

January 21, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 20, 2024 <i>Saturday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Coleen Jerome
12:00 p.m.	† Kathleen O'Donnell Kelly
5:00 p.m.	† Theresa Amorose
Sunday, January 21, 2024 <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
10:00 a.m.	† Nicolette Genzano
12:00 p.m.	† Antoinette A. Giannini
Monday, January 22, 2024 <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† William & Marie McConarty & Paul Loomis
12:00 p.m.	† Donna M. Campopiano
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 <i>Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Rocco & Angelina Presenza
12:00 p.m.	† Frank Addeo
Wednesday, January 24, 2024 <i>Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m.	Rose Candelora
Thursday, January 25, 2024 <i>Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Saint Rita Society
12:00 p.m.	† Anna, Elina & Lamare, Pierre Louis, Sante Longueuiter
Friday, January 26, 2024 <i>Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Donald Miniscalco, C.S.s.R.
12:00 p.m.	† Carol Rucci & Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, January 27, 2024 <i>Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Anthony He & Vincent He
12:00 p.m.	† June Furia
5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Patricia Lanni

Bread & Wine Offering	Sanctuary Candle
	Nicolette Genzano (†)
† = Deceased	

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel Reading
Sun	Jon 3:1-5, 10	1 Cor 7:29-31	Mk 1:14-20
Mon	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10		Mk 3:22-30
Tues	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19		Mk 3:31-35
Wed	2 Sm 7:4-17		Mk 4:1-20
Thurs	Acts 22:3-16		Mk 16:15-18
Fri	2 Tm 1:1-8		Mk 4:26-34
Sat	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17		Mk 4:35-41



Healing Mass: THIS SUNDAY!

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 this Sunday, January 21, 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, help of those in need, pray for us!

Please pray for our sick:

Anthony Acchione, Steven E. Addeo, JoAnn Allesio, 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 Seebath, Javon Welch Smith, Nancy Tatum, Andrea Wells, Sophia Haifa Zedan, Joanne, Phil & Renee.

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the collection totals from last weekend will be printed in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your patience and continued generosity!

A Few Simple Notes from the Director

When it rains, it pours!

If you recall, a couple of weeks ago we had an evening of bad rain and wind in the City. The next day, we discovered that large panels of copper flashing were blown off the backside of the church onto Carlisle Street. We had a similar issue on the opposite side of the church a couple of years ago. The panels are attached to the apse of the church (the exterior of the church, behind the mural above the high altar), and because they fell off, 117-year-old wood is now exposed. Between the rain and snow as of late, I am especially concerned about the potential of water leaking in.

I am grateful that our roofer, Michael Donnelly, immediately came out to assess the situation, and with the help of our insurance company, we should be able to get everything fixed within the next couple of weeks. Luckily, no one was injured, and the falling panels didn't damage any property. While we wait for the flashing to get fixed, please note that parking on the sidewalk behind the church on Carlisle Street is closed.

Augustinian Spirituality

Last weekend, I had the privilege of addressing 60 high school students on the topic of Augustinian Spirituality at my home parish in Charlotte, NC. My baby sister is the youth minister there, and she invited me to share what I know about the Augustinians with her teens. Preparing my reflection was a good opportunity for me to do a spiritual inventory of sorts. And, in the end, I offered three ideas to the teens that I think are worth considering for ourselves.

First, like Saint Augustine, we have to be open to experiencing moments of conversion in our lives. Or in other words, we need to embrace the grace of restlessness! Our moments of conversion may not be as dramatic or impressive as people from the Bible or Saint Augustine, but each of us is called to be attentive to where, how, and in whom God is at work in our lives. When we are open to discovering God in new ways, we will inevitably move from a place of uncertainty, complacency, or doubt, to a place of certainty, growth, and truth. Are you open to this type of movement in your life?

Second, like Saint Augustine, we need to be willing to rely fully and totally on God. While many of us have a relationship with God, how often do we take time to evaluate that relationship? Deepening our relationship with God requires us to pray, reflect on Scripture, attend daily Mass, and spend time at Adoration (among other things). Because of Saint Augustine's conversion, he learned to commit himself totally to God; Saint Augustine let Jesus Christ be the driving love, the total preoccupation of his life, the foundation and core of all that he wrote and did. Is the same true for each of us?

Finally, like Saint Augustine, we have to learn how to rely on others as we search for God. Accepting support for our journey from a community of "one mind and one heart" holds us accountable and helps us to grow in appreciation of each other's giftedness. By relying on the love, encouragement, and support of a community, we come to know ourselves and God more fully. Who supports us on our journey to God?

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

"The Lord does not want superficial "followers." He wants people who question themselves and let themselves be challenged by His Word. So, to be Jesus' disciples, we must first of all seek Him and keep our hearts open and searching, never satiated or satisfied."
Pope Francis, January 2024

Please prayerfully consider stopping by the Lower Shrine Chapel to join us every **Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.** for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Millions of Monicas

Are you a mom who worries about your children because they have fallen away from their faith? In the Spring, the Shrine will begin hosting a weekly prayer group in collaboration with "Millions of Monicas," a national prayer ministry specifically for moms worried about their kids. There is hope. To learn more, visit: www.millionsofmonicas.com

2024 Mass Intentions are Still Available

Do you have someone you want to remember or celebrate? For just \$15, you can have a Mass offered for a loved one or friend at the Shrine. And, for just \$25, you can purchase a Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Candle offering for them. Dates are limited! To schedule an intention, please call the office at **215-546-8333**.

Man Up Philly 2024

The 16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference will be held on **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 for more information and to register.

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

The readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B), begin at **number 1042 in the hymnal**.

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