

# ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Short Hills, NJ

# HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 28, 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** 

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St. Rose of Lima Parish

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# **Upcoming Events**

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

Sat, Jan 6 Ladies Auxiliary Coffee Social, 2 PM, Ryan Hall

Sun, Jan 11 The Baptism of the Lord

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

Winter Bereavement Group Session, 1:00 PM

Doughtery Center

The Holy Family, the perfect model God offers us.

By imitating it, our homes will become living torches of God's light."

- Pope Leo XIV

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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# Feast of the Holy Family



Today's liturgy not only offers us a glimpse into the life of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph but also gives us an opportunity to pray for our own families.

Although private devotions to the Holy Family go back to about the seventeenth century, the feast did not enter the church's calendar until 1921.

The feast of the holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Sunday in the Christmas octave) is a festive occasion particularly suitable for the

celebration of rites or moments of prayer proper to the Christian family. Some of these rites and prayers are included here for use in the home—the domestic Church!

#### Holy Family - Table Prayer

Prayed before main meal of the day.

Lord,
on the night before you died,
you gave your friends bread and wine as a sign
that you wanted to be with us always
and to give yourself to us in love
so that we could have new life.
We pray today
that as we share together this food and drink
we may be aware that you are here with us;
that we may care for one another in love;
and bring new life to one another
by sharing your life.
We ask this in your name, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Blessing of A Family

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

# **Blessing For a New Year**

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless us, your children, at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.



### Reflection—"I'll Be Home For Christmas"

To idealize "home and hearth" can be a part of the Christmas mystique; part of the Christmas reality involves being with family and loved ones. Home has been described as the place where, when you show up they have to take you in, or as a haven in a heartless world. Whatever one's definition, it is clear that what is meant by "home" is not a domicile or a "house." "Home" carries with it associations of relatedness, intimacy, or acceptance, and belonging. To speak of home automatically triggers many and varied associations. It is not a neutral word.

Is it any wonder that the many involved in evangelizing and outreach efforts in the Church today speaks of such programs as "welcome home" because without the alienated and estranged the church is without members of its family? An important challenge is to help people feel "at home." It is not just reaching the marginal and inviting them back that matters. It is welcoming them home and making them feel accepted, not judged for God has created every human person out of love and wishes to grant him or her eternal life in the communion of the Trinity. Such efforts are not the preserve of committees, much less the clergy and religious. It is the task of the baptized.

Such is the challenge of today's feast. It is not primarily concerned with domestic relations, self-help techniques for getting along, or being concerned with one's immediate family only. It means that we open our arms to embrace our brothers and sisters in faith, and realize that when we gather for worship, we gather as family, members of the household of God.

# Mass Intentions

# 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

Monday, Dec 29

9:00 am Deceased Members of the

Kazaroff Family

Tuesday, Dec 30

9:00 am Nora Arencibia

Wednesday, Dec 31

9:00 am Estelita O. Baluyot

5:30 pm Maria Harrison

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, Jan 1, 2026

9:00 am Hope Gusmer

Friday, Jan 2

9:00 am Dennis and Maureen Skora

Saturday, Jan 3

9:00 am Karen Jessen

5:30 pm For All Parishioners

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday, Jan 4

7:30 am For All Parishioners 9:30 am Mary Trincanello 11:30 am Carol A. O'Neill

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.

# Pray for our Sich

#### Let us pray for those who most need our prayers:

Alfredo Parrelli Lawrence Handley Denes Ackroyd Giovannina Palumbo William Hill Logan Alseika Christian Joseph Isola Christine Pye-Batocabe Elliot Anelle Elizabeth Ariune Joseph Jacob Rivera Donovan Jimenez Carl Barry Jaxson Rivera Jane Kearney Jonathan Benjamin Mary Ross John Kennedy Jr. Frank Bibbo Daniel Sanchez Patt Kent Ariel Biviano Carter Soderberg Kathleen Kunish Amanda M. Brando Anastasia Stott Debbie Kovach Sophie Chhowalla Charles F. Labus Kathleen McGonigle Toolan Julia Cino Gretta Eliza Clausen Christina LaRosa Josephine Valente John Connolly Roseanne Logan Angela Vaticano Alex Cullen G. Louis Dina Vila Gloria DiBella Anna Lucia John Ward Athena DiLeva Mary McDonnell Dana Willoughby Patricia Evanik Patricia N. Miller Madge Wilson John Mudd Scott Eveland

"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

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Mary Yauch

Walter Zelinski



Arlene Margaret Burke Mary Trincanello
Arthur Conarello Armando F. Valles
Richard Gortler Kathleen Wheaton

Marie Jeannine Ilairo

Elizabeth Filardo

Ted Fujita

'I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise.'

# The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.



# **Prayer for Family Commitment**

Dear God our Father, you have called all Christian families to be a sign of your love to the world.

Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love.

Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor.

In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us—spouses, parents, and children—share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.



# 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.



Amen.

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Pope Paul IV designated January 1 as a day of prayer

#### TABLE PRAYER

Prayed before main meal of the day.

