

February 11, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday, February 10, 2024 <i>Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i> | |
| 8:00 a.m. | † Joseph Romolini |
| 12:00 p.m. | † Louis Agnes |
| 5:00 p.m. | Jeanie & Andi Iliya |
| Sunday, February 11, 2024 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | |
| 10:00 a.m. | † Anna Innequale |
| Monday, February 12, 2024 <i>Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time</i> | |
| 8:00 a.m. | † Rocco & Angelina Presenza |
| 12:00 p.m. | † Paul Woodard, Sr. & Paul Woodard, Jr. |
| Tuesday, February 13, 2024 <i>Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time</i> | |
| 8:00 a.m. | † Joseph T. Griffin, Jr. |
| 12:00 p.m. | † Daniel McLaughlin, Jr. |
| Wednesday, February 14, 2024 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Members & Benefactors of the Shrine |
| 12:00 p.m. | † Harry Faunce |
| 5:30 p.m. | † Cecilia Caicedo |
| Thursday, February 15, 2024 <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i> | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Saint Rita Society |
| 12:00 p.m. | Jeanie & Andi Iliya |
| Friday, February 16, 2024 <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i> | |
| 8:00 a.m. | † James E. Costello |
| 12:00 p.m. | † Richard Romolini |
| Saturday, February 17, 2024 <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i> | |
| 8:00 a.m. | † Caterina Mauro |
| 12:00 p.m. | † Aleksandra Bilotti |
| 5:00 p.m. | † Anne & Albert Mancinelli |

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| Bread & Wine Offering | Sanctuary Candle |
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| † = Deceased | |

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:

| | 1 st Reading | 2 nd Reading | Gospel Reading |
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| Sun | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 | 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1 | Mk 1:40-45 |
| Mon | Jas 1:1-11 | | Mk 8:11-13 |
| Tues | Jas 1:12-18 | | Mk 8:14-21 |
| Wed | Jl 2:12-18 | 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2 | Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thurs | Dt 30:15-20 | | Lk 9:22-25 |
| Fri | Is 58:1-9a | | Mt 9:14-15 |
| Sat | Is 58:9b-14 | | Lk 5:27-32 |



Healing Mass: February 18, 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, February 18, 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 at the Shrine. 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.**

Liturgical Offerings are still Available

It's not too late! You can still schedule a Mass or purchase a Liturgical Offering for a loved one at the Shrine. To schedule a Mass intention, Bread and Wine Offering, or Sanctuary Candle Offering, please call the Office at **215-546-8333.**

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, 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

Lent 2024

I know it is hard to believe, but beginning this Wednesday, we start our commemoration of the Lenten season. If I'm being honest, I just put my Christmas decorations away last weekend! Luckily, the next forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are ripe with opportunities to delve deeper into our Catholic faith; to renew our commitment to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. Please be sure to check out the insert in this week's bulletin and make plans to join us throughout this holy season!

You'll note that in addition to our regular liturgical schedule, we will be offering countless additional opportunities for you to take advantage of this Lent: Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass, Lenten Meal Exchanges in support of Saint John's Hospice, a day of Confession for 12 continuous hours, weekly reflections posted on our social media, and a book club, just to name a few. There are a lot of great programs being offered, so I hope you take advantage of them! And, next time you check out our website, you'll also see our growing list of reflections and free resources for you to use. There is no shortage of ways to grow deeper this Lent and make it a meaningful period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As I have said before, I sincerely believe that a Lent lived with purpose and intentionality guarantees a remarkably joyful and fruitful Triduum and Easter celebration!

Death Leads to New Life

Ash Wednesday is always an interesting day in the life of the Church. People come from all over to symbolically place "death" on their heads. Have you ever thought about it? Dead palm branches are smeared on our heads, and not as a condemnation, but as a reminder that death gives way to life. This is the Paschal Mystery; this is what it means to live as a believer in the world. As Catholics, this is what we are supposed to give witness to every day of our lives. For the second year in a row at the Shrine, we will celebrate this Paschal Mystery in a profound way at the Triduum. It is truly the high point of our liturgical year. So, as we begin our journey through Lent, let's remember what we are journeying toward: New Life!



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.

Lenten Meal Exchange

Join us for our first Lenten Meal Exchange on **Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. in the Cascia Center**. The cost of lunch will be a \$10 donation for Saint John's Hospice, or a (frozen) casserole to be donated in support of their homelessness outreach. For more information, please contact Paul at **215-546-8333, ext. 2600**.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

We invite you to join us on **Wednesday, February 14, 2024** for the start of the Lenten season with the commemoration of Ash Wednesday. Three opportunities to receive ashes will be offered in the **Upper Shrine**:

- 8:00 a.m. Mass** with the distribution of Ashes
- 12:00 p.m. Mass** with the distribution of Ashes
- 5:30 p.m. Mass** with the distribution of Ashes

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call the Shrine Office.



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.

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**

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. **NB: The Shrine will have a table at the conference this year, so be sure to stop by and say hello!**

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B), begin at **number 1051 in the hymnal**.

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