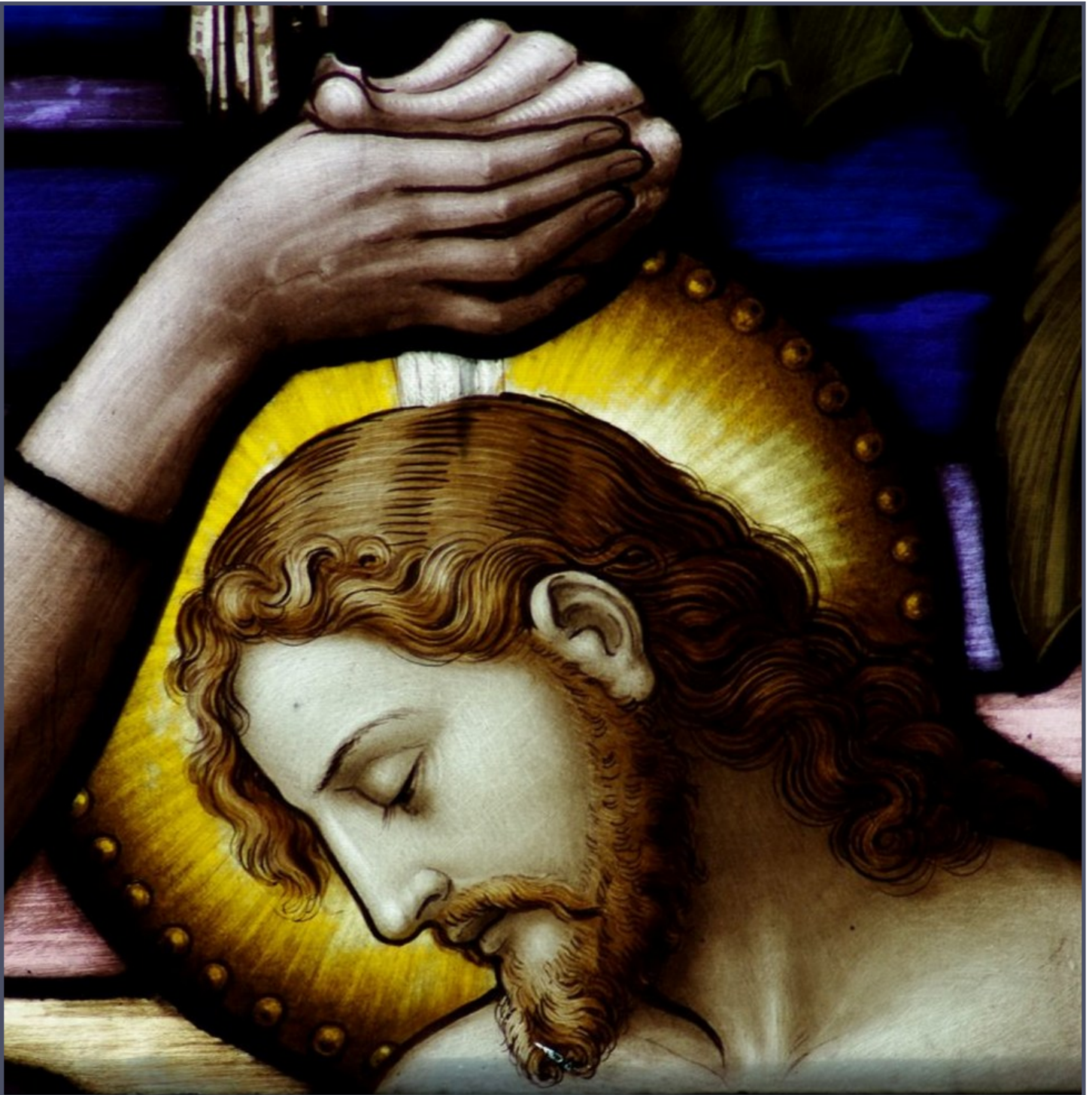


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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please go to stellamarisphila.com and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll. Thank you.

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of December 27 & December 28	
Income: Plate = \$4,970.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$5,055.00	
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = \$(7,283.56)	
Total = \$(2,228.56)	
Collection for weekend of January 3 & January 4	
Income: Plate = \$4,190.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$4,275.00	
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = \$(18,079.69)	
Total = \$(13,804.69)	

Living Stewardship: "The Truths of the Spirit, the truths about good and evil, about the great goals and horizons of life, about our relationship with God—these truths cannot be attained without profound consequences for the way we live our lives."
— Pope Benedict XVI



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Emilio Colella, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Daniel DiCarlo, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Vera Dolan, Dolore Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Dalonzo SR., Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goreni, Margie Gurbuz, Charles Harron, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Charles LaSpada, Jean LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Robert and Marie Liccio, Rita Lange, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, George McGehrin, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petruzzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Heather Russino, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Erica Siderio, Joe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Karen Specht, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Caroyln Young, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:

Patrice Damiani, Sandra Guerrera, Erica Siderio

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.

