

April 21, 2024

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Mass Intentions for the Week

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| <b>Saturday, April 20, 2024</b><br><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   |
| <b>Sunday, April 21, 2024</b><br><i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>                                      |                               |
| 10:00 a.m.   | † George & Dolores Caserio    |
| 12:00 p.m.   | Triolo Family                 |
| <b>Monday, April 22, 2024</b><br><i>Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter</i>                          |                               |
| 8:00 a.m.  | Ryan Alleman                  |
| 12:00 p.m.   | † Peter Mantey                |
| <b>Tuesday, April 23, 2024</b><br><i>Memorial of Blessed Helen Udine, Augustinian Secular</i>        |                               |
| 8:00 a.m.  | Maria & Thomas Casalnova      |
| 12:00 p.m.   | † Lisa Notarfrancesco         |
| <b>Wednesday, April 24, 2024</b><br><i>Feast of the Conversion of Saint Augustine</i>                |                               |
| 8:00 a.m.  | † Sabatino Nicolini           |
| 12:00 p.m.   | † Marie Cavaliere             |
| <b>Thursday, April 25, 2024</b><br><i>Feast of St. Mark, the Evangelist</i>                          |                               |
| 8:00 a.m.  | Holy Souls in Purgatory       |
| 12:00 p.m.   | † William Brennan             |
| <b>Friday, April 26, 2024</b><br><i>Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Good Counsel</i> |                               |
| 8:00 a.m.  | † Maria Berchick              |
| 12:00 p.m.   | † Mae Pasquariello            |
| <b>Saturday, April 27, 2024</b><br><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       |

| Bread & Wine Offering | Sanctuary Candle        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|                       | Clara Ho Tjwie Sang (†) |
| † = Deceased          |                         |

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:

|       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Gospel Reading |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Sun   | Acts 4:8-12             | 1 Jn 3:1-2              | Jn 10:11-18    |
| Mon   | Acts 11:1-18            |                         | Jn 10:1-10     |
| Tues  | Acts 11:19-26           |                         | Jn 10:22-30    |
| Wed   | Acts 12:24 – 13:5a      |                         | Jn 12:44-50    |
| Thurs | 1 Pt 5:5b-14            |                         | Mk 16:15-20    |
| Fri   | Acts 13:26-33           |                         | Jn 14:1-6      |
| Sat   | Acts 13:44-52           |                         | Jn 14:7-14     |



### 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, 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 13 & 14, 2024 | Collection: \$1,747

## A Few Simple Notes from the Director

### Security Update

As you may recall, in January, I submitted a proposal to the Province for a grant from the Riley Family Foundation Fund to support security initiatives at the Shrine. In addition to the proposal, I asked each of the six Friars who minister at the Shrine to sign a letter supporting the request. All of the Friars were in total agreement that this was a necessary and worthwhile request. I'm sure each of you agrees as well. Well, I'm happy to announce that we received the grant, as it was written!

Over the next couple of months, we will be investing in five new projects around the Shrine: (1) Hiring three part-time security guards to be present whenever the Shrine is open (including weddings, evening meetings, and weekend programs), (2) New internal and external cameras throughout the Shrine property, (3) Updated locks for the 1164 property (to match the new FOB system in the Cascia Center), (4) Fencing around our HVAC units on the north side of the church, and (5) Updated signage in our parking lots.

I am grateful to the Province and the Riley Family for investing such a significant amount of their resources in these projects. I am confident this will help the Shrine feel more secure and safe for everyone who visits throughout the year! As more develops, I will be sure to keep you in the loop.

### Tolle Lege Day & the Week of Giving

This next week, we will begin our Week of Giving with the Province-wide day of giving, Tolle Lege Day. Your support of the Shrine on Tolle Lege Day is a gift toward the Week of Giving as well. Our hope is to streamline these kinds of initiatives so as to not wear on you and your generous support of the Shrine. Kicking off our Week of Giving with the Province-wide initiative is one small way we are attempting to do that. I appreciate your continued financial and spiritual support of the Shrine, this next week and throughout the year.

### Easter Words of Wisdom from Pope Francis

"Jesus has triumphed over evil. He turned His cross into the bridge to the resurrection. Raise your hands to Him daily to praise and bless Him. Tell Him the hopes of your heart and share with Him your deepest secrets. God loves this kind of living, concrete, and heartfelt prayer."

## 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!

*The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

In the Church, we honor Mary under many titles. This Friday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Good Counsel. This title is particularly dear to Augustinians throughout the world. The tender image of mother and child is at one and the same time so very human and so illustrative of a deep spiritual truth. Mary, mother of her infant son, is also his first and most faithful disciple. He who is her Lord embraces her affectionately as she, his mother, receives from him words of wisdom and counsel.

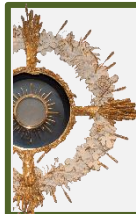


### Will you answer the call?

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](http://www.SaintRitaShrine.org/giving)

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B), begin at  
**number 1015 in the hymnal.**

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