00 am	John Anthony DiMuzio
Wee	dDec 20	9:00 am	Robert Sherk
Thu	Dec 21	9:00 am	Dr. Daniel McIntyre
Fri	Dec 22	9:00 am	Jane White
Sat	Dec 23	9:00 am	Deceased Members of
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5:30 pm Giuseppir FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun	Dec 24	7:30 am	Kay Keating
		9:30 am	Alan Lacava
		11:30am	Eugene B. Kirk

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm	For our Parishioners
6:00 pm	For our Parishioners
10:30pm	For our Parishioners

Catanzaro & Caldarella Families

Giuseppina Minicozzi

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Mon	Dec 25	7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30am	For our Parishioners For our Parishioners For our Parishioners
Tue	Dec 26	9:00 am	Robbie Almgren
Wed	Dec 27	9:00 am	Robbie Almgren
Thu	Dec 28	9:00 am	Eugene B. Kirk
Fri	Dec 29	9:00 am	Natalina Monico
Sat	Dec 30	9:00 am	Robin Maria Tobia
		5:30 pm	Donna Isoldi

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sun	Dec 31	7:30 am	Maria Harrison
		9:30 am	Roberta Sherk
		11:30 am	Eugene B. Kirk

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.

Proy_{for The}Sick

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	Roseamarie 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 Kathleen Kunish	Anastasia Stott
Gretta Eliza Clausen	Debbie Kovach	Josephine Valente
John Connolly	Charles F. Labus	Dina Vila
Alex Cullen	Christina LaRosa	John Ward
Francesca D'Andrea	Roseanne Logan	Kathleen Wheaton
Michael DeVincenzo		Dana Willoughby
Gloria DiBella	Mary McDonnell	Madge Wilson
Athena DiLeva	Patricia N. Miller	Leroy Wilson
Sally Drennen	John Mudd	Nancy Zabita
Scott Eveland	Kathleen Mulrooney	Walter Zelinski

"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 -

PrayFor Our Recently Deceased

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.

3rd 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.

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?

Mark your Calendar!



Gaudete Sunday | Blessing of the Créche Bambinelli Sunday

December 17

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

December 24th 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am Mass

Christmas Eve Mass Times

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00 Choral Prelude, 10:30pm Mass Live Nativity animals present from 4:45pm-7:30pm.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am Mass Live Nativity animals present from 10:30am-1:00pm.

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.

4th Sunday of Advent - Dec 24



On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy focuses on the Blessed Virgin Mary whose story distills the essence of the season as no other figure can.

Her "yes" to God made Christ's first coming as we know it possible while her unquestioning faith and trust furnish us with a model to follow as we prepare for his second coming at the end of time.

Mark your Calendar!

Christmas Eve Mass Times 4:00pm, 6:00pm,

10:00 Choral Prelude, 10:30pm Mass

Live Nativity animals present from 4:45pm-7:30pm.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am Mass Live Nativity animals present from 10:30am-1:00pm.



Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 7 Mass 5:30pm (Anticipated) 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am Mass

Alpacas will be present from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Advent 4 Table Prayer

Light four candles of the Advent Wreath.

O God.

to those who have hunger

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.

Prayer - Advent IV

Let us pray.

Father, all powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan.

Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

REFLECTION — DO I PRAY THY WILL BE DONE?

Despite the fact that Mary has few lines assigned to her in the scriptures, she takes her place in Advent with Isaiah and John the Baptist as an important Advent hero. Their example is important for us because they put such faith in God's promises and in God's revelation that they staked everything-life, prosperity and even social status to say and do what God wanted them to do. We come to the liturgy today because we need to see things God's way and to live that way as well.



St Rose of Lima Parish

Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

Mass 4:00 PM | 6:00 PM 10:00 PM (Choral prelude) 10:30 Mass

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

Mass 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 31

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2024 Mass 9:00 AM

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monday, January 8, 2024 Mass 9:00 AM



"Christmas isn't just a temporal celebration or the memory of a beautiful (event); Christmas is more...Christmas is an encounter!"

- Pope Francis



Dear Parents,

We have a rare situation happening next weekend. The Church is asking us to go to Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent AND Christmas Eve on the SAME day. For small children that is no easy task especially at this time of year. It is very important that our children see the fourth candle lit and Advent 4 celebrated.

For the sake of the religious formation of our children, we strongly urge you to bring your children to Mass at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 23. On this day, children are welcomed to come to Mass in pajamas. We will have a special Children's liturgy of the Word (Clow Advent 4) at the 5:30pm Mass.

On Sunday, December 24, bring children to celebrate The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) for the 4:00pm or 6:00pm Mass.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jennifer, Heidi, Alyssa, Marianna & Sr. Sandy



St. Rose of Lima Live Nativity Animals

Join us for this wonderful St. Rose tradition.

