

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH SHORT HILLS

# Lent & Easter

Pastor, Very Reverend Larry Evans, II, V.F.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 PM | Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM



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My Dear St. Rose of Lima Family,

Peace!

Lent is a wonderful time of reflection on our life since last Easter. It is a time in which we can give thanks to God for the many blessings that He has given us as well as to take note of the many pains and sorrows we may have experienced.

So often, we look at the new calendar year and say, "Thank God this year is over!" I would like to suggest that as we look at this new liturgical season, instead of saying "Thank God this year is over!" or "Why me!", how about we turn it all over to God. The last thing that Jesus said on the Cross is, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." He turned his pain and suffering over to the Father. If we turn our pain and sorrow over to God, we are taking the opportunity to allow God to transform it into grace!

It was God's transformative power that turned the cross from a symbol of death to one of life. It is God who can transform our pain, our sorrow and our suffering into something life giving.

Let us use this transformative season of Lent, to resurrect as a better and happier version of ourselves at Easter.

I pray that God will continue to bless each of us and send His angels to accompany us on our Earthly journey home!

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Larry

Ash Wednesday  
February 18, 2026

**Mass Schedule**    **6:45 AM, 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM**  
**Prayer Service**    with the distribution of Ashes  
**4:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

**Reconciliation Schedule** *(No confession scheduled on Holy Saturday)***Saturdays** 9:30 AM-10:00 AM and 4:30 PM-5:00 PM**Scripture Series****Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 - 1:00 PM, Ryan Hall

The Bible is at the heart of our Catholic Faith and our relationship with God. The Scripture series, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible makes understanding the bible easier and brings us closer to God.

**First Sunday Series** March 1, April 12, May 3, June 7 - following 9:30 AM Mass in the Devine Center.

**Way Walkers Simple Soup Supper**

6:30 PM (Ryan Hall), Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM (Church) followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Solemn Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament

<b>Date</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Organization Providing Soup Supper</b>
February 27	Jorge Blanco	SRL Academy HSA
March 6	Rev. Larry Evans, II, V.F.	Liturgical Ministry
March 13	Rev. Bowie Snodgrass	OCIA / Faith Formation
March 20	Neil & Lucy Chambers	Pastoral Council
March 27	Michael Pilarski	Knights of Columbus

**Youth Living the Stations with Candidates for Confirmation 2026**

Liz Jessen and Stephan Togher, Coordinators of Faith Formation Grades 7 - 8 & Confirmation  
March 22 7:00 PM

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

March 29 5:30 PM Saturday Evening | 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

**Individual Rite of Penance**

March 30, 31 and April 1 7:00 PM

**Sacred Triduum April 2 - April 5****Holy Thursday**

April 2 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

April 3 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 3:00 PM | 7:30 PM Good Friday Service

**Holy Saturday**

April 4 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 PM Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

April 5 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM  
Easter egg hunt will begin following the 9:30 AM Mass

**Pentecost Sunday**

May 24 5:30 PM Saturday Evening 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

## LENTEN REGULATIONS 2026

And so, it begins — the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and Resurrection. To help us, yes, I said "to help us", the Church gives us Lenten "Regulations"; she prescribes a course of actions to guide us. Participation in our Catholic traditions and practices leads to growth in understanding and appreciation.



### PRAYER

Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: The Body of Christ.

- Pope Francis

### LENTEN REGULATION

Lenten Regulation: All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. The time for fulfilling this Paschal Precept or Easter Duty extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 22 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity on May 31, 2026.



### FASTING

Lent invites us to look inside our heart, with fasting, which frees us from attachment to things and from the worldliness that numbs the heart. It is a summons to stop, to focus on what is essential, to fast from the unnecessary things that distract us. It is a wake-up call for the soul.

- Pope Francis

### LENTEN REGULATION

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation. The days of both **Fast** and **Abstinence** during the Lenten season are **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.



### ALMSGIVING

In our Christian life prayer and action are always profoundly united. Prayer that does not lead to concrete action toward your brother or sister who is poor, sick, in need of help is a sterile incomplete prayer.

- Pope Francis

### LENTEN REGULATION

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.



