

February 25, 2024

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 24, 2024

*Saturday of the First Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving from Marissa Rosales  
 12:00 p.m. † Richard Romolini  
 5:00 p.m. † Deceased Members of Joseph & Emalene Zaiden Family

### Sunday, February 25, 2024

*Second Sunday of Lent*

10:00 a.m. † Anna Innequale

### Monday, February 26, 2024

*Monday of the Second Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. † Brian Hartzell  
 12:00 p.m. Intentions of the Chico-Guzman Family

### Tuesday, February 27, 2024

*Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. † Minnie & Salvatore Coscia  
 12:00 p.m. Alonzo & Rita Vargas & Children

### Wednesday, February 28, 2024

*Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. Members & Benefactors of the Shrine  
 12:00 p.m. Alonzo & Rita Vargas & Children

### Thursday, February 29, 2024

*Thursday of the Second Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. † Richard Romolini  
 12:00 p.m. Alonzo & Rita Vargas & Children

### Friday, March 1, 2024

*Friday of the Second Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. † Norma, Frank & Linda Caputo  
 12:00 p.m. † Joseph Amorose & Nicholas Amorose

### Saturday, March 2, 2024

*Saturday of the Second Week of Lent*

8:00 a.m. Diana Lombardi  
 12:00 p.m. Joseph Lombardi  
 5:00 p.m. Costello Family

**Bread & Wine Offering**

**Sanctuary Candle**

† = Deceased

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel Reading
<b>Sun</b>	Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18	Rom 8:31b-34	Mk 9:2-10
<b>Mon</b>	Dn 9:4b-10		Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tues</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20		Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wed</b>	Jer 18:18-20		Mt 20:17-28
<b>Thurs</b>	Jer 17:5-10		Lk 16:19-31
<b>Fri</b>	Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a		Mt 21:33-43,45-46
<b>Sat</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20		Lk 15:1-3,11-32



**Healing Mass: March 17, 2024**

**12:00 p.m. Mass**

**11:30 a.m. Confessions**

Do you find yourself mentally, physically, spiritually, socially, or emotionally burdened? We invite you to join us for our next Healing Mass! We will gather on Sunday, March 17, 2024 to pray for Saint Rita's healing intercession, and receive a special blessing with Saint Rita oil. All are welcome!

### The Strength to Seek Help

All of us occasionally have problems in dealing with the demands and perplexities of daily life and our relationships. From time to time we can get "stuck" and have the need to sort out the challenges and choices to be made. These are the times when we can benefit from talking with a person who is trained in the skills of Pastoral Counseling and psychotherapy. Here at the Shrine, we have resources on staff to help. Fr. Jim Paradis, O.S.A. is a certified pastoral counselor, and Br. Bob Thornton, O.S.A. is a clinical psychologist. Both draw on the resources of faith and psychology to help people burdened by personal, couple, and family problems. It is a sign of strength to face and seek professional guidance with such issues. If you would like to learn more, please call **Fr. Jim Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min.** at **215-546-8333, ext. 1400.**

### Please pray for our sick:

Anthony Acchione, Steven E. Addeo, JoAnn Alessio, Judy Alonzo, Mia Andrilla, Cecilia Anguera, Carol Antonelli, Alene Avetian, Isaiah Baker, Marissa Biancaniello, Marie Bidy, Sarah Bidy, Bo Botto, Joseph Botto, Lula Bottoms, Samuel A. Bowlen, Elizabeth Boyer, Anna Boyle, Zack Bove, Kevin & Elizabeth Brennan, Deborah Brown, Kay Brown, Pat Bruno, Alice Butterworth, Mikey Calabretta, Frank Cammarata, Rose Campolongo, Katie Cassidy, Aurora Cassidy, Christine Castelli, Sonia Celia, Noah Checchia, Cindy Chen, Anthony Cimini, Lynn Costello, Robert Cox, III, Rosemary Crescitelli, Ralphal Curry, Jr., William D'Amato, April L. DeMatto, Dora Di Costanzo, Raymond DiPalma, Cecilia Dougherty, Ryan J. Dougherty, Madeline Farnese, Anthony Ferrara, Cristina Field, Nova A. Fields, Jeannette Forcina, Patricia Fueschlin, David Gavin, Jeanne Giaccia, Helen Glowacki, John Glowacki, Roger Gronert, Stella Gualtieri, Marie Guan, Eileen Hammel, Dean Hardwick, Gavin Horn, Christina Houser, Sister Mary Joan Huggard, Ray Huxen, Sr., Richard Iezzi, Carolyn Jenkins, Rosalie Jones, Ignation José, Mila José, Kathy Kelly, Sheila Kendall, Brian Kuran, Rose Marie Lattanzio, Dina Levine, Mikey Ludwig, Bill Maffucci, Catherine Mahoney, Alexis Makowiec, Jilian Mariutti, Bernadette Mastromarco, Rocco Mattio, Tara McCabe, Marie McKenna, Blaise Michaels, Greg Michaels, Jeanette Million, Lynn Minko, Robert Monroe, Natalie Deal Mullen, Josephine Neilson, Jack O'Connell, Dennis O'Hara, Elizabeth Paglia, James Papa, Kate Pepper, Courtney Pisano, Rita Pisano, Annamaria Ranieri, Joseph & Maureen Reihl, Michael Reihl, George Richardson, Robin Rosenfeld, Roberta Ruskowski, Joseph Russo, Carolyn Sabatina, Nicholas Salmieri, Maria Scocca, Martha Sechuck, Audrey Seebarrath, Javon Welch Smith, Nancy Tatum, Connie Weber, Andrea Wells, Sophia Haifa Zedan, Joanne, Phil & Renee.

