
Celebrating 175 Years
ST. ROSE OF LIMA
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SHORT HILLS NJ
A Vibrant History and a New Tomorrow
Advent
ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH
175TH
Anniversary
1852-2027
St. Rose of Lima Parish 50 Short Hills Avenue, Short Hills, NJ 07078



From our Pastor

My Dear St. Rose of Lima Family,

Peace!

It is an honor and privilege to begin our Church year by announcing the beginning of the celebration of our 175th Anniversary as a Family of Faith!

Imagine that for over 2,000 years, our faith has grown, and we have been a part of that growth for the last 175 of those years. We are young, vibrant and energetic. What a richly blessed family we are!

In our founding days, we were part of the Archdiocese of New York. We were here when the Diocese of Newark was founded, and we were here when Newark became an Archdiocese. Today we continue to be a bearer of hope and love sustained by Word and Sacrament.

Although the generations worshiping under our roof have changed since our founding, devotion to our Catholic Faith continues to resonate in the voices of those who carry on our rich history, our voices!

I pray that as we come together to celebrate our 175th Anniversary as a Family of Faith, we continue to be a beacon to the world in announcing that the Light of Christ has entered into the world and shines in and through each of us!

May God continue to bless each of us!

Fr. Larry



Advent Calendar

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29
Mass 5:30 pm (Anticipated)
7:30 am | 9:30 am | 11:30 am
Blessing of Advent Wreaths

Faith Formation Advent Wreath Making
Sunday, November 29 | 10:30 am

Advent Evening Prayer
7:00 pm | St. Rose of Lima
Monday, November 30 and December 14

Life Lighters Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday, December 2 | 11:00 am
Baltusrol Country Club

Second Sunday of Advent
Lighting of the parish Christmas tree
Saturday, December 5 | 5:30 pm Mass
Children are invited to wear pajamas for a special Children's Liturgy of the Word
Hospitality by St. Rose of Lima Academy H.S.A.
Sunday Schedule 7:30 am | 9:30 am | 11:30 am

Solemn Opening Mass Celebrating 175th Anniversary of St. Rose of Lima Parish
Sunday, December 6 | Mass 11:30 am

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holyday of Obligation)
Tuesday, December 8 | Mass 5:30 pm (Anticipated), 9:00 am & 12:00 pm

Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon & Fundraiser
Wednesday, December 9 | 11:00 am
Canoe Brook Country Club

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 12 | 9:30 - 11:00 am
Advance Registration Required Gym

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 13
Mass 5:30 PM (Anticipated)
7:30 am | 9:30 am | 11:30 am

Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 13 | 3:00 pm
Advent musical celebration
Church | Ryan Hall

St. Rose Academy Christmas Pageant
Wednesday, December 16
6:30 pm | Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Blessing of the Creche & Bambinelli Sunday
Blessing of Nativity figurines from home
Sunday, December 21
Mass 5:30 pm (Anticipated)
7:30 am | 9:30 am | 11:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
(Holyday of Obligation)
Friday, January 1 | Mass 9:00 am & 12:00 pm



Advent Events



Faith Formation Advent Wreath Making
Sunday, November 29 | 10:30 am

Help your children experience the true meaning of Advent—a season of joyful waiting and preparation. Families in our Faith Formation program are invited to create a traditional Advent wreath to take home. Kids and parents alike will learn about the symbols of Christ's light and everlasting life while assembling their wreaths.



Advent Evening Prayer at St. Rose
November 30 & December 14 | 7:00 pm | Church
Prayer, Scripture, Reflection & Music

As we enter this sacred season of hopeful expectation, we warmly invite all St. Rose Parishioners to gather for an Advent Evening of Prayer. In the midst of the busy holiday season, immerse yourself in the quiet beauty of prayer and reflection. Together, let us prepare our hearts to welcome the promise of Christ at Christmas.



Lighting of our Parish Christmas Tree with Special CLOW
Saturday, December 5 | Mass 5:30 pm

Parents, dress your children in their coziest pajamas for Mass and a special Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). Following Mass, the celebration continues outside with our annual Parish Christmas Tree lighting, caroling, and plenty of seasonal snacks and refreshments for everyone to enjoy.
We thank the St. Rose of Lima Academy H.S.A. for hosting this event.

