### September 13, 2020

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

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<td>8:00 a.m. † Joseph Vizzachero</td>
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<td>8:00 a.m. Members &amp; Benefactors of the Shrine</td>
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<td>5:00 p.m. † Noël De Santis</td>
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† = Deceased

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**Bread & Wine Offering**

† Deceased Relatives of Augustinian Friars & Sisters

**Sanctuary Candle**

Dominique Lueckenhoff

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**THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE:**

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**Healing Mass: September 20, 2020**

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Genito, O.S.A.

12:00 p.m. Mass (Upper Church)

11:30 a.m. Confessions (Upper Church)

Do you find yourself mentally, physically, spiritually, socially, or emotionally burdened? We invite you to join us as we begin a special Novena of Healing Masses! We will gather on Sunday, September 20, 2020 to pray for Saint Rita’s healing intercession, and to offer a special blessing with Saint Rita oil.

**We hope to see you there! Saint Rita, pray for us!**

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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, ext. 1400.

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**St. Rita, advocate of impossible cases, pray for us.**

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

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**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 DiPaola, Cecilia Dougherty, Anthony Ferrara, Helen Glowacki, Roger Gronert, Gavin Horn, Grace Iatarola, Ignatius José, Mila José, Brian Kuran, Rose Marie Lattanzio, Catherine Mahoney, Jilian Mariutti, Rocco Mattio, Tara McCabe, Blaise Michaels, 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 Seebarrath, Sophia Haifa Zedan, & Joanne.
A Few Simple Notes from the Director

Fr. Jim Spenard, O.S.A.

As many of you heard at Mass last weekend, Fr. Jim Spenard, one of our beloved Augustinian Friars, had two strokes over the past couple of weeks. At this point, his condition remains serious, but stable. Fr. Bob Guesssetto has been visiting him every day and is keeping us updated on his progress. Prior to his second stroke, the intention was to transfer him to Magee Rehabilitation Hospital for physical therapy. As we know more, we will do our best to share. Until then, please keep Fr. Jim and his continued recovery in your prayers. Saint Rita, help of those in need, pray for Fr. Jim and for all of us!

Healing Mass: We’re back!

Over the past few weeks, the Shrine Staff and Augustinian Friars have started to finalize our plans for this upcoming year. After a lot of discussion and prayer, we’ve decided to offer a novena of Healing Masses again. While we’re mindful of the necessary precautions that need to be taken because of COVID, we’re also acutely aware that, now more than ever, is an appropriate time to offer an intentional space for healing, sacrament, and prayer.

How many of us are weighed down by life’s burdens or have experienced some sort of pain recently? In a lot of ways, quarantine highlighted a lot of the suffering, isolation, and anxiety that many of us face on a day to day basis. Whether you experience mental, physical, spiritual, social, or emotional stress in your life, I invite you to consider joining us for our first Healing Mass of this novena season. Fr. Joe Genito, a familiar, friendly face will be our celebrant and homilist. Mark your calendars! I hope to see you there.

A Safe Environment for All

The Shrine is in the process of being audited by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s Office of Youth and Child Protection. I have been working with their staff, the Office for Clergy, and the Province to ensure all of our staff and Friars are up to date on their clearances. For the most part, we have everything we need and should pass without issue.

Beginning in October 2020, I also decided to have all Shrine volunteers begin following the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s “Standards for Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries.” This simple document provides a clear and consistent set of expectations for anyone who serves within our local Church. In one way or another, most of our volunteers have practiced these commonsense policies already. Moving forward, I just think it is important to establish clear expectations for anyone who works on behalf of the Shrine as we look to create a safe environment for all people.

Because of the Labor Day holiday, we were unable to count the collection in time for print. Our total will be included in the bulletin for next weekend. Thanks for your continued generosity and support!