

April 7, 2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 6, 2024 <i>Saturday in the Octave of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Connie Di Nubile
12:00 p.m.	Alonzo Vargas & Family
5:00 p.m.	† Job Magola
Sunday, April 7, 2024 <i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>	
10:00 a.m.	† Viray Family
Monday, April 8, 2024 <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Alice & John Brogan
12:00 p.m.	Susan & Roger Gronert
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 <i>Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Nicola Mauro
12:00 p.m.	† Fred Troilo, Sr.
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 <i>Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m.	† Carl DiMichele
Thursday, April 11, 2024 <i>Memorial of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Evelyn & William Wilkinson
12:00 p.m.	Mickey Rosati
Friday, April 12, 2024 <i>Friday of the Second Week of Easter</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Danny Varano
12:00 p.m.	Joey Aversa (†) & Sal Aversa
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

Bread & Wine Offering	Sanctuary Candle
† = Deceased	

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel Reading
Sun	Acts 4:32-35	1 Jn 5:1-6	Jn 20:19-31
Mon	Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Heb 10:4-10	Lk 1:26-38
Tues	Acts 4:32-37		Jn 3:7b-15
Wed	Acts 5:17-26		Jn 3:16-21
Thurs	Acts 5:27-33		Jn 3:31-36
Fri	Acts 5:34-42		Jn 6:1-15
Sat	Acts 6:1-7		Jn 6:16-21



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 on Sunday, April 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 Allessio, Judy Alonzo, Mia Andrilla, Cecilia Anguera, Carol Antonelli, Alene Avetian, Isaiah Baker, Marissa Biancanello, Marie Biddy, Sarah Biddy, 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, 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, Nancy Tatum, Connie Weber, Andrea Wells, Sophia Haifa Zedan, Joanne, Phil & Renee.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

March 23 & 24, 2024 | Collection: \$2,780

Tridium & Easter Sunday | Collection: \$6,372

A Few Simple Notes from the Director

Thank you!

On behalf of the staff and Augustinian Friars, I want to thank everyone who joined us throughout the Triduum and for our Easter Sunday Mass last weekend. It was really great to be together and celebrate in such a beautiful way! Between the flowers, the preaching, the people, and the music, it was the Shrine community praying at its best! Thank you to everyone who helped make it so special. And, if you weren't able to join us, please know that you were missed and that we kept you close in prayer.

So many of you also gifted the friars and our staff with a variety of baked goods, notes, prayers, and presents. Thank you for your generosity and kindness! It will take us a few weeks to properly thank each of you, but for now, just know that we appreciate your thoughtfulness!

As we begin our Easter journey anew, I invite you to take some time over the next 50 days to celebrate the joy and beauty of the Resurrection in your own life. In small, intentional ways we can continue to roll away the stones of doubt, fear, and pain to proclaim that Jesus Christ has truly risen; His victory over sin and death gives us reason to shout "Alleluia!"

Looking ahead to the Feast Day

I am excited to announce that we have six phenomenal celebrants scheduled for our Solemn Feast Day this year! Even though we are a month and a half away, help us spread the word among family members and friends about our plans for Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

- 8:00 a.m. – Fr. Joseph Murray, O.S.A.
- 10:00 a.m. – Archbishop Nelson Pérez
- 12:00 p.m. – Cardinal Christophe Pierre (Papal Nuncio)
- 3:00 p.m. – Bishop William Koenig (Diocese of Wilmington)
- 5:00 p.m. – Fr. Tony Pizzo, O.S.A. (Chicago Province)
- 7:00 p.m. – Fr. Rob Hagan, O.S.A.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be soliciting volunteers to help us throughout the Novena and Feast Day. Stay tuned for more information!

We need you!

Do you enjoy chatting on the phone? Looking to volunteer for a few hours to support the Shrine? We need 20 volunteers to help us make phone calls in the evenings (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) Wednesday, April 24, 2024, through Wednesday, May 1, 2024, and all day on Saturday, April 27, 2024 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) as part of our second annual "Week of Giving." We have an ambitious fundraising goal, but with your help, I think we can do it! If you're open to helping, call Donna in the Shrine Office.

Join us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass this weekend for the rededication and blessing of the newly refurbished Saints' Grotto and Divine Mercy image in the Lower Shrine.

BATHROOM CODE: 1-2-5-6

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.



"Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy' (Diary, p. 132). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium."

**Saint John Paul II
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 22, 2001**

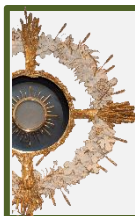
"End of Life" Planning Session

Save the date and plan to join us on **Friday, April 19, 2024** 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. 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!

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

The readings for the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday (Year B), begin at **number 1010 in the hymnal**.