Animals present from 4:45 pm - 7:30 pm

Christmas Day, Mon, Dec 25th Animals present from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Live animals are present weather permitting

Saint Rose of Lima Parish
50 Short Hills Ave, Short Hills, NI



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

January 18, 2024 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.

www.stroseshorthills.org

Christmas Table Prayer



After a few moments of silence, the candles on the table are lighted.

The leader says: Christ is born for us!

And all respond: Come, let us adore!

The leader continues: Lord Jesus,

in the peace of the season our spirits rejoice:

With the animals and the angels, with the shepherds and the stars,

with Mary and Joseph we sing God's praise.

By your coming

may the hungry be filled with good things, and may our table and home be blessed.

Then leader says: Glory to God in the highest!

And all conclude together: And peace to God's people on earth!

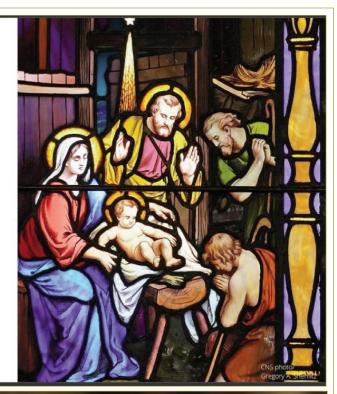
And sing: Hark the Herald Angels Sing!



Merry Christmas

We wish you and your families a wonderful day of rejoicing in the birth of Christ.

St. Rose of Lima Parish









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 a	lonation to th	is exciting	renewal project for our parish.	
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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.

Christmas Donations to our Parish



The St. Rose of Lima Parish greatly appreciates your kind donations throughout the year. If you would like to give an additional Christmas Donation you may do so by sending a donation in the Christmas envelopes mailed in November. Online donations are also available and may be made through our Christmas Donation link on our website at www.stroseshorthills.org or by scanning the QR code below to be transferred.

On behalf of our entire St. Rose Parish,

Thank you!



St. Rose Food Collection

Food donations are in great need at all food pantries. Canned and dry food items are always welcomed and may be dropped off anytime to our Blue Van located in the church parking area.

Thank you in advance for your help!





Parish Ca	alendar December 17 - December 24, 2023
Sunday, Dec 17	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GUADETE SUNDAY Blessing of the Créche / Bambinelli Sunday Bring a figure from your home Nativity for blessing. 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
Monday, Dec 18	9:00 AM Mass
Tuesday, Dec 19	9:00 AM Mass 8:00 PM Family Music Group Rehearsal
Wednesday, Dec 20	9:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM SRLA Christmas Concert
Thursday, Dec 21	SRLA Closed Christmas Recess 9:00 AM Mass 7:30 PM BSA Troop 19 Meeting, Ryan Hall
Friday, Dec 22	SRLA Closed Christmas Recess 9:00 AM Mass
Saturday, Dec 23	9:00 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass - Special Children's Liturgy Mass - see flyer in this bulletin details
Sunday, Dec 24	FOURTH 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 CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES 4:00 PM Mass 6:00 PM Mass 10:00PM Choral Prelude 10:30PM Mass

Joy of Discovery

The joy of discovery that moment when hope and expectation were gloriously met by the illumination of one bright star. We cannot imagine what words were spoken by visitors or if first impressions left them somewhat confused.

Messiah, Savior, a King born in the barest of palaces. Yet they saw and fell down on their knees in adoration. Lord, they saw you and knew whom they had met. As we meet around crib candle or advent wreath draw us into that stable in our imagination.

In the quiet moments of prayer this Christmas, that brief oasis from the bustle of the world bring alive to us the smell of the hay the sound of the animals the cry of a baby.

Draw us close to our Savior Messiah and King as we bring not Gold, Myrrh or Frankincense but the gift of our lives the only offering we can bring.

Contemporary and traditional prayers for Christmas, www.faithandworship.com

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Monday, Dec 25	THE NATIVTY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY SRL Academy Closed Christmas Recess, Parish offices closed 7:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 11:30AM Mass		
Tuesday, Dec 26	SRL Academy Closed Christmas Recess, Parish offices closed St. Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast) 9:00 AM Mass		
Wednesday, Dec 27	SRL Academy Closed Christmas Recess St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast) 9:00 AM Mass		
Thursday, Dec 28	SRL Academy Closed Christmas Recess The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast) 9:00 AM Mass		
Friday, Dec 29	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Marty 9:00 AM Mass		
Saturday, Dec 30	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 9:00 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass		
Sunday, Dec 31	HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 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		

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