

ST. ROSE OF LIMA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Short Hills, NJ

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 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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Parish Office 973.379.3912

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 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

Sun, Dec 28 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
Mass 5:30 PM (Anticipated),
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

**Thu, Jan 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
(Holyday of Obligation)
Mass 5:30 PM (anticipated Dec 31) Mass 9:00 AM

Sun, Jan 4 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Mass 5:30 PM (Anticipated)
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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Sr. Sandy DeMasi

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First Reconciliation & First Communion, Family Faith Formation

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Sr. Sandy DeMasi

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)

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The Fourth Sunday of

Advent

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.



Advent 4 Table Prayer

Light four 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 — 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.

Mark your Calendar!

ADVENT

Prepare The Way

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
Nativity animals 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
Nativity animals following Mass at 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 28

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Prayer

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, Dec 21

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

Monday, Dec 22

9:00 am Mary Lane Burry

Tuesday, Dec 23

9:00 am George Jeremiah

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, Dec 24

9:00 am Steven Haub
4:00 pm For All Parishioners
6:00 pm For All Parishioners
10:30 pm For All Parishioners

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thursday, Dec 25

7:30 am For All Parishioners
9:30 am For All Parishioners
11:30 am For All Parishioners

Friday, Dec 26

9:00 am Robert Almgren, III

Saturday, Dec 27

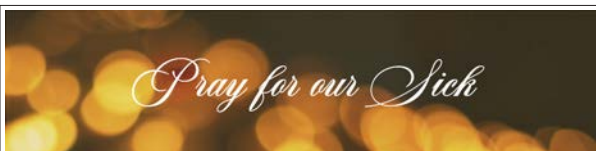
9:00 am Robert Almgren, III
5:30 pm Fred Riccio

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday, Dec 28

7:30 am Richard Peretti
9:30 am Deceased Members of the
McHugh Family
11:30 am Mary Jean Semcer

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.



Let us pray for those who most need our prayers:

Denes Ackroyd	Lawrence Handley	Alfredo Parrelli
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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	Mary Trincanello
Arthur Conarello	Armando F. Valles
Richard Gortler	Kathleen Wheaton
Marie Jeannine Ilairo	

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

St. Rose of Lima Parish Celebrates



Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

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

Animals will be present following Mass at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thursday, December 25, 2025 (Holyday of Obligation) *Animals present following 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses*

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

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Mass 5:30 PM (anticipated Dec 27) | 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, January 1, 2026 (Holyday of Obligation) **Mass 5:30 PM (anticipated Dec 31) | Mass 9:00 AM**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Mass 5:30 PM (anticipated Jan 3) | 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

Animals present following 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Mass 5:30 PM (anticipated Jan 10) | 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

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Christmas Infancy Narrative

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone

around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on
whom his favor rests."

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

Luke 2:1-20

*We wish each of our St. Rose Parish Family
a wonderful day of rejoicing in
the birth of Christ.*

Merry Christmas

*Clergy & Staff
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills*



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!

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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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Holyday of Obligation

January 1, 2026

Mass Schedule

5:30 PM (anticipated Dec 31)

9:00 AM New Years Day

January 1 is New Year's Day in our secular life, but in our liturgical life, it is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

In the year 431, the Council of Ephesus declared that the Virgin Mary was Mother of God, in Greek, Theotokos, "God-bearer." Mary was celebrated under this title on the First of January until about the eighth century when the day was changed to mark the circumcision of the Lord. The reforms of the Vatican II returned the day to Mary, Holy Mother of God but kept the Gospel reading which refers to Jesus' circumcision.



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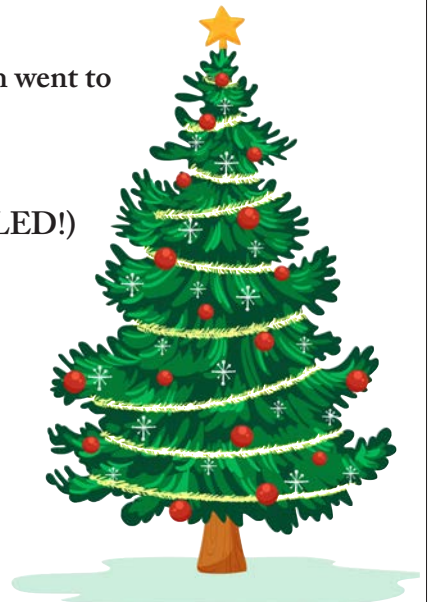
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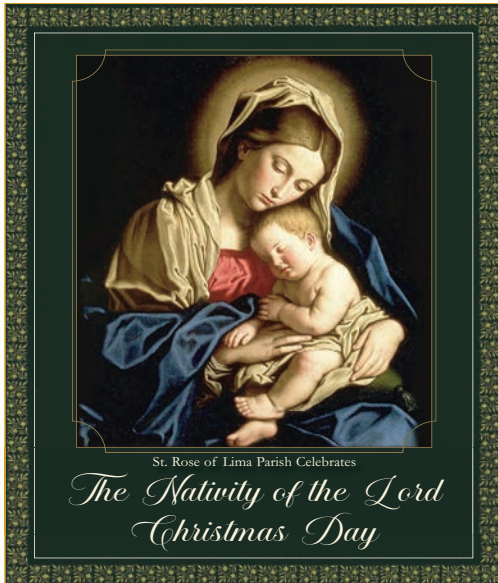
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(ALL REQUESTS WERE FULFILLED!)



St Rose of Lima Parish

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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?

The St. Rose Justin Ministers are specifically trained to visit those who cannot be with us to share the Sunday Gospel, hear about the homily, pray with someone on behalf of our community and receive Communion. If you, or a family member or neighbor, would like a visit, either temporarily or indefinitely, please contact the parish office at 973-379-3912. If you would like to volunteer for this Ministry please contact Stephan Togher by email at stogher@stroseshorthills.org



God of the Angels, you spoke your word to Mary and hoped she would receive you. As you call to us, help us to hear you and welcome you into the most unlikely moments that they might be places of grace. Help us to give ourselves over to you, so this Christmas season is one where your will may be done in and through us.

Amen.

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Weekly Parish Calendar

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

Sun Dec 21	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Bethlehem handicrafts</i> 7:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 11:30 AM Mass
Mon Dec 22	9:00 AM Mass
Tues Dec 23	9:00 AM Mass 8:00 PM Family Music Group Rehearsal
Wed Dec 24	CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00 AM Mens Group Meeting, Ryan Hall 9:00 AM Mass 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 PM Musical Prelude 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass
Thu Dec 25	NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY 7:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 11:30 AM Mass
Fri Dec 26	9:00 AM Mass
Sat Dec 27	9:00 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass
Sun Dec 28	HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 7:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 11:30 AM Mass

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