

March 10, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

8:00 a.m. † June Furia
 12:00 p.m. Tim Freund (For Healing)
 5:00 p.m. Moradin Family

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. † Mary Bell

Monday, March 11, 2024

Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

8:00 a.m. Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
 12:00 p.m. † Robert Provence

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Joseph T. Griffin, Sr.
 12:00 p.m. Prisco Family

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

8:00 a.m. † Navio & Anna Candelora
 12:00 p.m. † Robert & Anna Vadino

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

8:00 a.m. Saint Rita Society
 12:00 p.m. Intentions of Junide Pampan

Friday, March 15, 2024

Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Junide Pampan
 12:00 p.m. † Fr. Steven Wetzel, O.S.F.S.

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Junide Pampan
 12:00 p.m. † Leonard, Mary & William Armstrong
 5:00 p.m. Benanti-Ardizzone Families

Bread & Wine Offering

Sanctuary Candle

† = Deceased

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel Reading
Sun	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23	Eph 2:4-10	Jn 3:14-21
Mon	Is 65:17-21		Jn 4:43-54
Tues	Ez 47:1-9, 12		Jn 5:1-16
Wed	Is 49:8-15		Jn 5:17-30
Thurs	Ex 32:7-14		Jn 5:31-47
Fri	Wis 2:1a, 12-22		Jn 7:1-2,10, 25-30
Sat	Jer 11:18-20		Jn 7:40-53



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.**

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 Biancanello, Marie Bidy, Sarah Bidy, Sharon Bishop, 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, Alicia Fiocca, 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, Dennis O'Hara, Elizabeth Paglia, 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!

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A Few Simple Notes from the Director

Divine Mercy Image

As you may recall, the Divine Mercy image in the Saints' Grotto was desecrated back in January, leading to an investigation, an arrest, and a three-month-long process of getting it restored. Within days of the incident, we discovered that the picture itself – originally from the Divine Mercy Shrine in Poland – was damaged beyond repair. So after a few quick lessons in Polish, I sent a note to the nuns who run the Shrine, explained our situation, and asked for their help to order a new image. They were wonderfully accommodating, even helping us ascertain a custom size and translating the inscription from Polish to English. Last week, we finally received the new image, and it does not disappoint! Within minutes of receiving it in the mail, I drove to the frame store and placed the order for new glass and proper stretching of the canvas. The image is supposed to be ready within the next few days!

Thanks to the generosity of Maria Tamburrino, her son Mario, and their entire family, the cost of the new print, the new glass, and the restoration of the frame have been completely covered! Their devotion to the Shrine and the image of Divine Mercy is nothing short of inspiring!

Our intention is to hang the image back in the grotto as soon as it is ready. In April, however, on Divine Mercy Sunday, we will not only rededicate the image, but we will have a special blessing of the entire Saints' Grotto to honor all the work that's been done in that space over the past year. I am grateful for your continued patience and prayers as we navigate this unexpected situation.

A Marathon of Mercy

I spoke to a man last week who decided to go back to Confession after 27 years. He goes to Mass a few times every week and never misses a Sunday. He is a Knight of Columbus and attends Stations of the Cross during Lent. He enjoys spiritual reading and encourages his kids to do the same. When I asked why he decided to go after 27 years, he said it just felt like the right time.

Whether it's been a few days or more than a few years, I invite you to join us next Saturday, March 16, 2024, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have six priests (a new priest every two hours) to hear Confessions and serve as conduits of God's mercy and love. I hope you will join us! Let nothing be an obstacle to experiencing the mercy and love of God in your life. Sometimes, life just passes us by, and we need a little bit of encouragement to get back to the basics. I hope this invitation will serve as that encouragement for you... it might just be the right time! Saint Rita, generous in forgiving, pray for us!

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.

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

"This is the Church's essential task: to pray and to teach people to pray. To transmit the lamp of faith and the oil of prayer from generation to generation."

Pope Francis

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

Alyssa Kathleen Pagliaccetti and Vincent Nicholas Lombard who were married at the Shrine this weekend!

May they experience God's abundant blessings as they begin their married life together.

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

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B), begin at **number 989 in the hymnal.**

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