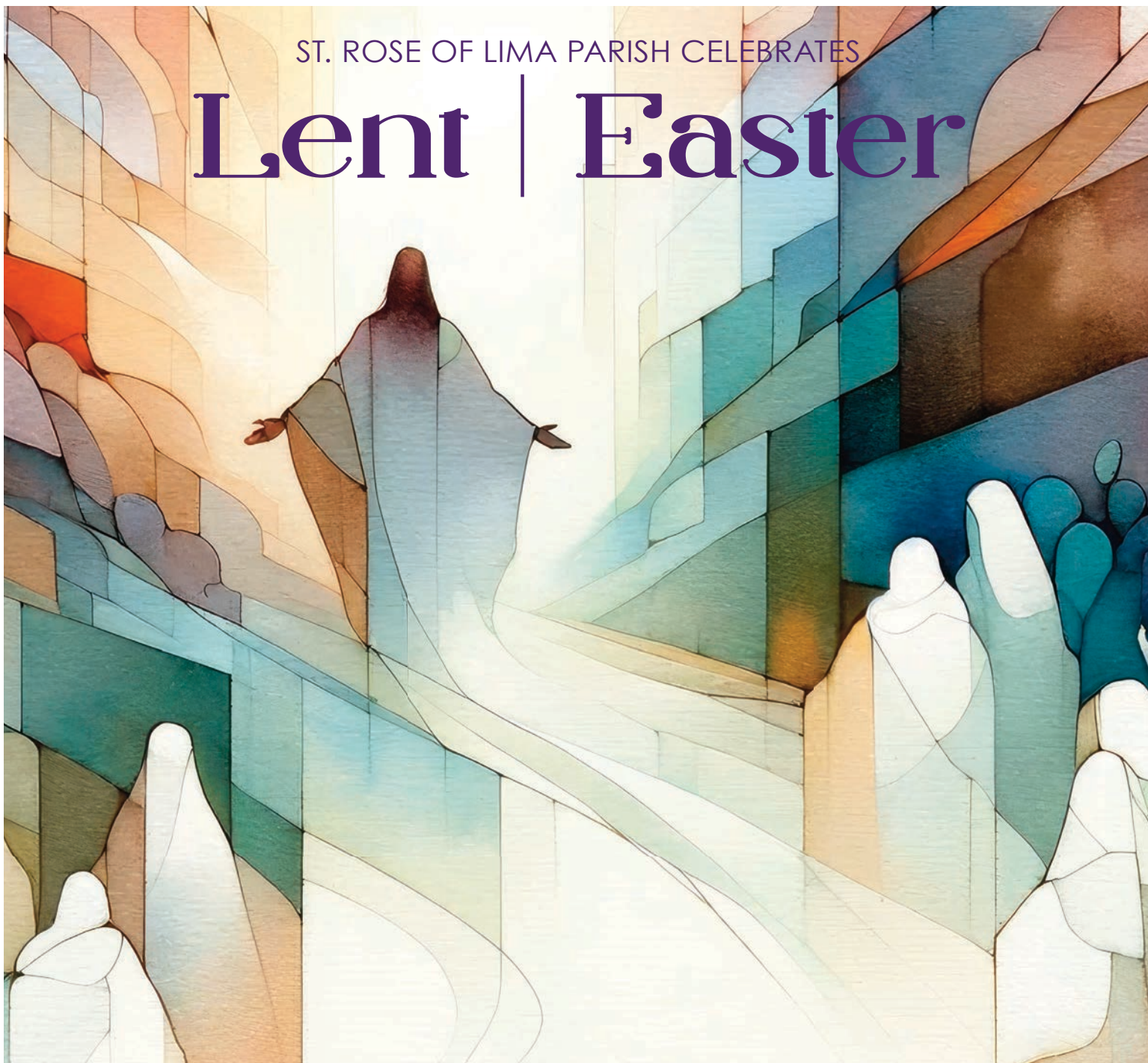


ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH CELEBRATES

# Lent | Easter



## ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH



### Mass Schedule

Weekend 5:30 PM, Saturday Evening  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Weekday Monday - Saturday  
9:00 AM

### Pastor

Very Reverend Larry Evans, II, V.F.

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace!

It is that time of the year to prepare for Easter by taking our Lenten journey. Many of us have our favorite vacation spots and we take great care to prepare for the trip to reach our desired destination.

