

Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021



*A voice came from the heavens,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”*

Mark 1:11

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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life

Collection for weekend of December 26 & 27, 2020:

Income = Plate \$5,923.00 + AWC \$72.50= \$5,995.50

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$18,183.45)

Total = (\$12,197.95)

Collection for weekend of January 2 & 3, 2021:

Income = Plate \$4,610.00 + AWC \$58.00= \$4,668.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$6,382.76)

Total = (\$1,714.76)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please visit us at stellamarisphila.com and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll.

Living Stewardship: How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message and the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our baptism and our lives.

Sick Relatives & Friend—Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine & Enrico Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr & Mrs Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Eric Farrell, Virginia Faulkner, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Philipp, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Baby Rocco Santangelo, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Sharon Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, military disabled, home-bound, and their families.

**Mass Intentions For
The Week of January 10, 2021**

Sunday - January 10 (Baptism of the Lord)

8:00 + Joseph Criniti
10:30 + Frank and Rita Giunta

Monday - January 11

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - January 12

8:00 + Pasquale Zollo-5th Anniversary

Wednesday - January 13

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday - January 14

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the DeSimone and Pagnotto Families

Friday - January 15

8:00 + Immeolata and Tony Campese

Saturday - January 16

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald
5:00 + Fred, Elizabeth and Jane Maier

Sunday - January 17

8:00 + Gerald Palestini II
10:30 + Thomas and Mary Ann Jones

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Sarah Croce

Requested by
Her Daughter, Linda



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Pauline DiGiuseppe

Requested by
Dennis and Rochelle Mongello



**YOU CAN WATCH STELLA MARIS
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE!**



Please Note: You do not need Facebook to view the video of Liturgical Celebrations. Just access the Facebook page on the Parish's Website (www.stellamarisphila.com). Click the link and it will take you to Facebook. When asked to log in, just click "not now" or "x" out of the box. Go to "Videos" and click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.



**We Pray for our Deceased
Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**

**CARMELA BUSILLO ANTHONY CICCARELLI
MONICA GILETTO GIOVANNI MARTINO**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

January 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, our Christmas season draws to a close.

On behalf of our parish staff, I thank so many of you for your goodness to us during the Christmas Season. The Christmas cards, greetings, spiritual enrollments, gifts, and tasty calories are all very much appreciated, as are you. We are grateful to you!

Again, thank you to all who worked so hard to make our parish Christmas Season so beautiful and prayerful. To all who cleaned and decorated the church, to all who took care of the poinsettias, to all in the many liturgical ministries - music, lectors, extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, altar servers, and sextons; also, to all who gave so much time, money, and gifts for the poor and needy, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Jesus did not need to be baptized. However, His baptism changed God's identity and introduced us into a personal relationship with Him. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus united Himself with us. By being baptized, His intention was to reveal the love of God for us even though we have sinned against Him. Baptism is the bridge Jesus built between Himself and us, the road on which He makes Himself accessible to us. It is the door of hope and the sign that indicates to us the path to take to encounter Him and feel loved by Him.

Today we do more than remember a baptism; today we are given the chance to look at our very identity, a chance to know who God is and who we are, a chance to take our name: Christian. As Christians we are called to reveal Jesus' identity within each one of us; therefore, allowing us to continue the work of Christ on earth, by living Gospel values that Christ places before us.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask you to please pray for me.

God Bless you and Happy New Year!
Fr. Di Orio

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

For the safety of everyone, all those in leadership positions of Stella Maris organizations are asked to call the Rectory before resuming your regular meetings in order to receive instructions for keeping within the safety guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese. Of Philadelphia. Stay safe and stay well! God bless!

P.U.S.H. = Pray Until Something Happens

Fulfilling the Church's mission of mercy and the Gospel call to love others as we love God, the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. In providing humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals/families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, the organizations supported by the CRS Collection act from their belief that every individual is an equal heir of Christ's love and care.

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see "Jesus in disguise" in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 16 and 17, 2021. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



**NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO ATTEND COLLEGE?
APPLY FOR A STELLA MARIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates who are registered parishioners of Stella Maris Parish in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2) Applicants must be active, participating members of Stella Maris Parish, recommended by the Pastor.
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is desired.
- 4) Applicants must plan to attend or be enrolled full-time at an accredited college/university located in the USA.
- 5) This scholarship is for one year only; current recipients may reapply to be considered for additional funding along with the new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time.

Please call Stella Maris Parish Rectory at 215-465-2336, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 4PM, up to and including Friday, February 26, 2021 to determine eligibility. Applications will be accepted online only.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2021!

VOCATION PRAYER PARTNERS

Each day, numerous men and women in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pray a rosary for the specific intention of an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Prayer is the foundation of all that we do, and these faith-filled and supportive individuals are spiritual prayer-warriors, praying specifically for the men to whom God is calling to follow Him as His priests, and that they listen and heed His voice. On the **first Saturday of each month**, this group gathers online to pray as a community and in support of each other. If you wish to join this dynamic and growing community of Prayer Partners, please contact: Sue Matour at **610-667-5778** or smatour@archphila.org.