Solemn Opening Mass Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of St. Rose of Lima | Sunday, December 6 | Mass 11:30 am

For 175 years, St. Rose of Lima Parish has been a spiritual home, a beacon of faith, and a gathering place for generations of families. As we begin a year-long celebration of our rich history and bright future, we invite all parishioners, former members, friends, and neighbors to join us.



Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon & Fundraiser
Wednesday, December 9| 11:00 am

Enjoy a festive afternoon of holiday cheer, delicious food, and fabulous raffles while supporting a wonderful cause. Toy Drive *(optional)* unwrapped gifts are welcome for 1st–8th grade students at St. Rose of Lima School in Newark. If you have questions or wish to pay by check, please email: LadiesAuxiliaryStRose@gmail.com



Advent & Christmas Events



Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 12 | 9:30 am Gym
Advance registration required

You're invited to a fun-filled holiday morning for all ages! Bring the whole crew, relax, and let us take care of the cooking. Enjoy a delicious, freshly prepared breakfast while catching up with friends and neighbors. Plenty of holiday cheer planned for kids: Letters to Santa, Picture with Santa, Face Painting and Craft Stations.



Lessons & Carols | Sunday, December 13 | 3:00 pm | Church

On Christmas Eve 1918, the Chaplain of King's College, Cambridge, shared a beloved Cornish Christmas tradition with the world. By weaving together timeless Bible readings and festive seasonal music, this heart-warming service prepares our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. This year, St. Rose continues this cherished tradition for the whole family! Join us as we bring the story to life—complete with wonderful additions to celebrate our parish's 175th anniversary.



Blessing of The Crèche & Bambinelli Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 21 | All Masses

In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi received permission from Pope Honorius III to create a live Nativity scene, helping villagers visualize Christ's humble birth during Christmas Eve Mass. Today, children and families gather annually in St. Peter's Square holding their bambinelli for the Pope's special blessing. St. Rose continues this tradition and invites parishioners to bring their baby Jesus figurine for a blessing.



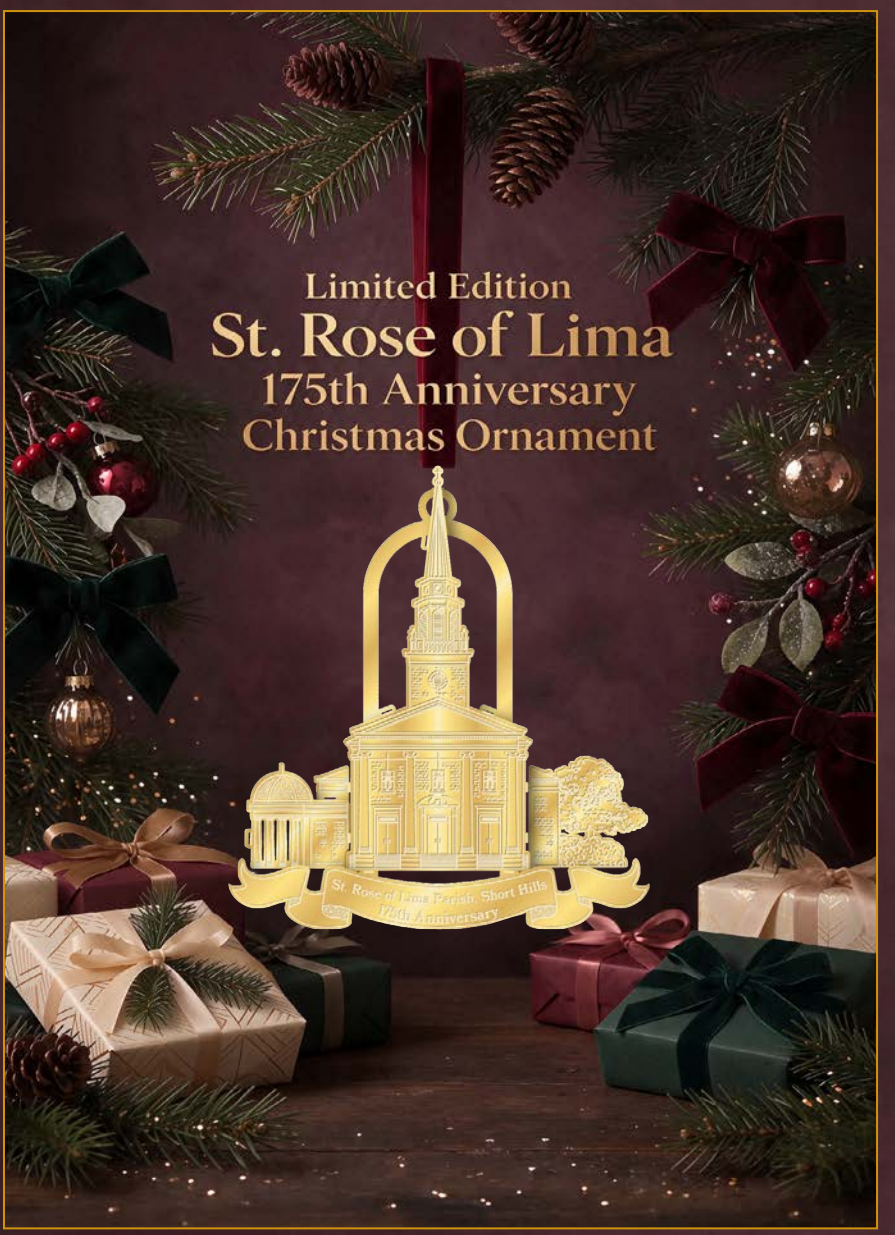
Living Nativity Animals
Christmas Eve | Mass 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Christmas Day | Mass 9:30 & 11:30 am
Epiphany of the Lord | January 3 | Mass 9:30 & 11:30 am