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

**Ash Wednesday | \$1,219**

**February 17 & 18, 2024 | \$2,212**

**Second Collection for Mercy Hospice | \$709**

## A Few Simple Notes from the Director

### What a busy week!

With the first full week of Lent behind us, there is no question that the Shrine is operating on all cylinders! In addition to our first Lenten meal, the first meeting of the book club, Stations of the Cross, and the release of our second reflection video, we had two funerals and two retreats (with 150+ high schoolers) this past week. We also finalized edits for the next issue of the Shrine's magazine, confirmed the Mother's Day Novena card, and sent invitations to potential celebrants for the Solemn Feast Day. This doesn't include the work that is being done on the flashing of the Shrine, or the countless meetings on and offsite! Whew! What a week!

It takes a lot of people doing a lot of good work to successfully run a Shrine. My sincere prayer is that as we continue to have more and more of these busy weeks, you continue to find new ways to get involved at the Shrine. Something is happening every day of the week, so if you can't find a ministry or program that excites or challenges you to grow closer to God, let me know! There is no better time than this Lent to explore all the places that God might be calling you to go deeper!

### A Few Reminders for Communion

As you know, last weekend we resumed the practice of offering Holy Communion under both species. For the most part, everything went very well! Thanks for your help and patience as we slowly get back into practice.

A few important reminders: (1) For those of you who need assistance to receive Communion, simply stay in place and a Minister of Communion will come to you. We promise to do our best to get Holy Communion to everyone who wishes to receive it in a timely manner. (2) Please also remember that "intinction," or the practice of dipping the Body of Christ into the Blood of Christ before consuming it is not permitted. Everyone should consume the Body of Christ immediately after receiving it and should consume the Blood of Christ directly from the chalice (if you wish to receive under both species). (3) And, if you are sick, please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood.

Thanks for your help as we follow these guidelines, both out of respect and reverence for Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist and for the safety and care of each other.

### Join our team! We're hiring!

The Shrine is looking to hire a new Director of Sacred Music and Principal Organist (full-time). Reporting to the Executive Director, the Director of Sacred Music is responsible for coordinating and overseeing all liturgical music at the Shrine. They are responsible for building a comprehensive music ministry that supports the Shrine's rich liturgical heritage, and helps our patrons sing, pray and worship more fully and actively. We hope to have this position filled by the summer. Please keep this search process in your prayers!

To read the full job description and application requirements, visit: <https://www.saintrita Shrine.org/news/employment>

*I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

### Donut Social with VITAS Card Writing

Don't forget to join us for our monthly donut social in the Cascia Center following the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, February 25, 2024. While we enjoy each other's company, we will write cards of hope and encouragement to family members, friends, and caretakers at VITAS Healthcare. See you there!



You're invited to join us **every Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.** for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Whether you stay for a few moments, or you commit to a full hour, please prayerfully consider stopping by the Lower Shrine.



Join us immediately **following the 12:00 p.m. Mass in the Upper Shrine each Friday** of Lent for the Stations of the Cross.

### Man Up Philly 2024

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference will be held next **Saturday, March 2, 2024** at Cardinal O'Hara High School. The day will include great talks, prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez. Visit [www.ManUpPhilly.com](http://www.ManUpPhilly.com) for more information and to register. **NB: The Shrine will have a table at the conference this year, so be sure to stop by and say hello!**

### Save the Dates: Triduum 2024

We hope that you will make plans to join the Shrine for our commemoration of the Paschal Triduum this year:

#### Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. Mass

#### Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 2024 | 7:30 p.m. Service

#### Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 2024 | 8:00 p.m. Mass

#### Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. Mass

*To Have and to Hold*

Please keep in your prayers

**Gabrielle Sage DiDario and Matthew Ian Atkinson**  
as they prepare for their wedding at the Shrine on  
March 1, 2024.

To learn more about other local events and programs, visit:  
[www.SaintRitaShrine.org/virtual-bulletin](http://www.SaintRitaShrine.org/virtual-bulletin)

The readings for the Second Sunday of Lent (Year B), begin at  
**number 983 in the hymnal.**

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