

St. Rose of Lima Parish

ADVENT

HOPE PEACE LOVE JOY

Dear St. Rose of Lima Family,

Peace!

Once again Advent is upon us. During this season of preparation, we are anticipating the birth of our Lord while acknowledging the historical reality that He has already saved us! As the new liturgical year begins, we must let go of our own "this is how we have always done it" and be open to the new possibilities that the birth of Jesus has brought and continues to bring. Advent is not just about waiting or anticipating, it is also a time of growth and reflection. Reflecting on where we have come from as we continue to grow into where we are going.

I pray we may continue to grow together on our journey of a new tomorrow in bringing about the Kingdom of God on earth.

Have a blessed and fruitful Advent!

Fr. Larry



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ADVENT CALENDAR



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 30

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

Blessing of the Advent Wreaths

FAITH FORMATION

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Sunday, November 30 | 10:30 AM

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

7:00 PM

Mon, December 1 | St. Rose of Lima | Short Hills

Mon, December 15 | St. James the Apostle | Springfield

LIFE LIGHTERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 3 | 11:00 AM

Music by the Cranford High School Madrigal Choir

Baltusrol Country Club

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LIGHTING OF THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

Saturday, December 6 | 5:30 PM Mass

Children are welcome to wear their pajamas for a special

Children's Liturgy of the Word. Hospitality hosted by SRLA HSA

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

COOKIE SWAP & WINE PARTY

Saturday, December 6

Following 5:30 PM Mass | Ryan Hall

FIRST SUNDAY SERIES

Sunday, December 7

10:30 AM | Devine Center Conference Room

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Holyday of Obligation)

Monday, December 8

Mass 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM

LADIES AUXILIARY LUNCHEON & FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, December 10

11:00 AM | Canoe Brook Country Club

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 13 | 9:30 AM

Advance Registration | Ryan Hall, Gym

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Sunday, December 14

Bring a figurine from your home Nativity scene for blessing

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

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 14 | 3:00 PM

Join us for our annual Advent musical celebration

Church | Ryan Hall

ST. ROSE OF LIMA ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Thursday, December 18

6:30 PM | Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 21

Mass 5:30 PM (Anticipated)

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

Advent Evening Prayer

December 1, 7:00 pm

St. Rose of Lima Parish

50 Short Hills Ave, Short Hills

December 15, 7:00 pm

St. James the Apostle Church

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.



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Ladies Auxiliary Group

We look forward to starting back up this group with your help, and will be kicking off with the following Christmas events! Save the dates, and sign up with the QR code below.

Scan the QR code for more information, to register for the group, and to sign up for the Christmas Events. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Elena Yochum at LadiesAuxiliaryStRose@gmail.com or 516-655-6943.

Cookie Swap & Wine Party

Sat, December 6th

following the 5:30 Mass

6:30PM in Ryan Hall

Christmas Luncheon & Fundraiser

Wed, December 10th

11AM-2PM

Canoe Brook Country Club

Sign up here for
group & events



The St. Rose Ladies Auxiliary group started in 1939 with 22 dedicated women who saw a need in our church and community, and led impactful fundraising and outreach efforts over the years and after a brief break in service, we are ready to relaunch!

The mission of this group is to create a strong community of love and support through social events and outreach opportunities, in addition to raising funds for the financial needs of St. Rose of Lima Church and for others in need.



St. Rose of Lima

Lighting of the Parish Christmas Tree

Special Events

Children are welcome to wear their pajamas for a special Children's Liturgy of the Word. Following Mass please join us for hospitality, hosted by SRLA Home & School Association.

Saturday, December 6th
5:30pm Mass

FIRST SUNDAY SERIES

Sunday December 7, 10:30 AM

Devine Center Conference Room

Come and practice a very special way of praying with the Bible. On the First Sunday of we will meet following the 9:30 AM Mass and practice an age-old way of praying called Lectio Divina which means divine reading.

Spiritual Director, Regina Furlan will lead these workshops. It offers individual prayer and group sharing. All are welcome, no experience necessary. Come to one or all three to enjoy a deeper relationship with the Word of God and special fellowship with your parish family.

"Lectio Divina is
the first rung
of the ladder to heaven"

- 12th Century, Carthusian monk Guigo II

"Lectio Divina allows
the Holy Spirit to speak to my heart"

- St Rose Parishioner, 2023



Join St. Rose of Lima's Faith Formation For Our Second Annual

SATURDAY, DEC 13TH

9:30-11AM

Breakfast WITH Santa



Take pictures with Santa while enjoying a hot breakfast

Write a letter to Santa - speedy delivery through us

Make holiday crafts

\$15 per person

Family & friends
welcome!

Register by Dec 5
Sign up with QR Code



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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.

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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 green and red floral patterns.

Bambinelli Sunday

Blessing of the Creché

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!

St. Rose of Lima Annual Giving Tree Drive

There are 2 easy ways to support the drive and become a child's Secret Santa.

1. Pick a printed gift tag from the Giving Trees located in the front interior vestibule of the Church.

- or -

2. You can make a monetary contribution directly at St. Rose's website: stroseshorthills.org. Click the button marked "Giving Tree" and follow the directions. Or scan the QR Code below to be directed. All funds will be used to purchase needed gifts for the children.

✱ Please follow the instructions on the gift tag. Tape the tag securely taped to the gift.

✱ Remember that each gift is the only one that the child will receive. It is essential to return the gift you have chosen to the Devine Center by **Monday, December 8th**, in order to give sufficient time for sorting and delivery.

Each year, our Giving Tree Drive is one of our most successful stewardship activities. We are certain that this year will be incredibly successful, too.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.



Scan to donate



St. Rose of Lima Parish Celebrates

Christmas

2025 - 2026

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

*"We consider Christmas as the encounter,
the great encounter, the historical encounter,
the decisive encounter, between God and mankind.
He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice."*

- St. Paul VI

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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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.

MY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ Zip Code _____

TELEPHONE/CELLPHONE # _____

I WISH TO DONATE \$ _____ towards flowers to decorate the church during the Christmas Season.

DONATED IN MEMORY OF _____

OR DONATED IN HONOR OF (LIVING MEMBERS) _____

1. My check, made payable to the order of **ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH**, accompanies this form.
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!

Scan to Donate

