June 21, 2020

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Saturday, June 20
Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. † Jean Valente
10:00 a.m. † Arlene Tilotta
5:00 p.m. † Anna DeFusco

Sunday, June 21
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena

Monday, June 22
Saint Thomas More
8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena
12:00 p.m. † Cosimo Apadula

Tuesday, June 23
Saint Joseph Cafasso
8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena
12:00 p.m. Ramesha Dawson

Wednesday, June 24
Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena
12:00 p.m. Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
7:00 p.m. † Dr. John McDermit

Thursday, June 25
Saint William of Vercelli
8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena
12:00 p.m. † Frank Sabelli

Friday, June 26
Saint Anthem
8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena
12:00 p.m. † Rita Melchiore

Saturday, June 27
Saint Cyril of Alexandria
8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena
12:00 p.m. Rebecca Dougherty
5:00 p.m. † Anna DeFusco

† = Deceased

Bread & Wine Offering
† Frank & Anna Bruno
Sanctuary Candle
Dominique Lueckenhoff

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.

Looking for updates and/or more information on the reopening of the Shrine? Visit: www.SaintRitaShrine.org

The Strength to Seek Help in Counseling

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 to be made. These are the times when we can benefit from talking with a person who is trained in the skills of Pastoral Counseling and psychotherapy. Here at St. Rita’s Shrine, we have resources on staff to help. Fr. Jim Paradis, OSA is a certified pastoral counselor, and Br. Bob Thornton, OSA is a clinical psychologist. Both draw on the resources of faith and psychology to help people burdened by personal, marital, and family problems. It is a sign of strength to face and seek professional guidance with such issues. If you would like to learn more, please call Fr. Jim Paradis, OSA at (215) 546-8333, ext. 1400.

St. Rita, mirror for Christian spouses, pray for us.
St. Rita, heroic in sacrifice, 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. DeMatteo, Philip DiChiaro, Raymond DiPalma, Cecilia Dougherty, Anthony Ferrara, Helen Glowacki, Roger Gronert, Gavin Horn, Grace Iatarola, Ignatius 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 Seebardath, 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 13 & 14, 2020 Collection: $2,431
A Father’s Day Message

This weekend marks the beginning of our Father’s Day Novena; nine days of prayer for the men in our lives – living and deceased – who have protected, nourished, challenged, and loved us in a unique and wonderful way. Whether you remember your father, godfather, grandfather, uncle, brother, or another father-like figure in your life today, we celebrate the gift of their influence in our lives and the wise, faithful example they often set for us.

Throughout human history, fathers have had a prominent role in sharing their traditions with and modeling their beliefs for their children. The popular 1849 Catholic hymn *Faith of our Fathers* summarizes this idea in terms of love:

*Faith of our Fathers! We will love*  
*broad friend and foe in all our strife:*  
*and preach thee too, as love knows how*  
*by kindly words and virtuous life.*

Every day, but especially today, we can point to the sacrificial and unconditional love of our father as a guiding, virtuous light in a world plagued with strife and darkness. As we begin our Father’s Day Novena today, we give thanks to God for the gift of our fathers and for their constant witness to perseverance, hope, joy, and love! With people from all over the world, I want to wish these special men a happy and blessed Father’s Day and assure them of our prayers! Saint Joseph and Saint Rita, pray for our fathers.

Sound System & Heritage of Faith

As I mentioned last week, we signed a contract and settled on a company to install a new sound system in the Upper Church. After a lot of research, discussion, and prayer, we’ve decided to work with Monte Bros., a reputable company that uses state of the art technology to improve the intelligibility and acoustical quality of sound in churches. The Cathedral, Old St. Joe’s and other local parishes have used them and have been pleased with the results. The price tag, however, will be about $60,000.

To help pay for this expense, we are hoping to use the money raised as part of the *Heritage of Faith – Vision of Hope* campaign. As you may recall, back in 2009 the Archdiocese started a fundraising initiative to ensure the financial success of its parishes and ministries. Saint Rita Parish met its goal and raised an additional $17,000 that has been slowly earning interest over the past 11 years. This money was earmarked by Fr. Joe Genito, O.S.A. for potential projects: the roof and facade, repairing leaks in the lower Shrine, and/or renovating the friary space. In order to use these funds on the sound system instead of these other projects, we need to print our intentions in the bulletin for the next few weeks, and solicit any concerns from you, our patrons, before it will be released by the Archdiocese. So, if you have thoughts or concerns about using the campaign money in this way, please let me know! All feedback is welcomed: jjerome@saintritashrine.org.

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A Father’s Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
Amen.

Yellow Phase at the Shrine

| Sunday Mass | Saturday Vigil Mass  
5:00p.m. Vigil in the Upper Church  
| Sunday Mass | 10:00a.m. in the Upper Church  
| Shrine Office | 9:30a.m. until 4:30p.m.  
| Upper Church | 8:00a.m. until 1:00p.m.  
The Upper Church will be available Monday through Saturday for Private Prayer  
| Sacrament of Reconciliation | 10:45a.m. in the Upper Church  
Confession will be available Monday through Saturday in the Upper Church  
| Daily Mass | 12:00p.m. in the Upper Church  
Daily Mass will be available Monday through Saturday in the Upper Church  
| Lower Shrine | Reopens during the Green Phase  
| Gift Shop | Reopens during the Green Phase  

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.

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!