

April 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 13, 2024 <i>Saturday of the Second Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	John Valente & Linda Bruno
12:00 p.m.	Intentions of Pat Taylor & Family
5:00 p.m.	† Job Magola
Sunday, April 14, 2024 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	
10:00 a.m.	† John Devine
Monday, April 15, 2024 <i>Monday of the Third Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Elza Spaedy
12:00 p.m.	St. Rita Noon Mass Attendees
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 <i>Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00 p.m.	† Stephanie Liberi
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 <i>Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m.	† Lena Cavaliere
Thursday, April 18, 2024 <i>Thursday of the Third Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Saint Rita Society
12:00 p.m.	† Joseph R. Troy
Friday, April 19, 2024 <i>Friday of the Third Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00 p.m.	† Joe Nuzzi
Saturday, April 20, 2024 <i>Saturday of the Third Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Nicholas He
12:00 p.m.	† Rita Agnes
5:00 p.m.	† Cecilia DiGiorgio McMahon

Bread & Wine Offering	Sanctuary Candle
Josephine Montone (†)	
† = Deceased	

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel Reading
Sun	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	1 Jn 2:1-5a	Lk 24:35-48
Mon	Acts 6:8-15	Heb 10:4-10	Jn 6:22-29
Tues	Acts 7:51 – 8:1a		Jn 6:30-35
Wed	Acts 8:1b-8		Jn 6:35-40
Thurs	Acts 8:26-40		Jn 6:44-51
Fri	Acts 9:1-20		Jn 6:52-59
Sat	Acts 9:31-42		Jn 6:60-69



Healing Mass: April 21, 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 next Sunday, April 21, 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 of life. The physical and emotional exhaustion that has resulted from the Coronavirus pandemic has, for many, only added to this burden. These are the times when we can benefit from talking with a person who is trained in the skills of Pastoral Counseling and psychotherapy. 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. To learn more, please call **Fr. Jim Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min.** at **215-546-8333, ext. 1400.**

Please pray for our sick:

Liz Abrams, Anthony Acchione, Steven E. Addeo, JoAnn Alessio, Judy Alonzo, Mia Andrilla, Cecilia Anguera, Carol Antonelli, Alene Avetian, Isaiah Baker, Marissa Biancanello, Marie Bidy, Sarah Bidy, Anna Bosco, 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, Lois Giuffrida, 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, Caroline Morozzi, 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 Seebarith, Javon Welch Smith, Patricia Subramanya, Nancy Tatum, Connie Weber, Andrea Wells, Sophia Haifa Zedan, Joanne, Phil & Renee.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

April 6 & 7, 2024 | Collection: \$2,994

A Few Simple Notes from the Director

Uh oh! Fraudulent E-mails are Back!

Last week, someone sent a fraudulent e-mail to a few of our staff members requesting they purchase gift cards on my behalf. Even though the e-mail address was something crazy, my name and title showed up in their inbox like normal.

Luckily, our staff is aware of these kinds of scams and we caught it before any financial transaction occurred.

Please know that none of the Shrine staff will ever solicit money, credit card information, or ask for gift cards through e-mail. We will always talk to you on the phone and direct you to our website because it offers a secure, confidential, and convenient option for donations and purchases to be made online. If we ever do need help purchasing gift cards or other items (for a program or event), we will always let you know in advance and the amount will never be larger than \$50. One last note: In all of my correspondence, I try my best to be clear and concise, use proper grammar, and sound like a human being. If a note from "me" feels a little off, lacks proper grammar, or is a little too casual for your liking, there's a good chance it's a fake! When in doubt, call the office, and we'll let you know. Thanks for your continued vigilance!

We're getting ready!

As many of you already know, once we celebrate Easter Sunday at the Shrine, we take a few moments to catch our breath and then get busy preparing for the "Week of Giving" and Solemn Novena and Feast Day. March, April, and May have a tendency to be our busiest months! And let me assure you, this year is no different. Between contractors visiting to work on different projects around the property, and a full slate of pilgrimages, retreats, and programs taking place, we are keeping busy. This doesn't even account for all the mailings, advertisements, videos, and invitations being sent out to promote the Shrine and our Feast Day. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We couldn't do any of it without you!

Easter Words of Wisdom from Pope Francis

"The wounds of the Risen Jesus remind us of the suffering He endured for our love and salvation, but they are also signs of the Easter victory. It is precisely through His wounds that the mercy of the Risen Crucified flows to us."

Say "I do" at the Shrine

For 117 years, couples have celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in our beautiful and historic Shrine church. If you (or a loved one) are looking for a place to get married, why not consider the Shrine? To learn more, contact our Wedding Coordinator, Valerie Iezzi, at **267-414-8506** or weddings@saintrita Shrine.org.



Lord, let your face shine on us.

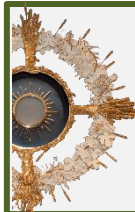
"End of Life" Planning Session

Make plans to join us this **Friday, April 19, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. in the Cascia Center** for our inaugural "End of Life" Planning Session (and lunch). Presentations on burial services, estate planning, and the funeral liturgy will be offered to help ease the burden often associated with end-of-life care. All are welcome to join us! For more information, call **215-546-8333**.

Will you answer the call?

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – Wednesday, May 1, 2024

WE NEED YOUR HELP. For the second year in a row, we want to connect with as many of our patrons as possible. That's right! Instead of our traditional mailed Annual Appeal, we have decided to call as many of our 16,000 patrons as possible in a week! We want to check in with each of you, update your contact information, share some of what is happening at the Shrine, and collect your prayer intentions for our Solemn Novena and Feast Day. And, with your help and support - only \$30 a family - you will help us meet our goal of \$250,000. To learn more, visit: www.SaintRitaShrine.org/giving



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.

Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 12, 2024 – Monday, May 20, 2024

Looking for a special way to honor your mother and other mother-like figures in your life? We invite you to join us in prayer for our annual Mother's Day Novena!

If you didn't receive our recent mailing but want to enroll your loved ones in our Mother's Day Novena, call the Shrine Office at 215-546-8333. We look forward to praying for and with you throughout this powerful period of intercession. Saint Rita, model of Christian mothers, pray for us!

CRS Rice Bowls

If you haven't already, please return your CRS Rice Bowls to the Shrine by next weekend. Catholic Relief Services is motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to foster charity and justice throughout the world. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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

The readings for the Third Sunday of Easter (Year B), begin at **number 1012 in the hymnal.**

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