A vacation requires us to plan, pack, evaluate and prepare. The time and effort are worth it as we look forward to the destination.

Lent is our time of preparing for Easter. It is a time in which we take special note of our prayer life, our giving of alms (the sharing of God's blessings to each of us), fasting (to remind us that others are not as blessed as we may be).

If we have had a great journey (Lent), then we will arrive at Easter with great joy and excitement.

There are many stops for rest and support during our Lenten journey. We have Way Walkers in which we are refreshed by the breaking open of the Word and the sharing of a meal. We have our Lent Together books to help guide us on our journey and point out some wonderful insights along the way. We have our Sunday gatherings to help keep us focused on our destination. We have Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum that lets us know we are arriving.

As we journey through Lent together, may we arrive at Easter refreshed, renewed and full of new life!

Love and Peace,

Fr. Larry

## Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

**Mass Schedule**    **6:45 AM**  
                                  **9:00 AM** *(with SRLA Academy)*

**12:00 PM**

**Prayer Service**    with the distribution of Ashes

**4:00 PM**

**7:00 PM**

**Sunday Masses** 5:30 PM Saturday Evening 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

**Weekday Mass** Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM

**Reconciliation Schedule**

(No scheduled confession on Holy Saturday)

**Saturdays** 9:30 AM-10:00 AM and 4:30 PM-5:00 PM

**First Sunday Series**

Practice and age-old way of praying; Lectio Divina (divine reading). Following 11:30 Mass. March 2 (Ryan Hall), April 6 (Devine Conf. Rm.), May 4 (Ryan Hall), June 1 (Ryan Hall)

**Jubilee 2025 Waywalkers Simple Soup Supper 6:30 PM (Ryan Hall) with Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM (Church) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Solemn Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament "You are my hope, Lord" (Psalm 71:5)**

Date	Presenter	Organization Providing Soup Supper
March 14	Fr. Larry Evans, II V.F.	SRL Academy HSA
March 21	Rick & Betsy Stockton	OCIA / Faith Formation
March 28	Nancy & Scott Parker	Liturgical Ministry
April 4	Rev. Bowie Snodgrass	Pastoral Council
April 11	Jospeh J.J. Visci	Knights of Columbus

**Youth Living the Stations with Candidates for Confirmation 2025**

April 6, 7:00 PM Liz Jessen and Steve Togher, Coordinators Faith Formation Gr. 7, 8 & Confirmation

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

April 13 5:30 PM Saturday Evening | 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

**Individual Rite of Penance**

April 14, 15, 16, 7:00 PM

**Sacred Triduum** April 17 - April 19

**Holy Thursday**

April 17 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday<sup>of the</sup> Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

April 18 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 3:00 PM | 7:30 PM Good Friday Service

**Holy Saturday**

April 19 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 PM Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday<sup>of the</sup> Resurrection of the Lord**

April 20 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM  
Easter egg hunt will begin following the 9:30 AM Mass.

**Pentecost Sunday**

June 8 5:30 PM Saturday Evening 7:30 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM

## LENTEN REGULATIONS 2025

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, March 9 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 15.



### 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 Lent 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 Joyfully Celebrates Sacraments

Sundays of Easter with the Rite of Baptism

Confirmation

Sundays of Easter with  
First Holy Communion/Eucharist

Adult Baptism

Adult Confirmation

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Holy Matrimony

Reconciliation



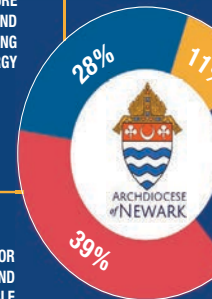
ANNUAL APPEAL  
2025



THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL  
RAISED A HISTORIC  
\$10.2 MILLION!  
PLEASE HELP US REACH  
THIS AGAIN IN 2025.

FORMING FUTURE  
PRIESTS AND  
SUPPORTING  
RETIRED CLERGY

PROCLAIMING  
THE GOSPEL



CARING FOR  
THE POOR AND  
VULNERABLE

PASSING ON  
THE FAITH

80% OF PARISHES  
reached their Annual  
Appeal Goal

OVER \$2.1 MILLION  
went back to parishes in  
Rebates, Assessment Rate  
Reductions and Grants

We are grateful to the  
thousands of families in our  
Archdiocese who supported  
the 2024 Annual Appeal

Total Number  
of Donors . . . . . 25,500  
First-time Donors . . . . . 2,778  
Lapsed Donors . . . . . 1,530

TO MAKE A GIFT TO THE ANNUAL APPEAL, PLEASE VISIT [RCAN.ORG/SHARING](https://rcan.org/sharing)



When you give, please select our Parish Name: St. Rose of Lima Parish in Short Hills 2025. Thank you!

