



St. Rose of Lima Parish

Stewardship Ministry



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September 2026



Stewardship Ministry

Dear Parish Family,

Stewardship Day is Our Opportunity to Put Faith into Action.

As we prepare to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of St Rose of Lima, we invite every parishioner to come together on Saturday, September 12, and spend one day serving God by serving others.

Last fall, more than 200 parishioners came together to pack food for the hungry, care for the elderly, clean our environment, collect clothing for those experiencing homelessness, support veterans, visit the sick, and bring hope to neighbors in need. While much good was accomplished, the needs around us remain and many cases have grown even more urgent.

Stewardship Day 2026 offers many meaningful opportunities for everyone to participate, with service projects for all ages and abilities. You can also make an impact through donations of needed items or financial contributions that support our various service efforts.

Every parishioner involved. Every gift shared. Every generation represented.

This year our goal is simple. Together, as one parish family, we can honor our legacy of faith by answering Christ's call to serve and continuing to make a difference in the lives of others

Yours in Faith,

The St Rose of Lima Parish Pastoral Council

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Schedule

General Stewardship Day Schedule

Saturday, September 12

8:30 AM	Arrival and Check-in at St Rose
9:15 AM	Gathering Prayer
9:30 AM	Begin Work or Leave/Transport to assignments
12:30 PM	Check-in at St Rose for afternoon activities
5:30 PM	Mass (outdoors weather permitting)
6:45 PM	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Stewardship Day Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, September 12

All Stewardship Day volunteers are invited to a special appreciation dinner. Relax, and celebrate the incredible work we do together as a community

Time: 6:45 PM-8:30 PM (following 5:30 PM Mass)

Location: St Rose of Lima Parish
(weather permitting, outdoor or indoor gathering)

Cost: Free for volunteers and household family members



Important Reminder!
Please RSVP on Sign-Up Genius for the dinner
to help us have an accurate guest count.
Thank you!

Financial Donations & Sponsorship

Contribute to the costs of running Stewardship Day

Help make Stewardship Day a success with a financial donation or sponsorship. This special day brings our parish family together in faith, fellowship, and gratitude. While the blessings are many, the costs of hosting the event are significant. Your generosity will help offset expenses and make this celebration possible.

Donations of any amount is greatly appreciated!

Scan below to donate today!

Become a Sponsor

Sponsorship - donate \$600 or more and we will order a feather flag banner with the name of your business/organization/sponsor name on it. Your banner will be displayed prominently at St Rose throughout the event.

We will also recognize your sponsorship on all Stewardship Day communications as a community partner helping to make the day possible.

Please send your commitment with details by August 22 for order/delivery of banner.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DABAA28ABFDCF8-64458904-sponsorships#/>

Register to Volunteer

Stewardship Day Registration is Easy! Spots Are Limited, Register Early!

1. Register at Sign-Up Genius. Scan the code or enter this url into your browser:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044DABAA28ABFDCF8-64458904-sponsorships#/>

2. Enter names of each volunteer to ensures an accurate attendance list.

3. Families with children are welcome to volunteer together, please note:

- ▶ Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Projects with this symbol indicate they are suitable for younger children.

- ▶ Children ages 12-18 years can participate unaccompanied with approval of a parent or guardian. Complete the Minor Participation Waiver & Permission form found on the Sign-Up Genius Registration or in this booklet.

4. Project locations vary and may be off the St Rose of Lima Parish campus.

Review and acknowledge the **Adult Volunteer Waiver & Release of Liability**.

5. Registering for more than one project is welcomed. Check project schedules and locations to avoid conflicts and ensure your participation in each project.

6. If you cannot register online, please find a registration forms in this booklet.

7. Deadline to Register is September 7, 2026. Please complete forms and return by:

Mail: Stewardship Day, St Rose of Lima, 50 Short Hills Ave, Short Hills, NJ 07078

Email: stewardship@stroseshorthills.org

Drop off: Parish Office (Devine Center)

If you have any questions, contact stewardship@stroseshorthills.org or 973-379-3912.



Collect. Donate.



Make an Impact!

We are seeking item contributions for Stewardship Day projects. A list of items needed can be found on page 18. **Drop off items on any weekend from August 8 through September 6** or if you wish to make a financial gift, please contact stewardship@stroseshorthills.org or (973) 379-3912. Thank you.

Activity Schedule

ST ROSE OF LIMA STEWARDSHIP DAY 2026 SCHEDULE

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Citizenship

Operation Paperback

A popular Stewardship Day mission, volunteers will sort and prepare gently-used books collected at SRL for Stewardship Day to be shipped to U.S. troops overseas, and veteran and military families here at home. Stewardship Day volunteers support this national nonprofit which has sent over 3 million books to servicemen worldwide.