Join our parish family as we extend the celebration of Christmas beyond the altar and into our outdoor Nativity. Bring your children, family, and friends to visit our Live Nativity, featuring gentle animals that remind us of creation's quiet homage to the newborn King.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
(Holyday of Obligation)
Friday, January 1| Mass 9:00 am & 12:00 pm

Join us as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrate the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord. Celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God as the crowning day of the Christmas Octave. We honor Mary's divine motherhood (Theotokos—God-bearer) and invites us to reflect on the peace and grace of Jesus Christ born at Christmas.



St. Rose of Lima is thrilled to share our very first parish Christmas ornament!

This specially designed ornament commemorates our 175th Anniversary, a wonderful way to honor our rich history, share your parish pride, and brighten up your Christmas tree for years to come.

Each ornament is beautifully crafted of gleaming brass with three-dimensional details.

Ready for gifting, every ornament is tucked inside a lovely gold gift box, perfect for stockings, host gifts, or sending a little piece of home to out-of-town family and alumni.

Spread cheer & support our parish, ornaments are $25.00 each. Proceeds of every sale will support special projects here at St. Rose of Lima.

Shop online at www.stroseshorthill.org (shipping is available, orders must be placed by Dec 1st for Christmas delivery). Purchase in person on Sunday, December 6th following 9:30 am and 11:30 am Mass. You can also visit the the parish office during regular hours to purchase.

Supplies are limited, get yours soon and help celebrate 175 wonderful years of faith, family, and community!

Christmas at St. Rose



Christmas Eve
December 24
Mass 4:00 pm | 6:00 pm
(musical prelude) 10:00 pm | Mass 10:30 pm
Animals present following 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm Mass

The Nativity of The Lord
(Holyday of Obligation)
December 25
Mass 7:30 am | 9:30 am | 11:30 am
Animals present following 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 27
Mass 5:30 pm (anticipated)
7:30 am | 9:30 am | 11:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
(Holyday of Obligation)
January 1, 2027
Mass 9:00 am | 12:00 pm

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2027
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 Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2027
Mass 5:30 pm (anticipated)
7:30 am | 9:30 am | 11:30 am

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St. Rose of Lima

Annual Giving Tree Drive

Two 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 main vestibule of the Church.
2. Or give a monetary contribution directly at St. Rose's website: stroseshorthills.org, click the "Giving Tree" button and follow prompts or scan QR code to donate. All funds will be used to purchase needed gifts for the children.
3. Please follow the instructions on the gift tag. Tape the tag securely taped to the gift.
4. 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 7th, to give sufficient time for sorting and delivery.

Scan to donate

Each year, our Giving Tree Drive is one of our most successful stewardship activities. We hope that this year will be very successful, too!

Thank you in advance for
your continued generosity.



Christmas Flowers Donations

Advent & Christmas 2026/2027

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_____

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OR DONATED IN HONOR OF (LIVING MEMBERS)_____

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1. Include your check made payable to the order of **ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH**, along with 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!

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