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We pray today that as we share together this food and drink we may be aware that you are here with us; that we may care for one another in love; and bring new life to one another by sharing your life.

We ask this in your name, Lord Jesus Christ.

# **BLESSING OF A FAMILY**

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We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### BLESSING FOR A NEW YEAR

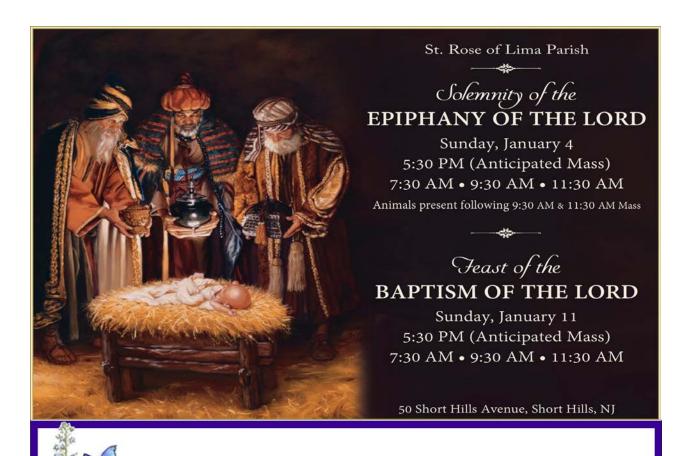
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## REFLECTION— God's Powerlessness

Jesus is God-with-us, Emmanuel. The great mystery of God becoming human is God's desire to be loved by us. By becoming a vulnerable child, completely dependent on human care, God wants to take away all distance between the human and the divine.

Who can be afraid of a little child that needs to be fed, to be cared for, to be taught, to be guided? We usually talk about God as the all-powerful, almighty God on whom we depend completely. But God wanted to become the all-powerless, all-vulnerable God who completely depends on us. How can we be afraid of a God who wants to be "God-with-us" and needs us to become "Us-with-God"?





# Bereavement Ministry Winter 2026 Support Group Meetings

Sunday, January 11

Group meetings are held in the Doughtery Center

61 Short Hills Avenue, Short Hills, NJ from 1:00pm - 2:30pm

To register, please call the Parish Office at (973) 379-3912

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# Baptism Sign Up Meeting on Zoom

If you are new parents, pregnant or hope to be pregnant soon and plan to have your baby baptized at St. Rose of Lima, we invite you to join us for one of our sign-up meetings with Sr. Sandy DeMasi.



Meetings are held once a month at **8:00pm on Zoom**. Sr. Sandy will meet with groups of parents and will provide information on the Sacrament of Baptism and answer questions.

Jan 15, 2026

Select the best date for you from the list above.

Use the QR code to log onto Zoom shortly before the 8PM start time.

Once on Zoom, select Join Meeting and 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 indicated above to join the Baptism Meeting.





# Lessons & Carols



Special thanks to everyone who joined us for Lessons & Carols With gratitude we thank everyone who contributed

The late Mary Patricia McGinely, for the gift of our choir hospitality

St. Vincent, Martyr Parish Choir who joined us for this celebration

Peter Solecki Director of the Adult Choir

> Elizabeth Mancinelli Organist

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St. Rose of Lima Parish

# **Ladies Auxiliary Group**

invites you to join us for

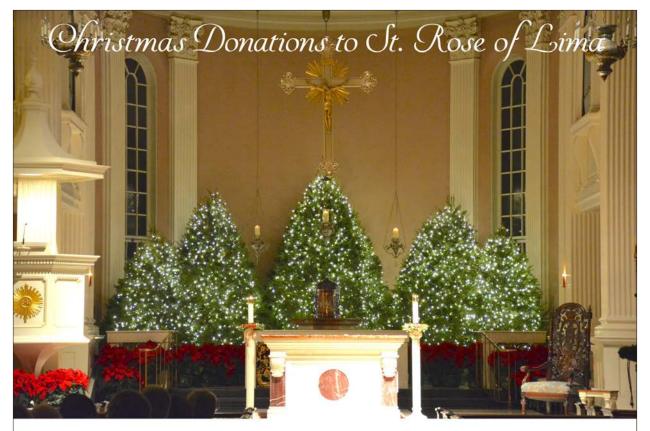
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Thank you!







## 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 Homeound 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 an 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

"The uncontaminated beauty of our Mother is incomparable, but at the same time it attracts us. Let us entrust ourselves to her and say "no" to sin and "yes" to Grace once and for all."

-Pope Francis, December 8, 2020

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	Tues Dec 30	9:00 AM Mass 8:00 PM Family Music Group Rehearsal		
	Wed Dec 31	New Years Eve 6:00 AM Mens Group Meeting, Ryan Hall 9:00 AM Mass SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 5:30 PM Mass		
	Thu Jan 1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION New Years Day 9:00 AM Mass		
	Fri Jan 2	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 9:00 AM Mass		
The second second	Sat Jan 3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 9:00 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass		
t s e	Sun Jan 4	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) 7:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass 11:30 AM Mass		

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