## THE FIRST SUNDAY SERIES

We continue to practice a very special way of praying with the Bible.  
Come practice an age-old way of praying called Lectio Divina which means divine reading.

*Meetings are held on Sunday after the 11:30 AM Mass  
in Ryan Hall or as noted below.*

**March 2 | April 6\* | May 4 | June 1**

Spiritual Director, Regina Furlan leads the workshops. Offering individual prayer and group sharing.  
All are welcome, no experience necessary, no registration. Come enjoy a deeper relationship with  
the Word of God and special fellowship with your parish family.



\* Note: on April 6, please join us following the 11:30 AM Mass in the Devine Center Conference Room.

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## Easter Egg Hunt

We invite children & their families to celebrate Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.  
Following Mass we will host our annual Easter egg hunt. All are welcome!

**9:30am, Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Easter egg hunt will begin following Mass*



# St. Rose of Lima Third Annual Easter Drive to help Food Insecurities

Where there is need, *We* can help!

The St. Rose of Lima Food Insecurities Ministry will have a food drive to help those facing food insecurities during the Easter season.

**Drop off is Saturday, April 12 between 9:00 to 10:00 AM**

**Grocery List:** Please buy the quantity of each food items listed below. Drop off your donation in a reusable grocery bag to the SRL parking lot.

**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? Please consider giving a monetary gift of \$65. Donate through the QR code here or visit our website at [www.stroseshorthills.org](http://www.stroseshorthills.org), look for the Easter basket.

Can't make it to our drop off date? Feel free to drop off non-perishable items anytime directly to our blue food van (located in the St. Rose parking lot) or call our parish office at 973-379-3912 to schedule a convenient time to drop off your donation during our regular business hours.

## Thank you & happy Easter!

Bring all donations in a  
reusable grocery bag!

**DROP OFF**  
**Sat April 12**  
**9:00 am - 10:00 am**  
**SRL PARKING LOT**

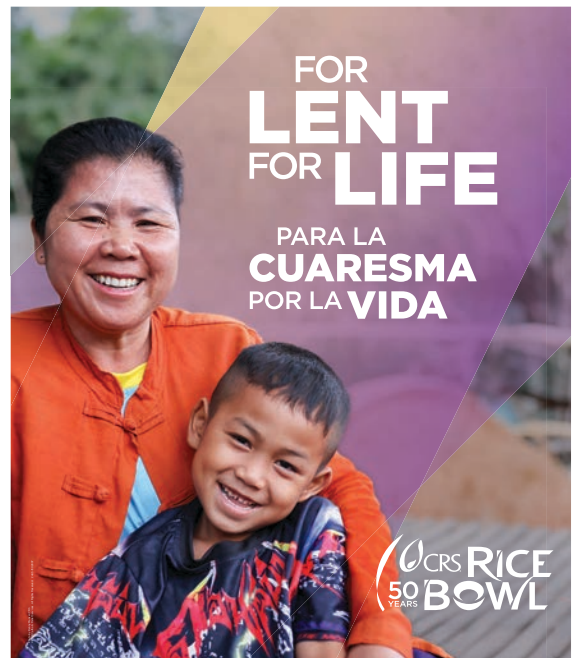


## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

During the Lenten season the parish of St. Rose participates in the **CRS Rice Bowl**. Participation in the CRS Rice Bowl helps to deepen our relationship with Christ and bring 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.

This Lenten season, 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 ie. Skip one cup of gourmet coffee, have your child do a special chore, one night a week have a simple supper, or give up a special treat. Every dollar counts. There will be extra rice bowls available at Way Walkers and at the doors of the Church. Students will receive rice bowls during Religious Education. Operation Rice Bowl Materials were mailed to all registered parishioners. Additional information can be found in the Church vestibule.

*For more information, please visit Catholic Relief Services at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)*



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**Donate Online:** Online donations can be made through the St. Rose of Lima website. To donate online, please visit [www.stroseshorthills.org](http://www.stroseshorthills.org), look for the image shown above.



## EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025

*To make a donation for flowers to be used to decorate the Church during the Easter Season, please either complete and send in your Easter Flowers envelope (received with your 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.*

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. Thank you.

