August 9, 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week:

**Saturday, August 8**
*Saint Dominic, Priest*

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

**Sunday, August 9**
*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 10:00 a.m. † Mark Twardzik, Sr.

**Monday, August 10**
*Saint Lawrence*

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to St. Rita

**Tuesday, August 11**
*Saint Clare*

- 8:00 a.m. † Orsini Sisters
- 12:00 p.m. Angelo & Angela Del Borrello

**Wednesday, August 12**
*Saint Jane Frances de Chantal*

- 8:00 a.m. Members & Benefactors of the Shrine
- 12:00 p.m. John Merkins
- 7:00 p.m. † Matthew

**Thursday, August 13**
*Saints Pontian and Hippolytus, Martyrs*

- 8:00 a.m.
- 12:00 p.m. † Paul Haverkamp

**Friday, August 14**
*Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

- 8:00 a.m. Ashton Owens
- 12:00 p.m. Maria Aronne

**Saturday, August 15**
*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 8:00 a.m. Suzanne Marinari
- 12:00 p.m. Holly Warner & Korbin Parker
- 5:00 p.m. † Lillian Roma
- † Francis Anastasi

† = Deceased

**Bread & Wine Offering**
Joseph & Marie Scafisi

**Sanctuary Candle**
Intentions of Anne Huey

**THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE:**

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**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, Michael 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 Seebarrath, Sophia Haifa Zedan, Joanne.

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

August 1 & 2, 2020 Collection: $2,288
A Few Simple Notes from the Director

**Electrical Damage @ the Shrine**
Last Saturday the Shrine experienced a power surge that caused some electrical damage: the elevator, one of the air conditioning units, the water fountain, the lights in the vestibule, and over half of the electric candle stands stopped working. After the Fire Department, PECO and Keough Electric assessed the damage, it was discovered that a power line outside was significantly frayed, which caused the electricity to unsafely fluctuate within the building. This fluctuation caused a lot of the electronics to overheat and “fry.” After having the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in the dark, PECO repaired the line and we received the all-clear from the electricians.

Needless to say, this past week has been busy! The elevator and air conditioning unit are back up and running. The other projects will take a little more time and will need to be completely rewired. We are still waiting for a final quote, but the initial assessment suggested that a good amount of damage was done to the wiring in different parts of the church. Our intention is to submit a claim to our insurance provider to see what can be covered. Once we have a clearer sense of what insurance will cover, we will figure out the best plan of action. Saint Rita, pray for us!

**Save the Date: Drinks with the Director**
I want to invite you to virtually join me at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2020 for a conversation about the Shrine. A lot of people have asked about the progress of the Cascia Center, the plans for parking, the vision of the pastoral planning process, the immediate and long-term ideas for growing the Shrine community, the financial needs of the Shrine, and so much more. Well, here is your chance to ask the questions and get the answers! The Zoom call will be BYOB, but the conversation and fellowship will be provided. If you’re interested in joining, call Stacey in the front office by Tuesday, September 1, 2020. We’ll send out the Zoom link the day before the meeting. I hope to see you there!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: We Need You!**
We are eager to expose the Blessed Sacrament and begin offering Adoration again, but we need regular adorers to commit to being present when Adoration is offered. The Church reminds us that “at no time should the Blessed Sacrament be exposed without anyone present,” and it is a good practice to have at least two people present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. As we evaluate the best way to continue offering Adoration at the Shrine, please let us know if you would be willing to make a weekly commitment for at least an hour. As soon as we get a better sense of who is interested, we’ll let you know the plan!

**Green Phase at the Shrine**
Check out the newly updated hours for the Shrine in the next column. Now that we’re in the Green Phase, we have more options to visit and pray with us. Help us spread the word: we hope to see you soon!

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**GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION**
Join us virtually for the **Groundbreaking Celebration of Saint Rita Place and the Cascia Center** on **Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

You can access the livestream on Archbishop Pérez’s Facebook page (@ArchbishopPerez) or the Shrine’s Facebook page (@SaintRitaShrine).

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.

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**Green Phase at the Shrine**

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**Where Can I Park?**
The CATCH parking lot between Carlisle Street and 15th Street has been made available to our patrons for Mass on the weekends (Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Mass). It is a good-sized lot that the Pescatore family has agreed to let us use. If you need directions, don’t hesitate to let us know. Both driving and walking directions are available in the back of the church.

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**Saint Rita, persevering in prayer, pray for us.**