June 7, 2020
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Saturday, June 6
Saint Norbert, Bishop
8:00 a.m. Joseph Gilbert
10:00 a.m. † David Kling
5:00 p.m. † Ralph Comignola

Sunday, June 7
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
10:00 a.m. † Antoinette Debiase Layton

Monday, June 8
Saint William of York
8:00 a.m. Joseph Gilbert
12:00 p.m. Alex & Kelly Harlett

Tuesday, June 9
Saint Ephrem
8:00 a.m. Joseph Gilbert
12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10
Saint Justin
8:00 a.m. Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m. † Jean Ippolito
7:00 p.m. † Cecilia DiGiorgio McMahon

Thursday, June 11
Saint Barnabas, Apostle
8:00 a.m. † Bruce Rezzi
12:00 p.m. † Henry Schaffer

Friday, June 12
Saint Christian
8:00 a.m. Joseph Gilbert
12:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 13
Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. Joseph Gilbert
12:00 p.m. † Dominic & Josephine Fulginiti
5:00 p.m. † Anna DeFusco

† = Deceased

Bread & Wine Offering
Nicholas Martino

Sanctuary Candle
Benediktus Jan Suherman

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE:

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Let us pray for and with you!

Entrust your prayers to the loving care of Saint Rita and her healing intercession.

Submit your prayer requests on our new online prayer board. Prayer requests are kept confidential and are placed in a petition basket below the reliquary area of Saint Rita in the Lower Shrine. We will remember your intentions during each of our daily Masses.

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 one’s 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 and explore this type of helping relationship, please call Fr. Jim Paradis, O.S.A. at the Shrine: 215-546-8333, ext. 1400.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Holy Mary, Queen of all the saints, pray for us.
Holy Mary, Model of life for Saint Rita, pray for us.

We Pray For Our Sick

Anthony Acchione, Isaiah Baker, Gregory Barbuto, Marie Biddy, Sarah Biddy, Bo Botto, Joseph Botto, Samuel A. Bowlen, Elizabeth Boyer, Anna Boyle, Deborah Brown, Pat Bruno, Alice Butterworth, Rita Cecchetti, Sonia Celia, Cindy Chen, Anthony Cimin, Louis Cosenza, William D’Amato, April L. DeMatto, Philip DiChiaro, Raymond DiPalma, Cecilia Dougherty, Anthony Ferrara, Helen Glowacki, Roger Gronert, Gavin Horn, Grace Iatarola, Ignation José, Mila José, Brian Kuran, Catherine Mahoney, Rocco Mattio, Tara McCabe, Robert Monroe, Elizabeth Paglia, Joanna Palma, Kate Pepper, Courtney Pisano, Rita Pisano, John Politis, Annamaria Ranieri, Michael Reihl, Carolyn Sabatina, Gina Santaguida, Maria Scocca, Audrey Seebaroth, Sophia Haifa Zedan, & Joanne.

To place names on this list, call the Shrine office at 215-546-8333.
A Few Simple Notes from the Director

Yellow Phase Directives
If you haven’t read the liturgical directives released by the Archdiocese for the Yellow Phase (printed in last week’s bulletin, and posted in the narthex and on our website), please do so. Your health and safety remain our top priority! As more information becomes available, and/or we make decisions to reopen or reclose parts of the Shrine, we’ll be sure to let you know. Thank you for helping us keep the Shrine a safe place for all our patrons!

Listening, Solidarity, & Prayer
How can we be agents of peace and reconciliation in our nation, in our community, and in our families? I’ve been thinking a lot about this question recently as our nation is faced, once again, by the senseless murder of a young black person. In our pursuit of peace, we are called to listen to the stories of our brothers and sisters who suffer all types of injustice, and stand with them in solidarity. I’m reminded of a profound passage from the book, The Cross and the Lynching Tree, by James Cone. He writes: “The real scandal of the gospel is this: humanity’s salvation is revealed in the cross of the condemned criminal Jesus, and humanity’s salvation is available only through our solidarity with the crucified people in our midst.”

In our efforts to listen to and stand with all those on the margins, we must also join together in prayer: We pray for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and for the comfort of his family. We pray for an end to the sin of racism. And, we pray for the grace we need to grow in the virtues we lack.

Together, let’s ensure that the Shrine remains a place of peace and reconciliation that listens to the stories of and stands in solidarity with all those hurting in our country and community. May Saint Rita, the peacemaker and helper of those in need, pray for us as we work toward this reality.

Plans Moving Forward
This past week, the Shrine staff met for our first staff meeting since March. It was good to be with everyone in the same space (and it definitely saved me a lot of time not having to type everything in an e-mail)!

We talked about a lot of projects that were put on hold and how we anticipate picking them back up in the next few weeks. Some of the projects like power-washing the steps or planting the garden are relatively easy to resume and get done. Other projects like replacing the sound system and expanding our parking options take a little more time and energy. Needless to say, we’re working on all of it and we’re eager to move forward. Stay tuned!

The Roses are for You
As I’m sure many of you noticed, we decided to leave the roses on the sanctuary from the Feast Day set up. Because none of you were able to join us at the Shrine on May 22nd, we thought you might enjoy seeing them in person. We missed having you here, so we’re extending the celebration just a little bit longer!


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As we begin the Yellow Phase, only the Upper Shrine will be accessible to the public, and it will be available on a limited schedule. We will continue to evaluate safe and prudent options as we move towards a complete return to our normal schedule.

We’re doing our best to check in and share information with you through e-mail, over the phone, and online. If you haven’t heard from a member of our staff at any point during the pandemic, let us know! You can call the front office (215-546-8333), or send your current contact information to trending@saintritashrine.org. We want to stay in touch! And, be sure to check out our website (www.SaintRitaShrine.org) and our social media accounts (@SaintRitaShrine) for updates, prayer resources, and additional reflections throughout the week.

ARISE

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has created a website to assist people during the period immediately following the lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions. Their goal is to help the faithful throughout the Archdiocese reintegrate into an active, in person engagement with parish life. This initiative is called, “ARISE: Restoring Catholic Life after the Pandemic.”

http://www.archphila.org/arise

On the site, you will find an abundance of resources, guidelines, recommendations, and directives for parishes and Archdiocesan institutions. Feel free to check it out!