

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 31, 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 31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, 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 | New Years Day
SRLA Christmas Recess
Parish offices closed Mon, January 1 - Tuesday Jan 2, 2024.
Mass 9:00 AM

Sun, Jan 7 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Live animals present from 10:00am to 1:00pm, see flyer for details.
Mass 5:30 PM (Anticipated)
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Mon, Jan 8 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
MASS 9:00 AM

Thu, Jan 18 Baptism Meeting with Sr. Sandy on Zoom
Please see flyer in this bulletin or on our website for details

Fri, Jan 26-Feb 2 Catholic Schools Week

Sun, Jan 28 SRLA Open House 12:00 PM

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

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.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 am Michael Heckel

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 am Mary Jane Purcell

Thursday, January 4

9:00 am Giuseppa Aparo

Friday, January 5

9:00 am Dale Tarvin

Saturday, January 6

9:00 am Elizabeth & Richard Davila
 5:30 pm Edward Raynold

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 7

7:30 am Helen Roelky Brandis
 9:30 am Pat Reilly
 11:30 am Special Intention

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	Roseamarie Giuliano	Erin Wade Pado
Elizabeth Arjune	Doreen Hastings	Alfredo Parrelli
Carl Barry	Christian Joseph Isola	Giovannina Palumbo
Jonathan Benjamin	Joseph	Jacob Rivera
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	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

Anne E. Keenan

John Russell Paynter, Jr.

John Pineiro

Dennis Skora

Dick Traynor

Nancy Jean Zabita

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



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.



St Rose of Lima Parish

Christmas

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

Sunday, December 31

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**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

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**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

The Solemnity of
*Mary,
the Mother of God*

Mon, January 1, 2024

Mass 9:00 AM

St Rose of Lima Parish



St. Rose of Lima Parish
Christmas 2023 - 2024

—
Solemnity of the
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 7
5:30 PM (Anticipated Mass)
7:30 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:30 AM
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—
Feast of the
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monday, January 8
9:00 AM

50 Short Hills Avenue, Short Hills, NJ

THANK YOU ST. ROSE

Your wonderful generosity has allowed us to deliver the Christmas gifts listed below. Sincere thanks to every Secret Santa who has participated in the Giving Trees again this year! Your compassion is overwhelming!

156 Christmas gifts for children

81 gifts for expecting mothers and their babies

\$715 in store gift cards for teens

\$1,825 in ShopRite gift cards for Christmas dinner

Just wanted to thank you again... There were so many amazing gifts and gift cards. We are so grateful and can't wait to see the faces on the families that we serve at tomorrow's Holiday Celebration. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and support.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year!

Angela, Family Promise

I am so grateful to you and all at St. Rose - for the gifts and the gift cards - children and families will be so grateful!You are making so many families' Christmas much brighter because of your generosity and love.

Sr. Ann, St. Benedict's

Thank you and all of your parishioners for your generosity...Many, many thanks, and a warm and peaceful Christmas! Merry Christmas!



Melissa, Franciscan Charities (St. Ann)





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

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Mon January 1, 2024

Closed

Tue January 2, 2024

Closed

St. Rose of Lima Parish 50 Short Hills Ave, Short Hills, NJ

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St. Rose of Lima Collections Summary for November 2023

Donations	2022 Amount	2023 Amount	Increase (or Decrease)	% Increase (or Decrease)
Online	\$ 27,462.00	\$ 23,978.00	\$ (3,484.00)	-12.7%
By Mail	\$ 19,053.00	\$ 6,225.00	(\$12,828.00)	-67.3%
Sunday Collection	\$ 19,687.00	\$ 24,753.00	\$5,066.00	25.7%
Holy Day	\$ -	\$ 589.00	\$589.00	
TOTAL:	\$ 66,202.00	\$ 55,545.00	\$ (10,657.00)	-16.1%

Christmas Donations to St. Rose of Lima



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 your donation in the Christmas envelope. Online donations are also accepted and may be made through our Christmas Donation link on our website, please visit www.stroseshorthills.org or scan the QR code to be transferred.

