


March 17, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 16, 2024 <i>Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Junide Pampan
12:00 p.m.	† Leonard, Mary & William Armstrong
5:00 p.m.	Benanti-Ardizzone Families
Sunday, March 17, 2024 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Paul Quinter
12:00 p.m.	Massimo & Joanne Maiellano
Monday, March 18, 2024 <i>Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Sally Ferullo
12:00 p.m.	† Betty Freund
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 <i>Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Maria Berchick
12:00 p.m.	Jeanie & Andi Iliya
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 <i>Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m.	† Salvatore & Anthony Soli
Thursday, March 21, 2024 <i>Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Teresita Lacap
12:00 p.m.	† Vicky Pasquariello
Friday, March 22, 2024 <i>Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Salvatore Vernose
12:00 p.m.	† Vincent Testa
Saturday, March 23, 2024 <i>Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Matozzo
12:00 p.m.	† Justin Mize
5:00 p.m.	† Sylvia Michaels

Bread & Wine Offering	Sanctuary Candle
	† = Deceased

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:			
	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel Reading
Sun	Jer 31:31-34	Heb 5:7-9	Jn 12:20-33
Mon	Dn 13:41c-62		Jn 8:1-11
Tues	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Rom 4:13-22	Mt 1:16, 18-24a
Wed	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95		Jn 8:31-42
Thurs	Gn 17:3-9		Jn 8:51-59
Fri	Jer 20:10-13		Jn 10:31-42
Sat	Ez 37:21-28		Jn 11:45-56



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, 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 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 Seebarath, 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

Saint Rita Day of Service

Thanks to the stellar work of Paul Koenig, the Shrine will be hosting its inaugural "Saint Rita Day of Service" this Friday, March 22, 2024. The idea is relatively simple: Saint Rita understood the importance of perseverance, hope, and peacemaking in the midst of facing life's obstacles. Her example of serving her community and promoting the greater good continues to resonate with and impact the lives of devotees around the world over 600 years later. And so, hosting a national day of service not only promotes the life of Saint Rita, but it invites people from around the country to embody these virtues for themselves. If you want to participate (as an individual or a group), reach out to Paul and let him know. It's not too late!

Very intentionally, this Friday was chosen because it is two months before the Solemn Feast of Saint Rita, giving us an opportunity to begin promoting our beloved patroness with people near and far. And this date is also the Friday before Holy Week, which offers a beautiful invitation to participate in acts of service before we enter into the Paschal Mystery, the greatest act of service and love known to humankind.

So far, we have groups and individuals – youth groups, schools, universities, businesses, religious communities, and non-profits - from Illinois, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts who have signed up and agreed to participate. With your help, I know we will meet our goal of engaging as many people as possible through this exciting initiative.

Holy Week is Almost Here!

Please help us spread the word about our Holy Week schedule, especially when our liturgies will be offered for the Triduum. I can't wait to see you throughout the week!

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.

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

The readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B), begin at number 992 in the hymnal.

BATHROOM CODE: 1-2-5-6

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

HOLY WEEK @ THE SHRINE

Palm Sunday | March 24, 2024

5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Both Palm Sunday Masses will begin in the Cascia Center Plaza

Monday, March 25, 2024

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
10:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:00 p.m. Daily Mass
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
10:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:00 p.m. Daily Mass
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 p.m. "Pray Your Way" Evening

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
10:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:00 p.m. Daily Mass
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Thursday | March 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lower Shrine)
10:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass
10:30 p.m. Altar of the Repose Closes (Cascia Center)

Good Friday | March 29, 2024

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lower Shrine)
10:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday | March 30, 2024

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lower Shrine)
10:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
The Vigil Mass will begin in the Cascia Center Plaza

Easter Sunday | March 31, 2024

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass*

Easter Monday | April 1, 2024

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
10:45 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:00 p.m. Daily Mass*

**The Shrine will close after this Mass until the following day.*