LIVE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. **The schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern), until further notice.** Click the link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download necessary software. On your computer, go to www.archphila.org; click on "Offices," a list of offices will appear, click on "New Evangelization." Click "Events" tab and find "Nightly at 8PM ET, The Rosary...Coronavirus" and click on "full details." The next screen will show a choice for "Rosary in English" and you can click on the words "Click here to join the Rosary by video." You may want to dial in by phone at **646-558-8656** and enter the Webinar ID: **494 480 541**. Hosted by: Meghan Cokeley, Office of New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS FOUNDATION

The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith is offering two podcasts : 1) Podcast for "Catholics Affected by Divorce and Separation"-the first Tuesday of each month, 8PM to 9PM; 2) Podcast for "Families in Crisis"-the last Thursday of each month, 8PM to 9PM. Both podcasts are available on YouTube, Facebook, Podbean app, and Tune In app. Subscribe to the "Philly Nonnatus" YouTube channel, and on Podbean and Tune In subscribe to "Patchwork Heart Ministry". More information can be found at www.Nonnatus.org or text or call **215-870-9913**. These programs are sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Life and Family.

They can be reached at **215-587-0500** or by email at www.phillycatholiclife.org or sbozza@archphila.org.



PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

Please patronize those who advertise here in our Church Bulletin. They enable us to publish our bulletin each week and we are grateful for their support. Tell them you are giving them business because you saw the advertisement in the Church Bulletin.

+ Please check with organizations, schools, parishes, etc. who have postings in our bulletin to see if their events and/or functions have been cancelled or postponed. Thank you. Be safe. God bless!

SECULAR CARMELITE MEETINGS

Interested in becoming a Secular Carmelite? Secular Carmelites live in allegiance to Jesus, seeking to imitate the Virgin Mary's contemplation of the Word of God and detachment. We strive to follow the teachings and example of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite saints. The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order invites those faithful, who desire to deepen their spiritual life through prayer, to inquire by attending a meeting. Meetings are held on the **third Sundays of every month at 11:30AM** at the Carmelite Monastery, **1400 Old York Road, Philadelphia, PA 19126**. For more information, call Maribel at **215-431-2817**.

ONLINE VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Although we cannot go to France during this pandemic, we are blessed to bring Lourdes virtually to you with an exceptional blessing from Pope Francis, who has proclaimed a Plenary Indulgence for Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience, to be broadcast or live-streamed directly to you! For details, visit:

<https://lourdesvolunteers.org/online-lourdes-virtual-pilgrimage-experience-2/>



"YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 12/08/20, the Holy Father proclaimed the "Year of St. Joseph", which extends to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 12/08/2021. Pope Francis shares his beautiful reflections on St. Joseph in the new Apostolic Letter named, *With a Father's Heart*. He shares his intent with the proclamation: **The aim of this Apostolic letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.**

Ways to Gain a Plenary Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph

*Meditate at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. *Follow St. Joseph's example, by performing a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. *Recite the Rosary with your family members and also among engaged couples. *Entrust your daily activities to the protection of St. Joseph and invoke his intercession for those seeking work so they can find dignifying work to support themselves and their families. *Recite the Litany to St. Joseph, or any prayer to St. Joseph proper to liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering persecution. *Recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph. *This indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes.

GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

As we continue in the "open phase", why not take some time to research our Saints? You will find that we have lots of things in common with some of the Saints. This is a great activity for children and their parents, guardians, and/or grandparents to do together. You can start with your favorite Saint, the Saint for whom you are named, the Saint of the day, or the Saint of the month. The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

January 12 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

January 13 - St. Hilary

Which Saint is celebrated on your birthday?

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!



**SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION:
HOPE IN CHRIST**

You are not alone! The Church desires to be close to her children who are struggling with addiction and to bring them the healing power of Jesus Christ's love. Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those struggling with an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for Catholic resources, ongoing support, testimonies, and events that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to spiritually support you in your journey towards recovery. You may visit archphila.org/hope for details and postings.

**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND
AUTISM HELP-LINE**

This convenient help-line assists families with connecting to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

To reach the Help-Line, please call **484-472-5041** or email IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.

**ASSISTED LIVING AND/OR LONG TERM
CARE FOR SENIORS**

For information on the cost of, or questions about, Senior Living and Care in Philadelphia, along with Finance Assistance Programs, please visit the following website: www.payingforseniorcare.com. This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from ongoing services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and short-term services (housekeeping and personal care)? The In-Home Support Program may be able to help you. If you are at least 60 years of age, need assistance or supervision when leaving the home, and are basically homebound, please call **215-732-1140** to learn more about this program.

This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

LILY'S GIFT MINISTRY

Lily's Gift Ministry is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced, or worked closely with, issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. To expectant parents, we offer unique insight and sensitivity regarding such difficult issues as:

- +Maintaining hope when a prognosis is poor
- +Sorting through medical decision making
- +Grieving the loss of the anticipated baby
- +Stillbirth and neonatal critical care

For more information, visit www.Lily'sGift.org or call Sister Kathleen Schipani (**215-587-3530**). This information has been provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Office for Life and Family.

CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE



Our Church Sanctuary Candle is available to be offered for the living or deceased, and will remain lit for seven days. If you would like to reserve a candle, please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

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ALTAR BREAD AND WINE



Altar Bread and Wine may be offered for an entire week, for the living or deceased. If you are interested, please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$25 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

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ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES



Two Adoration Chapel candles are available to be offered (\$20 each) for the living or deceased, and will remain lit for seven days. If you would like to reserve a candle, complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

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