

March 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 2, 2024 <i>Saturday of the Second Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Diana Lombardi
12:00 p.m.	Joseph Lombardi
5:00 p.m.	Costello Family
Sunday, March 3, 2024 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Jeanie & Andi Iliya
Monday, March 4, 2024 <i>Monday of the Third Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Kevin Lack
12:00 p.m.	† Frank Monzo
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 <i>Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Melissa Lack
12:00 p.m.	† Edith Di Silvestro
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 <i>Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Isabelle Cellini
12:00 p.m.	Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
Thursday, March 7, 2024 <i>Thursday of the Third Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Intentions of John McKenney
12:00 p.m.	† Gina Siciliano
Friday, March 8, 2024 <i>Friday of the Third Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Susan & Roger Gronert
12:00 p.m.	† Rosemarie Vento
Saturday, March 9, 2024 <i>Saturday of the Third Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† June Furia
12:00 p.m.	Tim Freund (For Healing)
5:00 p.m.	Moradin Family

Bread & Wine Offering	Sanctuary Candle
† = Deceased	

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel Reading
Sun	Ex 20:1-17	1 Cor 1:22-25	Jn 2:13-25
Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab		Lk 4:24-30
Tues	Dn 3:25, 34-43		Mt 18:21-35
Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9		Mt 5:17-19
Thurs	Jer 7:23-28		Lk 11:14-23
Fri	Hos 14:2-10		Mk 12:28-34
Sat	Hos 6:1-6		Lk 18:9-14



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!

Do you have a desire for living out a deeper, adult relationship with God? Spiritual Direction may help!

The spiritual director is a companion on your journey of life, helping a person explore his or her relationship with God and whatever will enable that relationship to deepen and grow in adult, life-giving faith. Spiritual direction offers a safe space for ongoing discernment, questions, and dialogue about the mystery of God's activity in one's life. As Jesuits William Barry and William Connolly state, the director "tries to help the traveler read the maps, avoid dead-ends, and watch out for potholes" in one's journey. One-on-one spiritual direction meetings typically occur monthly for an agreed-upon period of time. **If you would like to learn more about this type of helping relationship, please call Fr. Jim Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min. at: 215-546-8333, ext. 1400.**

**Saint Rita, persevering in prayer, pray for us.
Saint Rita, help of those in need, pray for us.**

Please pray for our sick:

Anthony Acchione, Steven E. Addeo, JoAnn Allessio, 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 Seebarith, Javon Welch Smith, Nancy Tatum, Connie Weber, Andrea Wells, Sophia Haifa Zedan, Joanne, Phil & Renee.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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A Few Simple Notes from the Director

Safe and Secure

Thanks to Michael Donnelly and his team's impressive work, the copper flashing on the backside of the church (along Carlisle Street) has been replaced. As you may recall, sheets of copper came loose during a recent snow storm and started to fall onto the sidewalk below. By the grace of God, no one was hurt, and there has been no reported damage to the properties on that street. Not only will these repairs prevent water from seeping into the Shrine, but we hope it means that we won't have any more copper falling off the church for the foreseeable future! Our insurance company will pay for some of the work, but the majority of it is our responsibility. I'm just grateful that the work is now finished and that the Shrine's flashing is safe and secure once again.

You're invited!

Throughout this next week, seven pilgrims will be walking from Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in the Bronx, New York, to our Shrine in Philadelphia. For a couple of years, we have been planning this retreat with Modern Catholic Pilgrim (MCP) as a way to promote Augustinian spirituality, grow our pilgrimage ministry, and provide young adults a way to practice their faith. Thanks to Fr. Jeremy and the team from MCP, this vision has become a reality! Please keep these pilgrims in your prayers over the next week as they walk 110 miles (about 15 to 20 miles a day) to get to South Philly.

In addition to prayer, here's where we really need your help: you are invited to join us as we create a grand welcome reception for these pilgrims when they arrive at the Shrine at 12:45 p.m. next Saturday, March 9, 2024. Our hope is to have a massive crowd of patrons, Augustinians, mummers, and everyone in between gather at the Shrine to welcome the group to South Philadelphia and celebrate their successful journey. In addition to a big welcome reception, we will have a special Mass and meal following their return. All are encouraged to join us for part or all of the afternoon! I hope to see you there!

Lenten Wisdom from the Pope

"In this season of Lent, let us retreat into the 'desert.' May we dedicate time to silence to allow the voice of the Lord to speak to our heart and keep it in goodness."

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>

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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 Chapel.

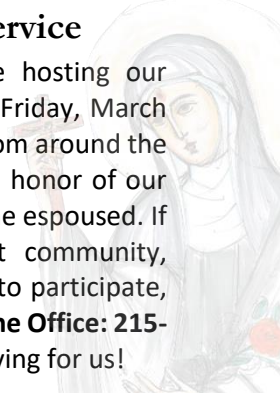


Stations of the Cross

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

Saint Rita Day of Service

Did you know that the Shrine will be hosting our inaugural "Saint Rita Day of Service" on Friday, March 22, 2024? We have invited 22 partners from around the country to join us for a day of service in honor of our beloved patroness and the virtues that she espoused. If you have a group (school, retirement community, friends, colleagues, etc.) that would like to participate, or to learn more, **contact Paul in the Shrine Office: 215-546-8333, ext. 2600.** Saint Rita, keep praying for us!



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

Congratulations to

Gabrielle Sage DiDario and Matthew Ian Atkinson

who were married at the Shrine this weekend!

And, please keep

Alyssa Kathleen Pagliaccetti and Vincent Nicholas Lombard
in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding at the Shrine on March 8, 2024.

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

The readings for the Third Sunday of Lent (Year B), begin at **number 986 in the hymnal.**

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