Note: Bestsellers, action, spy-novels, murder mysteries, fantasy and science fiction are the most popular genres. Other popular requests are business, investing, classics, history (especially military history), and current event non-fiction. *Romance novels are not preferred, please.*

Project Overview: Volunteers will sort and inventory books by type and genre. Generate a shipping letter or write and insert personal notes. Pack and prepare boxes for shipping to different locations for active service members and veterans.

Time: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: St Rose of Lima (garage area)

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult



Spreading God's Love with Color a Smile

Color A Smile is especially impactful for younger St Rose of Lima parishioners - to express their gratitude and show senior citizens, our troops overseas, key responders and anyone in need of a smile! Since 1990 Color A Smile has organized millions of cheerful drawings and is a important reminder that simplest outreaches are often the most powerful!

Project Overview: Volunteers will have the opportunity to color and write messages! It's that simple. All will be done at St Rose in a fun and cheerful setting.

Time: 9:30AM - 12:00PM

Location: St Rose of Lima

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult



Housing & Shelter

The Mercy House

Operated by the Archdiocese of Newark, Mercy House offers a welcoming space for families in need while providing emotional and recovery support for expecting mothers, migrants, refugees and low-income families.

In 2025, Stewardship Day donations exceeded expectations. This year we aim to surpass last year's collection of essential supplies for expectant mothers and children. Requested items include diapers, wipes, new baby bottles and gently worn clothing for infants and young children.

Project Overview: Volunteers will sort and prepare donated items.

Time: 9:30AM - 12:00PM

Location: St. Rose of Lima

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult

Note: Donations accepted Aug 8 - Sept 6. See pg 18 for list and details



The Warehouse NJ

The Warehouse NJ, led by local residents and St. Rose parishioners, addresses basic furnishing needs for families transitioning from homelessness or shelters. The nonprofit eases the challenge of establishing a household, allowing clients to focus on fresh beginnings.

Project Overview: Volunteers help with collecting, moving, delivering or setting up donated furniture.

Time: 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Location: Meet at St Rose, travel off-site to The Warehouse NJ Maplewood with projects in general vicinity.

Age Restriction: 16 years and older. Must be physically able to move furniture, some of which may be heavy

Note: While furniture donations are not part of this Stewardship Day mission, if you have clean undamaged furniture to donate, we will gratefully help facilitate. Please email: stewardship@stroseshorthills.org or directly to the Warehouse NJ at <https://www.thewarehousenj.org/donate>



Housing & Shelter (Continued)

Yardwork for Those in Need

This is one of the original Stewardship Day missions. In loving service to homebound parishioners and others in need in the area, we will perform yard clean-up, plant flowers, etc.

Project Overview: General yard work, gardening and planting for some of our parish homebound senior citizens or other locals in need. No heavy lifting involved.

Times (two sessions):

9:30AM - 12:00PM; and 1:00PM - 3:30PM

Location: Meet at St Rose, travel in general vicinity of church

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult

Note: Bring yard tools if you have them (shovels, rakes, clippers, etc.)



Hunger

Baking Ministry

A fun-filled mission that's always popular with younger parishioners. Groups gather to prepare home-baked desserts for outreach ministries.

Project Overview: Bake and assemble goods in individual serving bags. Labels are then affixed with ingredients to each bag.

Time: 9:30AM - 12:00PM

Location: St. Rose of Lima

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult



Hunger (Continued)

Bridges Lunches for the Homeless

Helping to make an impact on the growing homelessness in New Jersey with outreach organized in connection with Bridges.

Project Overview: Volunteers will prepare lunches, serve soup and drinks and handout hygiene kits and essential items to recipients in Newark.

Time & Location: Two segments in this mission

Friday, Sept 11: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

St Rose of Lima (Ryan Hall) for sandwich prep

Saturday, Sept 12: 9:30AM - 12:00PM

Meet at St Rose then off-site to Newark

Volunteer can register for one or both activities

Age Restriction: Friday: 14 yrs and older

Saturday: 16 yrs and older



Community Food Bank of NJ

Approximately 47.9 million people in the U.S. and up to 330,000 children in New Jersey currently experience food insecurity. 1 in 10 families continue to miss meals due to a lack of resources.

Project Overview: Volunteers help sort, pack and label collected food and household goods for distribution. This may include sorting, cleaning cans, taping boxes of cereal.

