June 14, 2020
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Saturday, June 13
Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. Joseph Gilbert
10:00 a.m. † Dominic & Josephine Fulginiti
5:00 p.m. † Anna DeFusco

Sunday, June 14
Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ
10:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of Adelphia Lions Club

Monday, June 15
Saint Germaine Cousin
8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory
12:00 p.m. † Louis Agnes

Tuesday, June 16
Saint John Francis Regis
8:00 a.m. Rebecca Dougherty
12:00 p.m. † Anna Bruno

Wednesday, June 17
Saint Teresa of Portugal
8:00 a.m. Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m. † JulieGattone
7:00 p.m. † Adelaide & Salvatore

Thursday, June 18
Saint Gregory Barbarigo
8:00 a.m. † John & Henrietta Valente
12:00 p.m. † Mary, Samuel & Michael Scuderi

Friday, June 19
Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:00 a.m. Rebecca Dougherty
12:00 p.m. Trudy McMullen

Saturday, June 20
Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. † Jean Valente
12:00 p.m. † Arlene Tilotta
5:00 p.m. † Anna DeFusco

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Bread & Wine Offering
† Deceased Relatives of Augustinian Friars & Sisters
Sanctuary Candle
† Louis Agnes

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.

To Have and To Hold
Patrick Flippelli and Elizabeth Barrett (June 12)
Please keep this couple in your prayers.
May they experience God’s grace and abundant blessings!

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.

St. Rita, persevering in prayer, pray for us.
St. Rita, help of those in need, 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 Cimini, Louis Cosenza, William D’Amato, April L. DeMatto, Philip DiChiara, Raymond DiPalma, Cecilia Dougherty, Anthony Ferrara, Helen Glowacki, Robert 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, Courtnay Pisano, Rita Pisano, John Politis, Annamaria Ranieri, Michael Reihl, Carolyn Sabatina, Gina Santaguida, Maria Scocca, Audrey Seebarrath, Sophia Haifa Zedan, & Joanne.

To place names on this list, call the Shrine office at 215-546-8333.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

June 6 & 7, 2020 Collection: $2,236

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE:

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A Few Simple Notes from the Director

First Weekend Back
It was good to see so many of you at Mass last weekend! I’ve missed praying with you in person, and consider it a great consolation that we were able to gather together after being away from each other for so long.

As we slowly return to a more normal schedule, please help us spread the word among your friends, family members, and neighbors. We’re still not completely back to our full schedule, but we’re making slow progress. Daily Mass and Confession will return this week. Please note that only one opportunity will be offered each day, and it will take place in the Upper Church. Confessions will begin at 10:45a.m. and will take place by the baptismal font; Mass will begin at noon.

As I mentioned in my remarks last weekend, we will continue to disinfect and sanitize the Church each day after Mass. If you, your children, grandchildren, or neighbors are looking to volunteer, we can certainly use some help. The process doesn’t take long, but a few extra hands are always appreciated!

Finally, thank you for your continued patience and kindness during these odd and unprecedented times. It would be nice to have a ‘coronavirus handbook’ to consult, or for us to review some of the ‘best practices’ from the last time a pandemic hit, but we just don’t have these things. As we continue to pray, discern, and make decisions with the safety and health of you and our staff in mind, I appreciate your willingness to work and pray with us. Saint Rita, keep watching over us!

Sound System Update
As most of you know, the sound system remains a major concern in the Upper Church. Since January, we’ve had three companies visit and take a look at our current system, offer us quotes (ranging from $10,000 to $60,000), and then answer some of our toughest and most pressing concerns. We’ve narrowed our search down to two companies and, assuming we don’t have to go back into quarantine, we will be signing a contract next week! My hope is that once this is all done, we will be set well into the future and that all of our sound issues will be resolved. When you have a moment or two, offer up a prayer as we make this big, but important decision.

Month of Giving Update
Thanks again to so many of you who helped us with our Month of Giving goal. We’re still tallying the total (mostly because gifts continue to be sent in), but our last count brought us to $114,933. Considering the difficult economic strain that most of us have experienced these last few months, as well as the fact that the Shrine was not open to visitors on the Feast Day, we are grateful for the overwhelming support of so many people. As we continue to update the information and get final numbers, I will be sure to share them with you. Thanks!

May I always be attentive and never take for granted the gifts of mercy and love that flow so freely and generously from your Sacred Heart, O Lord. Amen.

Yellow Phase at the Shrine

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As we continue 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.

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.

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!