### CONFESSION

Even when the door that Baptism opened to enter into the Church is closed a bit because of our weakness and our sins, Confession reopens it, because it is like a second Baptism that forgives us all and illuminates us to go forward with the light of the Lord.

- Pope Francis

### LENTEN REGULATION

The faithful are to be encouraged to participate in the sacrament of Penance during Lent. It is a beautiful season to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. As we realize more deeply the goodness of God, we also become more aware of the ways we have failed to live as we should.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The cross speaks to us of the supreme love of God and invites, today, to renew our faith in the power of that love, and to believe that in every situation of our lives, our history and our world, God is able to vanquish death, sin and evil, and to give us new, risen life. During the season of Lent, there is a rich tradition of celebrating the Way of the Cross, both privately and publically. This devotion helps to prepare us for the celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery.



# St. Rose of Lima Parish Rejoice in the Sacraments

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Reconciliation

Sundays of Easter

Rite of Baptism

Confirmation

First Holy Communion

Full Communion in the Catholic Church

Adult Confirmation

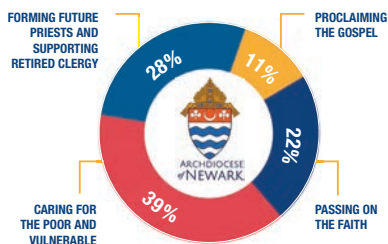
Holy Matrimony



## 2026 ANNUAL APPEAL



CASE FOR SUPPORT



### PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

\$1,000,000

#### PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:

- Ministry to Multi-Ethnic Communities
- Office of Evangelization
- Office of Family Life
- International Missions
- Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf
- Ministry with Persons with Disabilities

### PASSING ON THE FAITH

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- Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Office for Lifelong Faith Formation
- Campus Ministry at affiliated Colleges & Universities
- Catholic Schools

### CARING FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

\$3,500,000

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- Catholic Charities
- Hospital and Prison Chaplaincy
- Respect Life Office (Includes Mercy House and Pro-Life Efforts)
- Protecting God's Children

### FORMING FUTURE PRIESTS AND SUPPORTING RETIRED CLERGY

\$2,500,000

#### PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:

- Continuing Formation for Priests
- Seminarian Education
- Priest Health Care

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**RCAN.ORG/SHARING**



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SELECT OUR PARISH NAME:

**St. Rose of Lima Parish  
in Short Hills 2026**

Thank you!



TAKE A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH SALVATION HISTORY IN

# Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

AN 8-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING  
JEFF CAVINS

## BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Our next offering investigates particular participants of *The Bible Timeline* program. We meet every week for 8 weeks; view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

**Sundays | 1:00 pm | Ryan Hall**  
**Feb 8, 15 & 22**

Cost \$45 (8 week course)

Details are available by selecting the QR code. If you have questions, email Michael Pilarski at [mpilarski@gmail.com](mailto:mpilarski@gmail.com)



## THE FIRST SUNDAY SERIES

Lectio Divina builds relationships; first between you and God, then between you and the world. Now is a great time to build relationships!

**March 1 | April 12 | May 3 | June 7**

*following 9:30 AM Mass, Devine Center Conference Room*

Feel free to be guided by Spiritual Director Regina Furlan in this ancient practice, which will be made relevant today in your practice of it.



St. Rose of Lima Fourth Annual

## Easter Drive to help Food Insecurities

**Drop off: Saturday, March 28 between 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

The Food Insecurity Ministry will host a food drive to help many who are facing food insecurity during Easter.

**Shopping List:** Buy quantities of each food item listed below. Deliver donations in a reusable grocery bag.

### Suggested food items for a family of five:

- 1 – Frozen or Canned bone-in ham, shank (approximately 11 pounds)
- 2 – 40 ounce cans of cut Yams
- 3 – 20 ounce cans of any type of vegetable
- 1 – Box of Bisquick
- 2 – 7.25 oz boxes, Kraft Original Macaroni & Cheese

**Can't shop, but want to help?** Donate a monetary gift of \$65. Scan the QR code to donate or visit [www.stroseshorthills.org](http://www.stroseshorthills.org), click the Easter basket symbol.