Time: 9:30 AM – 1:30PM

Location: Meet at St Rose of Lima then proceed to CFBNJ

Age Restriction: 12 yrs and older

Note: Volunteers also need to register directly with CFBNJ and complete the charity's waiver no later than August 28, 2026. To register visit:

<https://cfbnj.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/stroseoflimacatholicchurch>



Hunger (Continued)

MEND Hunger Relief Network

MEND (Meeting Essential Needs with Dignity) is a hunger relief network in Essex County that supports local food pantries, runs mobile food markets, and provides fresh produce and home delivery to people in need.

Project Overview: Designed with younger St Rose volunteers in mind. Participants will gather and assemble healthy snack kits for MEND. Snack kits include granola bars, apple sauce cups, popcorn, crackers, pretzels, turkey jerky sticks, and fruit strips.

Time: 9:30AM - 12:00PM

Location: St Rose of Lima

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult



Pierre Toussaint Food Pantry

St Rose maintains a history of partnership with the Pierre Toussaint Food Pantry's hunger-relief efforts. This mission, designed for high school aged youth of our parish will help our neighbors living with food insecurity.

Project Overview: Nurturing ministry and service as part of our youth faith formation. Volunteers start at 7:00 AM gathering and assembling 100 bags of food to load into our van. Volunteers then travel to the Pierre Toussaint Pantry to distribute food along with a variety of items provided by MEND and local vendors to families in need.

Time: 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Meet at St Rose of Lima then off-site to
Pierre Toussaint Pantry in Newark

Age Restriction: 14 yrs and above

Pierre Toussaint Food Pantry



Hunger (Continued)

St John's Soup Kitchen

Operating out of the first Catholic Church in Northern NJ, St John's Soup Kitchen has provided food, clothing, and personal items to those in need in the Newark area for over 40 years.

Project Overview: There are two parts of this mission: beginning August 8th, we'll collect **new and gently-used** men's shoes (size 8+), women's clothing, backpacks, **new** toiletries, etc. (full list on pg 18).

Volunteers will travel to St John's Soup Kitchen with donations and assist with a variety of projects including: gardening, sorting inventory, setting up lunch, and food distribution.

Time: 9:00AM - 12:30 PM

Location: St John's Soup Kitchen,
871 McCarter Highway, Newark

Age Restriction: 18 yrs and up



Help Fill the Van! St Rose Food Insecurity Ministry

The St. Rose monthly food collection program has collected and delivered nonperishable food donated by parishioners for the last several years. These collections help to fill the urgent needs of charities run by our neighbors across Essex County including Pierre Toussaint Food Pantry, New Life Christian Church, St Mary of the Assumption Church, Nia Fellowship Baptist Church, St Rose of Lima New Community Corp of Newark, Our Lady Help of Christians and Down the Block.

Project Overview: Nonperishable food items will be collected on the last weekend of the month in June, July and August (list on pg 18). A special **Donation Drive-up** will be held on **Saturday August 29, 9:00AM-1:00PM**. Volunteers will collect, sort, organize and fill grocery bags for distribution to various food pantries.



Stewardship of the Earth

Love Our Community: Downtown Millburn Clean-up

A community cleanup event in partnership with Millburn Township to beautify Taylor Park and the downtown area, offering a chance to give back, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with fellow parishioners.

Project Overview: Volunteers begin at Taylor Park, to handle litter cleanup, debris removal and basic landscaping before shifting focus to the the downtown district for sidewalk clearing and waste collection. All essential equipment is supplied, though volunteers may bring personal gloves or tools.

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Meet at St Rose of Lima, travel within Millburn

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult



No Place Like Home: Beautification of our St Rose Campus

As St Rose of Lima Parish approaches its 175th anniversary, our campus deserves enhancement and care this Stewardship Day!

Project Overview: A variety of projects on the church campus including the convent and Dougherty Center. Volunteers will help enhance our campus by power-washing, clearing brush/fallen branches, mulching and planting.

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: St Rose of Lima

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult



Stewardship of the Earth (Continued)

Native Seeds Initiative

Partnering with members from Millburn Climate Action and Friends of Millburn Library, a popular Stewardship Day initiative that combines learning, advocacy and hands-on impact in protecting our environment.

Project Overview: Volunteers of all ages learn about wildflowers and make native wildflower seed packets to restore local flora and ecosystems. Wildflowers support pollinators facing stress from urbanization. Seed packets are donated to the Native Seed Library at the Millburn Library.

Time: 9:30AM - 11:00AM

Location: St Rose of Lima Church

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult

Note: This project is designed to complement the Cora Hartshorn mission below. You are encouraged to sign up for both but are welcome to choose one.



