

**St. Rita Catholic Church**  
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**Parish Office Address-256 Tract Road, Fairfield, Pa. 17320**

**Mass Schedule Saturday: 4:30PM Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00AM**  
**Weekday: 9:00AM Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30PM(except for 12/31 4:30PM) Holy Days 9:00AM & 6:30PM**  
**Confessions: Saturday 3:00 to 4:00PM and Tuesday Morning After Mass**

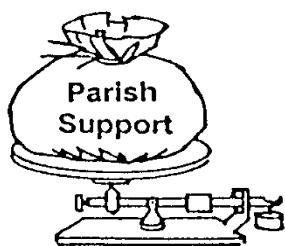


## Masses For The Week

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| Saturday  | 3/9  | 9:00am  | †Louella Grace Sappington      |
|           |      | 4:30pm  | Special Intentions             |
| Sunday    | 3/10 | 8:30am  | Ints. of Fr. Marsi             |
|           |      | 11:00am | People of the Parish           |
| Monday    | 3/11 | 9:00am  | †Francesco Servedio            |
| Tuesday   | 3/12 | 9:00am  | †Arthur F. Lowrie Jr.          |
| Wednesday | 3/13 | 9:00am  | Ints. of Fr. Chris (b-day)     |
| Thursday  | 3/14 | 9:00am  | Ints. of Rick & Paulette Nidel |
| Friday    | 3/15 | 9:00am  | Ints. of Fr. Chidi             |
| Saturday  | 3/16 | 9:00am  | Ints. of A. Foscatto           |
|           |      | 4:30pm  | †Robert Richardson Sr.         |
| Sunday    | 3/17 | 8:30am  | Ints. of Stephanie Resetar     |
|           |      | 11:00am | People of the Parish           |



**PRAY for those who are Sick. Help us keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name.** Sharon Aanensen, Tom Miller, Avery, Craig & Diane Cruttenden, Carol Schorn, Joy Brown, Irene & Bernard Zaborowski, John Powlen, Gordon & Mary Ann Shuman, Mike Bunch, LJean, Lt. Col. Gerrid Gall & Company, Daryl Crunkleton, Mary & Ed Digiulio, Monica Dembrowski, Phyllis Grabowski, Rick & Paulette Nidel, Fr. Mike, Anita Bell, Margy Orner, Anthony Venzin, Rose Crespo, Richard Storm, Chad Sprankle, Fred Sprankle, Janice Keller, Angelo Agosta, Philip Ulzheimer, Larry Weikert, Blaine Beatty, Michele Maturo Piper, Pat Devlin, Teresa Rodgers, Joan Deyo, Donald Weikert, Mary Jo & Melvin Losovsky, Ok Cha Jones, Mary Conway, Dorothy Drechsler, Mary Little, Tracy Bozzonetti, Darlene McCleaf, Lottie Pecher, Ashley Dimartino, Mellissa & John Gilliland, Bill Devlin, Linda Warner, Ron & Doreen Harris, Robert Lewis, Betty Roy, Rich Zula Jr, Shannon Boyle, Connie Keller, Frank Berry, Beau & Pamela Beatty, John & Sandy Soffe, Marilyn Crawford, Bill Martino, Elaine & Mark MacLellan, Lynn Moody, Charlotte Folkenroth, Dave Gallo, Brenda & Dave Pine, Francis Poslosky, Brandon Sites, Gene Goetz, Pete Crawford, Karen Ford, Lilah Zepp, Ian Skoch, Johnny Parkolay, Christine Stehmer, Gene Rosensteel, Paul Macuirles, Fiona Hefe, Adalyn Clark, Miriam Barefoot, Harriet Noye, Nick, Melvan Welsh, Pat & Danielle Barb, Joyce Speelman, Alicia Poslosky, Steve Weiblinger and Stephanie Resetar. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Kelley.



**Sunday Collection: \$2,747.00**  
**Repair Collection: \$1,054.00**  
**On Line Giving: \$2,918.75**  
**For 1/31/24**  
**On Line Giving Charges**  
**\$88.61**

**Change of Address:** If you are moving or have a change in your name, address or phone number, or need to register, please contact the Parish Office at 642-8815.

**Bulletin Announcements** must be submitted to the parish office 10 days before the bulletin date.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the parish office to schedule.

