August 2, 2020
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Saturday, August 1
Saint Alphonsus Marie Liguori

8:00 a.m. † In Thanksgiving to St. Rita for Favor Received
12:00 p.m. Patricia Lukwa & Lenita Kongo
5:00 p.m. † Anthony Walker

Sunday, August 2
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. † Veronica Lilis Kuntoro

Monday, August 3
Saint Lydia Purpuraria

8:00 a.m. † Corona & Santore Families
12:00 p.m. † Peter Phong

Tuesday, August 4
Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. † Giuseppe Aiello

Wednesday, August 5
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

8:00 a.m. Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
12:00 p.m. St. Rita Society
7:00 p.m. Rita Brinker

Thursday, August 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. † Lena Pullella

Friday, August 7
Saint Cajetan, Priest

8:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. † Joseph Vizzachero

Saturday, August 8
Saint Dominic, Priest

8:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. Dominick & Davina Pileggi
5:00 p.m. † Peter L. Caserio

† = Deceased

Bread & Wine Offering
For All COVID-19 Victims
Sanctuary Candle
Veronica Lilis Kuntoro

We miss you!
Even if you aren’t able to physically join us for Mass this weekend, we want you to know that we are praying for and with you. We hope to see you soon because we really do miss you! In the meantime, we hope you are encouraged by the wisdom of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton:

“The accidents of life separate us from our dearest friends, but let us not despair. God is like a looking glass in which souls see each other. The more we are united to Him by love, the nearer we are to those who belong to Him.”

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.

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 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, Joe Nuzzi, Elizabeth Paglia, Joanna Palma, Kate Pepper, Courtney Pisano, Rita Pisano, John Politis, Annamaria Ranieri, Michael Reihl, Carolyn Sabatina, Gina Santaguida, Maria Scocca, Audrey Seebart, Sophia Haifa Zedan, & Joanne.

Thank you for your continued generosity!
July 25 & 26, 2020 Collection: $1,469

This Week’s Scripture:

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A Few Simple Notes from the Director

You’re Invited: Groundbreaking Celebration
On behalf of the Augustinian Friars and staff of the Shrine, I want to invite you to virtually join us for the *Groundbreaking Celebration of Saint Rita Place and the Cascia Center* on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:00a.m. This special day will mark the beginning of construction on the property adjacent to the Shrine, moving us closer to our dream of having a multi-purpose center for the work of community-building, peacemaking, and reconciliation. The Cascia Center will draw people together in friendship, education, and professional service to welcome, heal, and build bridges toward a more just and loving world. We are looking forward to celebrating this joyful event and we want you to be there... virtually!

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, we will have a very limited number of guests participating in-person and invite you to join us via livestream. You can access the livestream on Archbishop Pérez’s Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopPerez/](https://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopPerez/)) or the Shrine’s Facebook page (@SaintRitaShrine). In the meantime, please continue to pray for the success of this project and all those who are working to make the Cascia Center a reality.

Parking Update
With our former parking lot now a construction site, we have been working hard to find alternative parking options for our patrons, especially on the weekends. Hopefully you got word (and saw us with signs before Mass) that the CATCH parking lot between Carlisle Street and 15th Street has been made available to us for Mass on the weekends. It is a good-sized lot that Raymond Pesacatore, Sr. and Raymond Pesacatore, Jr. have agreed to let us use. Their generosity is a huge blessing during this time of transition!

If you would be willing to help us direct people to this lot before Mass, please e-mail or call me in the office on Monday. We need a few volunteers to help direct traffic and hand out papers for the next few weekends while we learn and become familiar with the new plan. And, rest assured, we are still working on other plans to ensure we are offering the best parking options for you, our beloved patrons!

Can you hear me now?
Hopefully you’ve noticed how crisp and clear our new sound system is? The team from Monte Bros. did an exceptional job! As I mentioned last weekend, if you notice any issues, please let me know so that we can address them before too much time passes. I have no doubt our shared prayer will benefit greatly from this improvement. Saint Rita, keep praying for us!

St. Rita, remarkable in childhood, pray for us.

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**Modified Green Phase at the Shrine**

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*Please continue to practice social distancing and wear a mask while visiting the Shrine. Saint Rita, pray for us!*