Cora Hartshorn Arboretum Care

We are excited to add the beloved Cora Hartshorn Arboretum & Bird Sanctuary. Just around the corner from St Rose of Lima, it is a beautiful place for enjoying nature and has helped educate generations of local children on the importance of the diverse flora and fauna in our region.

Project Overview: Volunteers will help maintain trails within the preserve by cleaning up, mulching, and marking walking paths to keep visitors in safe areas. Volunteers are welcome to bring a bagged lunch. Please bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes.

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Meet at St Rose of Lima, then walk to Cora Hartshorn

Age Restrictions: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult

Note: This mission is designed to pair with Native Seeds Initiative above. You are encouraged to sign up for both but are welcome to choose one.

CORA HARTSHORN



ARBORETUM
& BIRD SANCTUARY



Visiting the Sick & Elderly

Children's Specialized Hospital

A 20 minute drive from St Rose of Lima, Children's Specialized Hospital cares for children facing special health challenges from birth to 21 years old. The hospital addresses a wide range of needs including chronic illnesses, complex physical disabilities, and developmental and behavioral issues.

Project Overview: Volunteers will participate in a recreational activity with patients of various ages in two separate one-hour sessions.

Morning Session: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Recreational engagement activity with patients 8-11 yrs

Afternoon Session: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

- Recreational engagement activity, patients 16-20 yrs

Note: You are welcome to volunteer for one or both sessions.

Location: Children's Specialized Hospital
Long Term Care Center
190 New Providence Road, Mountainside

Age Restriction: 16 yrs and older



Sunrise Senior Living

Sunrise Senior Living is a local center that provides older adults with personalized care and services in an environment that celebrates longer, healthier, happier lives.

Project Overview: Volunteers will split into teams and partner with Sunrise residents for trivia competitions, watercoloring and video karaoke.

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Sunrise of Summit
26 River Road, Summit

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult



Administration & Organization

Registration / Check-In Volunteers:

On Stewardship Day arriving volunteers will be welcomed by a team of greeters who will direct them to attendance administrators.

Project Overview: Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon sessions to greet, check-in participants and assist with general duties.

Time (two sessions):

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Location: St Rose of Lima

Age Restriction: 14 yrs and older



Community Building - Stewardship Day Family Celebration

Like all festivities, the Stewardship Day dinner requires its own team of volunteers to make it a success!

Project Overview: We need volunteers to help set up and clean up the Family Celebration Dinner. Duties include arranging food stations, setting out cutlery, dinnerware, packing up, and tidying the area. More hands make light work!

Times (two sessions):

Set-up at 4:30 PM-5:30 PM

Clean-up at 8:30 PM -9:30 PM

Age Restriction: Children under 12 yrs must be accompanied by an adult



Collections Needed for Stewardship Day Missions

Donation Drop off weekends: August 8, 15, 22, 29, September 5

Donation Drive-up: Saturday, August 29, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Please place all donations in designated bins located in the church vestibule. Donation bins will be present on weekends only, ending on Sunday, September 6. Only items listed can be accepted. Thank you for your support!

Infants & Children

- Baby Bottles (new only)
- Infant or Child Blankets
- Baby Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby Clothing (new/gently used; infant-4t)
- Sippy Cups (new only)
- Bibs
- Baby Wipes



Adults

- Womens clothing (new or gently used/any size)
- Gently used Men's Shoes (sizes 8 +)
- Backpacks



Personal Care Items (new only/any size):

- Bar Soap
- Disposable Razor Blades
- Mouthwash
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste

Paperback Books

- Bestsellers
- Action and Spy novels
- History (especially military history)
- Fantasy and Science Fiction
- Fiction
- Investing & Business
- Classics
- Murder mysteries
- Social Sciences/Current Event



(romance novels, as wonderful as they are, are not preferred, please)

Non-Perishable Foods (Only collected at the Donation Drive-up on Sat, Aug 29)

- Peanut Butter
- Pasta
- Beans
- Cereal (Cheerios, Corn Flakes etc.)
- Jelly
- Red Sauce
- Rice
- Mac & Cheese





SRL Stewardship Day 2026 Registration Form

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

For Office Use

Date rcvd: _____

Name of Family Member	Project 1st Choice	Project 2nd Choice	Time Preference AM or PM	Age (Children under 18)	Attend Dinner Yes or No



We encourage on-line registration through Sign-Up Genius or complete this Form and:
mail: Parish Stewardship Day, St Rose of Lima, 50 Short Hills Avenue, Short Hills, NJ 07078
email: stewardship@stroseshorthills.org
drop-off: At the Parish Offices or in the vestibule of the Devine Center
Deadline for registration is September 7



Stewardship Day Adult Waiver & Release of Liability

Stewardship Day Adult Volunteer Waiver & Release of Liability

This form is required to be signed for any adult volunteer participating in a Stewardship Day project off-site, not on St Rose of Lima's campus.

