July 12, 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Saturday, July 11
Saint Benedict
8:00 a.m. † Jessie Johnson
12:00 p.m. † Sanon Jean
5:00 p.m. † Albert Del Borrello, Jr.

Sunday, July 12
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. Gregory Nguyen

Monday, July 13
Saint Henry
8:00 a.m. † Norma & Frank Caputo
12:00 p.m. Gregory & Martha Nguyen

Tuesday, July 14
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
8:00 a.m. † Gina Steiner
12:00 p.m. † Daniel & Marie Castagno

Wednesday, July 15
Saint Bonaventure
8:00 a.m. Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m. † Marshall Varano
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 16
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. † Anne Mangan

Friday, July 17
Saint Clement of Ohrida
8:00 a.m. † Anastasia Haines
12:00 p.m. † Rocco & Angelina Presenza

Saturday, July 18
Saint Frederick
8:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. † Martin Goldberg
5:00 p.m. † Anna DeFusco

† = Deceased

Bread & Wine Offering
Sanctuary Candle
Gregory & Martha Nguyen † Martin Goldberg

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The Turmoil of Job Loss: Support, Strength and Self-Empowerment

There are few things that bring a person down to a low point as much as the loss of a job, whether it’s through being “fired,” “furloughed,” or “laid off.” And there are plenty of folks—millions, in fact—under each of these monikers, especially with the lingering impact of the Coronavirus pandemic. Maybe you are one of them. Losing one’s job can be devastating. It attacks everything: one’s physical, emotional and spiritual health, including self-confidence and self-esteem. New life and opportunity come not from denying the pain or grief or emotional strain, but from naming it, embracing faith and taking charge.

Here at the National Shrine we are offering two avenues of help. First, if you are in need of one to one help, we offer Individual Counseling from Fr. Jim Paradis, O.S.A. who is an experienced therapist and Certified Pastoral Counselor. Secondly, we are ready to offer a 10-session, weekly Support & Empowerment Group for those who’ve experienced job loss recently. This group will be limited to 10 people. The goal of the group is to gather for support and professional input, and to develop positive resources and skills for moving forward through a time of unique loss and adversity. Fr. Jim will also facilitate this group in a conference area of the Shrine. If you are interested in speaking to Fr. Jim about either or both opportunities for help, please reach out to him at (215) 546-8333, x1400.

You can 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 also remember your intentions during each of our daily Masses. Visit www.SaintRitaShrine.org for more information.

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 Cechetti, Sonia Celia, Cindy Chen, Anthony Cimini, Louis Cosenza, William D’Amato, April L. DeMatto, Philip DeChiaro, 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 Santaguidia, Maria Scocca, Audrey Seebharath, Sophia Haifa Zedan, & Joanne.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

June 27 & 28, 2020 Collection: $2,002
July 4 & 5, 2020 Collection: $1,952

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THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE:

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Green Phase, just know that I am grateful for you and as we continue to reopen and make sense of this Modified Green Phase, just know that I am grateful for you and continue to keep all of you in my prayers.

Cascia Center Update
The plans for the Cascia Center are moving rapidly along. We anticipate that groundbreaking will take place in some form (depending on what phase of reopening the city is in) on Monday, July 27, 2020. As so many of you know, there has been an incredible amount of work done over the past 15 years to get to this point. I am excited and eager to begin this project and see how it transforms our ministry at the Shrine!

As I’ve shared before, the new space will provide us a large community room for different Shrine programs, offices for the staff, large bathrooms for pilgrims, a meeting room for various groups and retreats, and additional space for us to grow. The top four floors will provide housing for low-income senior citizens, and will allow us to engage the community in a new and different way. As the building begins to take shape, I’ll have more opportunities to share additional details and plans. In the meantime, I hope the progress of this project begins to excite and encourage you! Let’s continue to pray for Saint Rita’s intercession as we take this wonderful next step!

Parking Update
As construction begins on the Cascia Center, we will lose about 46 parking spots. A few realistic and reasonable solutions were pursued, and good progress was made prior to shutting down for the pandemic. In the past month, we’ve been working hard to try and reconnect with some of these plans, but it’s been a slow process. Just know that we’re doing our best to make sure that a decent amount of parking continues to exist for visitors and patrons of the Shrine. Your continued prayers and patience are appreciated!

Fireworks in the Parking Lot
A couple of weeks ago, we were informed that fireworks are being set-off in our parking lot at night. While it is legal to have fireworks in the city now, it is not legal to trespass on private property to use them. And, it is a hazard to have flaming embers hit the roof of a 113-year-old church. The police have been informed of these instances, but as you can imagine, they have received countless calls about illegal fireworks in the past few weeks. I have also personally visited the Shrine in the evening at the typical time when they are set-off, but found the lot empty for over an hour. So, what are we to do?

We will continue to keep monitoring the situation and call the police as necessary. With the upcoming groundbreaking, the parking lot will become an active construction site and will be closed to all visitors. I’m hopeful that this will help remedy many of these instances. If you have other ideas or suggestions, please don’t hesitate to let me know.

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Modified Green Phase at the Shrine

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<td>Gift Shop</td>
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<td>The Gift Shop will be open Monday through Sunday on a limited schedule.</td>
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Please continue to practice social distancing and wear a mask while visiting the Shrine. Saint Rita, pray for us!

Virtual Retreat for Women
Join retreat leaders Fr. Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry and Laura Ercolino of Hope’s Garden on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 as they kick off Victorious, a Virtual Retreat for Women. The retreat consists of six (6) virtual sessions (held live every Tuesday) over Zoom video conference, beginning Tuesday, July 28, 2020 and ending Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

For more information and/or to register, please visit: https://youaremadenew.com/victorious-virtual-retreat/

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.” Check it out: http://www.archphila.org/arise