"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord..."
Colossians 3:23

September 5 & 6, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement:
The National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia is a Roman Catholic community of worship and spirituality, rooted in the Augustinian tradition. The Shrine seeks to inspire and reach into the community with the values and witness of Saint Rita, an Augustinian saint known as a healer, reconciler, and peacemaker. Following in the footsteps of Saint Rita and the Gospel message of Jesus, the Shrine welcomes people in all walks of life to encounter God and to discover healing, reconciliation, and peace.

Vision Statement:
As we deepen an awareness of the life of Saint Rita and the ministry of the Shrine locally, nationally, and internationally, we desire to grow as a place of prayerful pilgrimage, transforming sacrament, and compassionate pastoral services of encounter.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 5
Saint Teresa of Calcutta
8:00 a.m. † Rita Melchiore
12:00 p.m. † Dr. Tomas Pattugalan
5:00 p.m. † Gina Steiner

Sunday, September 6
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. † Jonathan Bell

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)
Monday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. † Fr. Bill McGowan

Tuesday, September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Rita and all the Saints
12:00 p.m. † Frank Pollizzotto, Sr.

Wednesday, September 9
Saint Peter Claver, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Noël De Santis
12:00 p.m. Members & Benefactors of the Shrine

Thursday, September 10
Saint Nicholas of Tolentine, Priest and Augustinian Friar
8:00 a.m. Roger Gronert
12:00 p.m. † Vito and Lucy D’Emilio

Friday, September 11
Friday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Kim Hoafat
12:00 p.m. † Mary, Samuel and Michael Scuderi

Saturday, September 12
The Most Holy Name of Mary
8:00 a.m. † Joseph Vizzachero
12:00 p.m. † Paul Fontanazza
5:00 p.m. † Noël De Santis

† = Deceased

Bread & Wine Offering
† Joseph Scafidi and Florence De Laurentis
Sanctuary Candle
Dominique Lueckenhoff

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, Ceciliah Dougherty, Anthony Ferrara, Helen Glowacki, Roger Gronert, Gavin Horn, Grace Iatarola, Ignation José, Mila José, Sheila Kendall, Brian Kuran, Catherine Mahoney, Juliian Mariutti, Rocco Mattio, Tara McCabe, Robert Monroe, Joe Nuzzi, Elizabeth Paglia, Joanna Palma, Kate Pepper, Courtney Pisano, Rita Pisan, John Politis, Annamaria Ranieri, Michael Reihl, Carolyn Sabatina, Gina Santaguida, Maria Scocca, Audrey Seebarsath, Sophia Haifa Zedan, & Joanne.

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE:

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Thank you for your continued generosity!
August 29 & 30, 2020 Collection: $2,263
Happy Labor Day Weekend!
As you’ll notice, we have a special schedule on Monday in observance of Labor Day. While it’s not a religious holiday, the Church encourages us to recall the dignity of the person and the sanctity of work on special days like this. Throughout Scripture we’re constantly reminded of the value of work, and our ability to participate in God’s creative act; the work of our hands and our minds allows us to co-create anew with God each and every day! As awesome as this responsibility is, the Social Teaching of the Church also reminds us that our work must always serve the human person, and not the other way around. Taking a day away from work to relax and spend time with our friends and families helps us to keep our priorities in order, as well as find God in both work and rest.

As we give thanks to God for the gift of our work and our time away from work, we also want to remember those who are victims of unjust economic systems, or whose work is undervalued. There are plenty of people that we overlook within our society, and who still deserve dignity and respect; they are made in God’s image and likeness! May our celebration of Labor Day also be an invitation to fight the unjust systems of oppression that so many of our brothers and sisters encounter. Simply put, as Pope Francis encourages us, the aim of our labor must always be to “give sustenance to our families and respond to the needs of our neighbor.”

I’m sorry! IOU a grotto…
Last weekend I wrote that work had been done on the Our Lady of Guadalupe grotto in the breezeway. When we sent the bulletin to the printer on Wednesday, we were all set to have the contractor and his team stop by and continue the installation on Thursday morning. Between weather and a few funerals, the work was postponed until Tuesday of this week! So, if you made an extra trip through the breezeway last weekend to see the progress that I reported, please forgive me! Hopefully by the time you’re reading this note, the next phase of installation will have happened according to schedule. Our Lady of Guadalupe, keep praying for us!

The Pews
Thanks to the diligent, hard work of Joseph Tierno, our pews are getting a fresh coat of stain and polyurethane. He still has a few more to go, but already you can tell how much this update improves the look of the Shrine. With your help, we can keep them looking this good for the foreseeable future!

Labor Day Schedule
In observance of Labor Day, the Shrine will only celebrate one Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Lower Shrine on Monday, September 7, 2020. The Shrine will close immediately after Mass and will open again for our regular hours on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Please note, Confession will not be offered and the Shrine Office and Gift Shop will also be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday weekend!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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. If you would be willing to make a commitment for at least an hour, please call Stacey at (215) 546-8333, ext. 1000.

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!

Congratulations to the following couples who got married at the Shrine this weekend:
Mary Moran and Adam Braun (September 5)
Natalie Schanne and Stephen Raitt (September 5)

Please keep these couples in your prayers.
May they experience God’s grace and abundant blessings!