*Thank you & happy Easter!*





*"The greater the misery of the penitent, the greater the gift of God's mercy."  
-St. John Paul II*

## Individual Confession During Lent

This Lent, don't miss the opportunity to get closer to God. Lent is the perfect time to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession. When you reconcile, God brings the profound healing and forgiveness all of us long for.

Take time out of your busy days to celebrate the Lenten season with reconciliation and share in God's great gift of mercy for you.

**7:00 PM**

**March 30 | March 31 | April 1**

Individual Confessions also available each Saturday\*  
9:30 - 10 am and 4:30 - 5 pm

*\*No Confession will take place on Holy Saturday, April 4*



Confession cards are available with QR code  
Printed cards can be found in the church



St. Rose of Lima Parish Celebrates

## The Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM Mass

Following Mass children  
are welcome to join  
in our annual Easter egg hunt

*Easter egg hunt will begin after the  
conclusion of the 9:30 AM Mass*





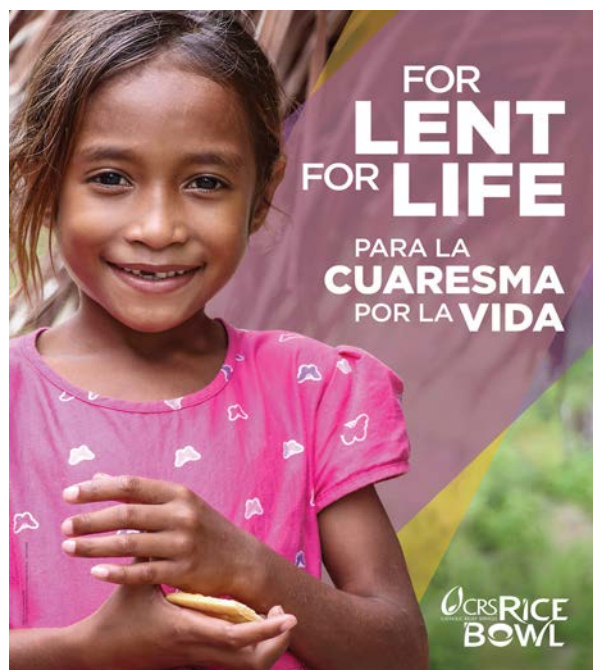
## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

During the Lenten season our St. Rose parish participates in the **CRS Rice Bowl**. Participation in the CRS Rice Bowl deepens our relationship with Christ and brings hope to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in need around our world. This year we invite you to pray, fast, and give to CRS through your enclosed family rice bowl for Lent.

Place this rice bowl on your family table to remind you of those who are hungry throughout the world. Each week, fill the rice bowl with change or bills from sacrifices you've made to help the poor (e.g. skip one cup of gourmet coffee, have your child do special chores, one night a week choose a simple supper, or give up a special treat. Every dollar counts.

Extra rice bowls available at Way Walkers and at the doors of the Church. Academy students receive rice bowls during Religious Education.

Operation Rice Bowl materials are mailed to all registered parishioners. Additional information can be found in the Church vestibule or visit: Catholic Relief Services at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org). Thank you.



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## EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026

*Your donation for flowers will be used to decorate the Church during the Easter Season, please complete and send in your Easter Flowers envelope (received with weekly offertory envelopes) OR fill in the form below. Please return the form by mail to the church, or in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place in the offertory collection at Mass. Thank you!*

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

I WISH TO DONATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOWARD FLOWERS TO BE  
USED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH DURING THE EASTER SEASON.

DONATED IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

OR \_\_\_\_\_

DONATED IN HONOR OF (LIVING MEMBERS) \_\_\_\_\_

My check, drawn to the order of **ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH**, accompanies this form.

On the return envelope please write "EASTER FLOWERS."

Mail to: **St. Rose of Lima Parish, 50 Short Hills Ave., Short Hills, NJ 07078**

**Online Donations:** please visit our website at [www.stroseshorthills.org](http://www.stroseshorthills.org) or use the QR code to make a donation online. Thank you!