Thank you for volunteering for Stewardship Day on Saturday, September 12, 2026. Activities may take place on or off church property, and transportation to off-site locations may be provided via bus, parish van, or organized carpools.

Volunteer Acknowledgment and Waiver

By signing this form, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- **Assumption of Risk:** I understand that participation in volunteer activities involves inherent risks, including but not limited to physical exertion, travel, and interaction with members of the public. I voluntarily assume all such risks.
- **Medical Authorization:** In the event of a medical emergency where I am unable to communicate, I authorize adult leaders or emergency personnel to obtain appropriate medical treatment on my behalf, including hospitalization, surgery, anesthesia, or medication as deemed necessary by a licensed physician.
- **Liability Waiver:** I hereby release and hold harmless St. Rose of Lima Church, its staff, volunteers, the Archdiocese of Newark, and all affiliated individuals and organizations from any and all claims or liability for injury, illness, accident, or property loss that may arise from my participation in Stewardship Day, unless caused by intentional misconduct or gross negligence.
- **Personal Responsibility:** I understand that I am responsible for my own actions and conduct throughout the duration of the event. I agree to follow the directions of event organizers and to conduct myself in a safe and respectful manner.

I am scheduled to participate in the following activity _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please complete and return this form to Stewardship Day at 50 Short Hills Avenue, Short Hills, NJ 07078, drop off at the Parish Offices in the Devine Center or email to stewardship@stroseshorthills.org.



Stewardship Day Minor Participation Waiver and Permission Form

Stewardship Day Minor Participation Waiver & Permission Form

Children ages 12 and older may participate in Stewardship Day on Saturday, September 12, 2026, without a parent or guardian, but a signed permission and liability waiver form is required.

Participant Information

Minor's Full Name:	Age:
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Event Overview

Your child will be participating in Stewardship Day, which includes a variety of service projects. These activities may take place on or off church property. Transportation to off-site locations will be provided via bus, parish van, or organized carpools. All activities will be conducted under the supervision of adult leaders and volunteers from St. Rose of Lima Parish.

Parent/Guardian Authorization

I authorize my child, _____, to participate in Stewardship Day on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026. I understand the nature of the volunteer work involved and give my consent for my child to be transported to and from service sites as needed. My child is scheduled to participate in the following activity_____.

I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- **Assumption of Risk:** I understand that participation in volunteer activities involves certain risks, including but not limited to physical activity, transportation, interaction with the public, and varying environmental conditions. I accept these risks and grant permission for my child to participate.
- **Medical Authorization:** In the event of a medical emergency, and if I or my emergency contacts cannot be reached, I authorize the staff or adult leaders to secure appropriate medical treatment for my child, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or medication as deemed necessary by a licensed medical professional.
- **Liability Waiver:** I hereby release and hold harmless St. Rose of Lima Church, its staff, volunteers, the Archdiocese of Newark, and all affiliated individuals and organizations from any and all liability, claims, or causes of action for injury, illness, accident, or property loss that may occur during participation in Stewardship Day, except in cases of intentional misconduct or gross negligence.
- **Parental Responsibility:** I understand that I remain responsible for any legal liability arising from my child's personal actions during this event. I agree to inform the staff of any medical or behavioral concerns that may affect my child's participation.

Emergency Contact Information

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Secondary Emergency Contact: _____

Phone (Mobile): _____ Phone (Mobile): _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Please complete and return this form to Stewardship Day at 50 Short Hills Avenue, Short Hills, NJ 07078, drop off at the Parish Offices in the Devine Center or email to stewardship@stroseshorthills.org.

Register
Today!



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging
Your mercy and humbly admitting our need,
we pledge our trust in You and each other.

Filled with desire, we respond to Your call for discipleship
by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ.

We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of Your gifts.

As stewards, we receive Your gifts gratefully,
cherish and tend them in a responsible manner,
share them in practice and love with others,
and return them with increase to the Lord.

We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards
and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor.

Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope
and prayer that You who have begun this good work in us
will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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

2026 Stewardship Day Coordinator: Eric Ngiam

Stewardship Contact: stewardship@stroseshorthills.org

Parish Office at Devine Center: 973.379.3912

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