

April 28, 2024

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday, April 27, 2024</b> <i>Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Clara Ho
12:00 p.m.	† Frances Mela & Nancy Wright
5:00 p.m.	Marta Bruno Fama Family
<b>Sunday, April 28, 2024</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	
10:00 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Valente Family
<b>Monday, April 29, 2024</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Lt. Col. Richard Smith
12:00 p.m.	† Anthony & Helen Valente
<b>Tuesday, April 30, 2024</b> <i>Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00 p.m.	Toumara K. Numa
<b>Wednesday, May 1, 2024</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m.	† Joe Trelli
<b>Thursday, May 2, 2024</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Nicholas DiBiase
12:00 p.m.	† J. David Michaels
<b>Friday, May 3, 2024</b> <i>Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Elaine & Daisy Nader
12:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Chico & Guzman Families
<b>Saturday, May 4, 2024</b> <i>Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Norman Wu
12:00 p.m.	Alonzo Vargas & Family
5:00 p.m.	† Job Magola

<b>Bread &amp; Wine Offering</b>	<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>
Joseph DeRose (†)	Priscilla Surjani Hanapi (†)
† = Deceased	

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel Reading
<b>Sun</b>	Acts 9:26-30	1 Jn 3:18-24	Jn 15:1-8
<b>Mon</b>	Acts 14:5-18		Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tues</b>	Acts 14:19-28		Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wed</b>	Acts 15:1-6		Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thurs</b>	Acts 15:7-21		Jn 15:9-11
<b>Fri</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8		Jn 14:6-14
<b>Sat</b>	Acts 16:1-10		Jn 15:18-21



**Healing Mass: May 19, 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 final Healing Mass of the year! We will gather on Sunday, May 19, 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.**

### 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 Seebath, Javon Welch Smith, Patricia Subramanya, Nancy Tatum, Connie Weber, Andrea Wells, Sophia Haifa Zedan, Joanne, Phil & Renee.

### Thank you for your continued generosity!

**April 20 & 21, 2024 | Collection: \$3,554**  
**Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services | \$1,400**

## A Few Simple Notes from the Director

### Our "Week of Giving" is Underway!

This past week, we began our second annual "Week of Giving" appeal. As I type this note, we already have close to \$13,000 raised in support of the Shrine and our ministries. If you haven't gotten a call from us yet, please know that we are asking every family to give at least \$30 more than you typically would in support of our mission and ministries. With the help of our staff and incredible volunteers, we will be making these phone calls through next Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Your generous support of our annual appeal allows us to continue to grow our mission and ministries, while also preserving the Shrine for generations to come. As I have said before, our work is only as successful as the support we receive from all of you, so thank you!

### Br. Michael Riggs, O.S.A.

Please keep Br. Michael Riggs, O.S.A. in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood next Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in Villanova. As many of you will recall, Br. Michael spent his pastoral year with us at the Shrine. Saint Rita, keep praying for him and for all of us!

## SOLEMN NOVENA TO SAINT RITA

*Help us spread the word, and make plans to join us for the Solemn Novena and Feast Day of Saint Rita!*

### Monday, May 13, 2024 through Friday, May 17, 2024

**Mass:** 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 5:30 p.m.

**Confession:** 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

### Saturday, May 18, 2024

**Mass:** 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

**Confession:** 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

### Sunday, May 19, 2024

**Mass:** 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. (Healing Mass)

**Confession:** 11:15 a.m.

### Monday, May 20, 2024 and Tuesday, May 21, 2024

**Mass:** 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 5:30 p.m.

**Confession:** 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.



## SOLEMN FEAST DAY OF SAINT RITA

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

### Mass Times:

8:00 a.m. with Fr. Joe Murray, O.S.A.

10:00 a.m. with Archbishop Nelson Pérez

12:00 p.m. with Cardinal Christophe Pierre (EWTN)

3:00 p.m. with Bishop William Koenig

5:00 p.m. with Fr. Tony Pizzo, O.S.A. (Bilingual)

7:00 p.m. with Fr. Rob Hagan, O.S.A.

### Confession Times:

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., & 6:00 p.m.

For more information, visit:

[www.SaintRitaShrine.org/feast-day](http://www.SaintRitaShrine.org/feast-day)

*I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

## Monthly Donut Social

Don't forget to join us for our monthly donut social in the Cascia Center following the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, April 28, 2024. We hope to see you there!



## A Prayer for the Month of Mary



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

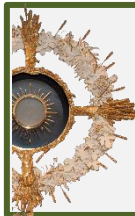
## Mother's Day Novena

**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!

It's not too late! You can still purchase a Liturgical Offering for a loved one at the Shrine. To schedule a Bread and Wine Offering, or Sanctuary Candle Offering, please call Donna in the Office: **215-546-8333. ext. 1000.**



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.

## *To Have and to Hold*

Please keep **Zoe Kozinski and Daniel Neuhaus** in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding at the Shrine on May 4, 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B), begin at **number 1018 in the hymnal.**

**BATHROOM CODE: 1-2-5-6**