June 28, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Saturday, June 27
Saint Cyril of Alexandria
8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena
10:00 a.m. Rebecca Dougherty
5:00 p.m. † Anna DeFusco

Sunday, June 28
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena

Monday, June 29
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
8:00 a.m. Father’s Day Novena
12:00 p.m. † Carl J. Gelormine

Tuesday, June 30
The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
8:00 a.m. Jody & Susie Brinker
12:00 p.m. Francesca Rooney

Wednesday, July 1
Saint Junipero Serra, Priest
8:00 a.m. Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m. † Gaetano Sabelli
7:00 p.m. St. Rita Society

Thursday, July 2
Saint Bernardino Realino
8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Rita for Favor Received
Joshua Sauer

Friday, July 3
Saint Thomas, Apostle
8:00 a.m. † Rita & James McAuley
12:00 p.m. Stephen Sauer

Saturday, July 4
Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
9:00 a.m. † Frank Sauer
5:00 p.m. † Robert C. Powers

‡ = Deceased

Bread & Wine Offering | Sanctuary Candle
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Anne Huey | Lisa Beaver

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

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.**

St. Rita, consumed with Divine Love, pray for us.
St. Rita, received into heaven with joy, 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 DiChiaro, Raymond DiPalma, Cecilia Douherty, Anthony Ferrara, Helen Glowacki, Roger Gronert, Gavin Horn, Grace Iatarola, Ignation José, Mila José, Brian Kuran, Catherine Mahoney, Rocco Mattio, Tara McBabe, 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 Seebarth, 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 20 & 21, 2020 Collection: $2,555

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A Few Simple Notes from the Director

**Green Phase**
As many of you know, the City of Philadelphia moved into a modified Green Phase this past Friday. We are excited that the number of COVID-19 cases have decreased to a point that allows so many businesses and activities to safely resume! The Friars and I met this past week to discuss the Shrine’s plan for the Green Phase. Our intention is to slowly resume to a more normal schedule, but only when it makes sense for our patrons and for our staff. So, mark your calendars:**we intend to reopen the Lower Shrine beginning Monday, July 6, 2020.** More detailed information will be posted in next weekend’s bulletin and on the website. Your continued patience, perseverance, and commitment to making the Shrine a safe and healthy place for all our visitors is greatly appreciated!

**Gift Shop**
Over the past three weeks we have been working hard to freshen up our modest little Gift Shop. Between new paint, a deep clean, reorganizing the space, and stocking up on religious goods, we are ready to reveal our progress beginning this Sunday after Mass (until 1:00p.m.). We can only let 4 people in at a time (masks are required, and please keep in mind social distancing), but hopefully you’ll appreciate this first step in remodeling an important part of the Shrine. There are a few additional projects that we’ve identified that will be unveiled over the next few weeks.

Please also note that beginning on Monday, June 29, 2020, the Gift Shop will be open from 11:00a.m. until 1:00p.m., Monday through Sunday. The Gift Shop’s hours will continue to grow the further we get into the Green Phase.

**Pastoral Planning Update**
A couple of weeks ago, the Shrine Staff met to continue our pastoral planning. We focused our conversation on branding, advertising, and communication. It was a fruitful meeting where a lot of creative, new ideas were shared on how we can advance the mission and unique perspective of the Shrine. We will share more details later, but in the meantime, please keep praying for us and for our efforts!

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**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](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!

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**Paying for our New Sound System**
Last week the Shrine 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 price tag 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 $27,000 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 us using the campaign money in this way, please contact the Shrine Director: jjerome@saintritashrine.org.

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**Yellow Phase at the Shrine**

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| **Shrine Office** | **9:30a.m. until 4:30p.m.** |
| **Upper Church** | **8:00a.m. until 1:00p.m.** |
| **Sacrament of Reconciliation** | **10:45a.m. in the Upper Church** |
| **Daily Mass** | **12:00p.m. in the Upper Church** |
| **Lower Shrine** | **Reopens during the Green Phase** |
| **Gift Shop** | **Reopens during the Green Phase** |

Throughout 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.