**The Sacrament of Marriage:** is celebrated throughout the year. Diocesan policy requires that engaged couples begin sacramental preparations with a priest at least nine to twelve months before the desired wedding date. Please call the parish office for details at 717-642-8815.

| DATE         | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | LECTORS    | ALTAR SERVERS | MONEY COUNTERS   |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|--|
| 3/16 4:30pm  | C. Purnama/M. White     | A. Shepard | Volunteers    | 3/17 M. Lawrence<br>3/24 J. Kenney<br>3/31 K. Bilder<br>4/7 F. Ganoe<br>4/14 M. Crawford |
| 3/17 8:30am  | J. Lowrie/P. Cliber     | B. Lowrie  | Volunteers    |  |
| 3/17 11:00am | G. Crawford/K. Reed     | P. Cliber  | Volunteers    |  |

**Stations of the Cross** will be every Friday, during Lent at 6:30pm except for Friday March 29 (Good Friday) they will be at NOON.

**St. Rita's Fish Fry:** Fried Fish, Mac & Cheese, coleslaw. Adults \$15.00 per person and 12 & under \$7.00. Time 5 to 6:30PM in St. Rita's Parish Hall, **March 22.** Eat-in or Take out. **MUST PRE PURCHASE TICKETS, NO WALK INS.** Contact Kevin at 301-471-8621 for tickets.

**Lenten Simple Suppers at St. Mary's** This meal and video series Wednesday, following the 630PM Mass. With Soups from Chef Bob Fritts and a video presentations by Fr. Dave Pivonka. March 13, 20 & 27.

**Diocese Annual Campaign (DAC) Nourished by Faith** has begun. We will have our In Pew Campaign for weekends March 9/10, & 16/17. If you received a contribution envelope in the mail from the Diocese, you can use that envelope; if not, there will be extra's in the church and at the entrances to the church. You can mail the envelope to the Diocese or drop it in collection basket and we will send it for you. Our goal this year is \$23,662.00. *All contributions exceeding our goal come back to the parish.* If you have any questions please call the parish office or send us an email. The contact information is listed on the left hand side of the bulletin. Thank you for your support!

**Cemetery Decorations:** the Liturgical season of Christmas has ended, parishioners are asked to remove any Christmas decorations from the graves of friends and departed loved ones. The cemetery will be cleaned of any remaining Christmas decorations on **March 10th.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**St. Rita's Book Club:** All adults are welcomed to join our book club! Our next book club meeting will be **Tuesday, March 12th at 10am OR 7:00pm** (you pick the time that works best for you) in Saint Rita's Parish Hall. We will be discussing the book, *The Rocking Chair Prophet* by Matthew Kelly. You can pick up a free copy of the book at the entrance to the church. If have any questions, please email [dianerobertson77@yahoo.com](mailto:dianerobertson77@yahoo.com)

**Eucharistic Congress July 17-21** For anyone who would like to attend this, please use the following link: <https://www.petersway.com/1140.html>

**St. Rita's Ladies Society Meeting** next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th, at 10:00AM in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

**Lenten Penance Service** for both St. Rita's and St. Mary's will be Saturday March 16th at 11AM at St. Mary's. All are welcome.

**Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer** Discounted tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish for significant savings. Gate admission for Regular is \$87.80; our price \$43.95 for ages 3+ and up valid until 1/1/25. Orders must be received at the parish by Tuesday, April 26, 2024. Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of May 20th. Please contact Joan Ritter at 717-642-8834 with any questions.

**Will you consider sponsoring Altar flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion. The dates available are for 2024 are May 12 through June 16, there are more. Cost for the 2 altar vases is \$50 - Donation may be placed in an envelope marked flowers with your intention and preferred date. Please call the parish office or email [maryrita256@comcast.net](mailto:maryrita256@comcast.net) to confirm date.

**Eucharistic Moments for March** "I loved above all the processions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, What a joy it was for me to throw flowers beneath the feet of God! Before allowing them to fall to the ground, I threw them as high as I could and I was never so happy as when I saw roses *touch* the sacred monstrance." St. Therese

**Save the Date?** All are invited to join the Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior, Bishop of Harrisburg, as he celebrates the Diocesan Chrism Mass at 4PM on Monday, March 25, in the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg. The Chrism Mass offers a solemn occasion to witness the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year. During this Mass, the priests of the Diocese will also renew their commitment to priestly service, which they made on the day of their ordination. Free parking and shuttle service from City Island Northern Lot (closest to ballpark). Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/chrism) for more details



**Pro-Life Corner** For those nearing the end of life: May they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God as they prepare in hope for eternity with Christ.