Thank you!



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.



"Holy Family
of Nazareth,
make us once
more mindful
of the
sacredness
and
inviolability
of the family
and its
beauty in
God's plan."

—Amoris Laetitia, 325

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.

Vocation Discernment Retreat

The Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth at St. Walburga Monastery will host a Vocation Discernment Retreat from January 5 through 7 for single women ages 18 to 55. For more information, please contact Sr. Rosemary Kenny, Vocation Director, at 908-352-4278 x206 or by email at Rosemaryosb@bensisnj.org.

The Spirituality Center at St. Walburga Monastery will also present two retreats for lay Catholics in January: "Wintering With God" - a morning mini retreat - will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and "Thomas Merton-Contemplative Activist" takes place January 26 to 28. To learn more visit: <https://bensisnj.org>

Contact Information

Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth
851 North Broad Street Elizabeth, NJ 07208
1-908-352-4278 | <http://www.bensisnj.org>





Prayer for the New Year

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household gathers at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace.

All make the sign of the cross. The leader begins:

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying:
Glory to God in the highest!

R/. And peace to his people on earth!

The leader may use these or similar words to introduce the blessing:

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years,
for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.
We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all,
we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Then the Scripture is read, Book of Genesis 1:14-19:

Listen to the words of the Book of Genesis:

God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

(The family's Bible may be used for an alternate reading such as Psalm 90:1-4.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

After a time of silence, members of the household offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year, and of intercession for the year to come. On January 1, it may be appropriate to conclude these prayers with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (in Part VII: Litanies) since this is the solemn feast of Mary, Mother of God. In conclusion, all join hands for the Lord's Prayer. Then the leader continues:

Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.

After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in

blessing as the leader says:

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 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.

R/. Amen.

Another prayer for peace may be said:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. R/. Amen.
—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

The leader says:

Let us bless the Lord.

All respond, making the sign of the cross:

Thanks be to God.

The prayer may conclude with the singing of a Christmas carol.



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

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		\$ _____	Other Amount

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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.



St. Rose of Lima

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to our Parish*

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select this link and complete
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New Member Registration
on our website at
www.stroseshorthills.org

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Parish Calendar December 24 - December 31, 2023

**Sunday,
Dec 31**

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

New Years Eve

7:00 AM Sunday Prayer Service/ HTTPV Comcast 36 & Verizon 33

7:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Sunday Prayer Service/ HTTPV Comcast 36 & Verizon 33

9:30 AM Mass

11:30AM Mass

**Monday,
Jan 1**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEARS DAY

SRL Academy Closed Christmas Recess, Parish Offices Closed

7:30 AM Mass

9:30 AM Mass

11:30AM Mass

**Tuesday,
Jan 2**

SRL Academy Closed Christmas Recess, Parish Offices Closed
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Mass

8:00 PM Family Music Group Rehearsals

**Wednesday,
Jan 3**

9:00 AM Mass

8:00 PM BSA Troop 19 Eagle Board of Review Meeting

**Thursday,
Jan 4**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (Memorial)

9:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM BSA Toop 17 PLC Meeting

7:15 PM BSA Toop 17 Meeting

7:30 PM BSA Toop 19 Meeting

**Friday,
Jan 5**

St. John Neumann, Bishop

9:00 AM Mass

**Saturday,
Jan 6**

St. André Bessette, Religious

9:00 AM Mass

5:30 PM Mass

**Sunday,
Jan 7**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Live animals will present from 10 AM - 1:00 PM.

7:00 AM Sunday Prayer Service/ HTTPV Comcast 36 & Verizon 33

7:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Sunday Prayer Service/ HTTPV Comcast 36 & Verizon 33

9:30 AM Mass

11:30AM Mass

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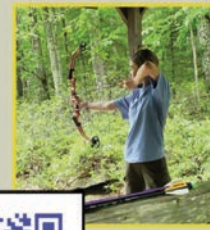
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