

January 14, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 13, 2024 <i>Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Alonzo Vargas
12:00 p.m.	† Joanne Miniscalco
5:00 p.m.	† Rosemarie DeMarco
Sunday, January 14, 2024 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
10:00 a.m.	† Frank & Antoinette Soli
Monday, January 15, 2024 <i>Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time</i>	
9:00 a.m.	† Lawrence Kinsella
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 <i>Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Deceased Relatives of the O.S.A.
12:00 p.m.	† Niels Korup
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 <i>Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m.	† Mary & Samuel Scuderi and Fr. Michael Scuderi, O.S.A.
Thursday, January 18, 2024 <i>Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:00 a.m.	D'Atagrace Protection: For Eliane
12:00 p.m.	† Gerard Vernose
Friday, January 19, 2024 <i>Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:00 a.m.	† Marie Kay
12:00 p.m.	† Nicolette Genzano
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

Bread & Wine Offering	Sanctuary Candle
Special Intentions of M.J.D.E.	
† = Deceased	

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:			
	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel Reading
Sun	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19	1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20	Jn 1:35-42
Mon	1 Sm 15:16-23		Mk 2:18-22
Tues	1 Sm 16:1-13		Mk 2:23-28
Wed	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51		Mk 3:1-6
Thurs	1 Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7		Mk 3:7-12
Fri	1 Sm 24:3-21		Mk 3:13-19
Sat	2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,23-27		Mk 3:20-21



Healing Mass: January 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 next Sunday, January 21, 2024 to pray for Saint Rita's healing intercession, and receive a special blessing with Saint Rita oil. All are welcome!

Each Monday evening for the past three years, men of various ages and backgrounds have gathered at Saint Rita's in faith and confidentiality to address their lives which became diminished by sexual compulsions and addictions. They gather for support, commitment, and accountability, striving to grow and make choices for chaste, balanced Christian living. **The Men's Group at the Shrine meets Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in a private conference room in the Cascia Center. If you would like more information about this group, or are interested in joining, please call **Fr. Jim Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min. at 215-546-8333, ext. 1400.**

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.

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 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 Seebarith, Javon Welch Smith, Nancy Tatum, Andrea Wells, Sophia Haifa Zedan, Joanne, Phil & Renee.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

December 23 & 24, 2023 \$1,963

December 24 & 25, 2023 \$7,509

December 31 & January 1, 2024 \$2,309

January 6 & 7, 2024 \$2,282

A Few Simple Notes from the Director

Staffing Needs

This past week included a lot of conversation about our staffing needs at the Shrine. At the top of this list is a new Director of Sacred Music as well as security guards to patrol throughout the day. Various options and possibilities have been suggested, but we are still discerning the best way to proceed. There is no question that we need both roles filled, but we have to balance these needs with our current financial realities. My hope is to make some significant moves over the next couple of weeks to get us closer to where we want to be. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who would be interested in working as a part-time security guard or as a full-time Director of Sacred Music, please invite them to reach out to me or one of the Friars.

Where is the image of Divine Mercy?

In the bulletin last weekend, I shared about the incident involving the Divine Mercy image in the Saints' Grotto. Since then, we went to Michael's (where we originally got the image framed) to have them fix the glass. When we arrived and finally took the image out, we noticed that there was damage to the actual print, and that the glass that remained in the frame fused to the print, making it unusable. Luckily, there is a stamp on the back of the image that indicates where it came from: the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland! I immediately reached out to them to ask for their help, and after a bit of back and forth, we determined that I should connect with their community in Stockbridge, MA. As a result of that interaction, we ordered a new Divine Mercy image and as soon as it arrives, we will have it framed and rehung in the Saints' Grotto. Please continue to pray for the gentleman who did this and for all those who need God's divine mercy in their lives.

Update on Monthly Second Collections

Starting this month, we have decided to reimagine our monthly second collections so that we are more intentional in supporting a wider range of ministries throughout the region, country, and world. We will continue to accept nominations and suggestions from our patrons, but we will make sure that we support programs and non-profits that align with our new programming vision: youth ministry, the work of women, counseling for families and the bereaved, and ongoing issues of peace and justice.

With this in mind, our collection next weekend will be taken up to support "Programa Velasco." Founded in 2007, Programa Velasco's mission is to educate and empower children and women entrepreneurs in El Salvador to build strong families and create better futures. They do this through innovation, solidarity, inclusion, transparency, and sustainability. By focusing on these values, they create families that thrive, families that are educated and emboldened to interrupt generational cycles of poverty and build a peaceful community. Whatever we are able to collect next weekend will be sent to support them and their inspiring work!

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Please note that the Shrine will celebrate only one **Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Church on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.** The Shrine will close immediately after Mass and will open again for regular hours on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. The Shrine Office and Gift Shop will be closed for the holiday.



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**.

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 Have and to Hold

Congratulations to

Gianna Bowe and Zachary Sakena

who were married at the Shrine this weekend!

May they experience God's abundant blessings as they begin their married life together.

To learn more about other local events and programs, visit:

www.SaintRitaShrine.org/virtual-bulletin

The readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B), begin at **number 1039 in the hymnal**.

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