**Mass Intentions for
the Week of January 11, 2026**

Saturday - January 10

5:00 + Bryan Mooney

Sunday - January 11

8:00 + Charles and Linda Cianciarulo

10:30 + Rita Garamone

Monday - January 12

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - January 13

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Wednesday - January 14

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday - January 15

8:00 + Campese Family

Friday - January 16

8:00 + Fred and Elizabeth Maier

Saturday - January 17

8:00 + Rotolo Family

5:00 + Sandra Rita DiSipio

Sunday - January 18

8:00 + Deceased Members of Donnelly Family

10:30 + Askold (OZ) Zagers



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Cosmo Campanella

Requested by
June Campanella



Altar Bread and Wine

For the Intentions of
Barbara Termini

Requested by
Susanne Rago

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas season draws to a close. The following words, I believe, are a reminder of the challenge of Christmas:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, to heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nation,
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,
To make music in the heart.

As we end our Christmas season, again, on behalf of Deacon Jude, our parish staff, I would like to 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. He, the Holy One of God, sanctified the waters of Baptism. By being baptized, His intention was to reveal the love of God for us, even though we have sinned against Him. By His own baptism, Jesus leads us to repentance. Through His baptism, Jesus identified Himself with sinful humanity. He emptied Himself of His divine glory and became one with us. Jesus' baptism revealed Him as the beloved Son of God on whom the Spirit descended. Therefore, the real purpose of presenting Jesus' baptism as Matthew does is to clearly establish Jesus' identity before He begins His public ministry. This is done through the voice from heaven declaring, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." The baptism thus becomes the major moment in the life of Jesus where His mission is clearly communicated and confirmed through divine means. All this becomes clear as Jesus sees the dove and hears the voice. With His baptism completed, everything is now in place for Jesus' earthly ministry to begin. Hence, we are called to continue the work of Christ on earth by living Gospel values that Christ places before us.

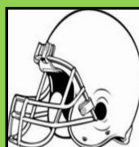
Be assured of my prayers and I ask you for you to pray for me.

God Bless you and Happy New Year!

Fr. Di Orio



FOOTBALL MANIA
WINNING NUMBERS



WEEK EIGHTEEN

2843 \$25
2832 \$25

Congratulations to all of our winners!

BE ENCOURAGED CATHOLIC SUPPORT
FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing.

In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools, and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be

Encouraged website at:

www.archphila.org/support

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR PARISH FOOD PROGRAMS!

Our *Parish Frozen Food Program* is in need of diners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that meals prepared contain meat or fish, a starch (pasta/potatoes/rice) and a vegetable.

Please do not put individual leftover items in the freezer. We ask that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).

We are very grateful to those who bring pantry items on a regular basis.

May God bless you for helping those in need!



Stella Maris Events

2026

Saturday, February 28th—Bingo Night

Join us for a fun night of Cash Bingo! More information to follow.

Saturday, April 25th—P & S - Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our Annual Night of Delicious P & S Spaghetti and Meatballs, Esposito's Porchetta, Great Music and Fabulous Prizes!

Spring 2026—\$50 Grand Raffle

\$50 Raffle tickets will be sold beginning in May 2026 for a drawing of 6 prizes which will be held after each Mass the weekend of Nov.22/23. More information to follow.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

The next program begins the weekend of February 6 - 8, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. PA.



Hope for a Better Marriage

Helping marriages heal and grow. Over 100,000 marriages helped.

MARRIAGE WEEKEND PROGRAMS HELD AT THE MALVERN RETREAT CENTER

Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley

Call 215-766-3944

marriagehelpdelval.org

CHURCH BINGO NIGHT!

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and prizes!

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Time: Doors open at 6 PM and Bingo starts at 7 PM

Location: Stella Maris Church
2901 S. 10th St. Phila., PA 19148

What to Expect:

- Multiple bingo rounds
- Cash prizes
- Refreshments and snacks available for purchase
- A BYOB event

Admission:

- **\$30 per person**, includes 10 bingo games
- Additional cards available for purchase on site
- Special games
- This is an adult event. Participants must be 18 to play.



All proceeds support Stella Maris Church

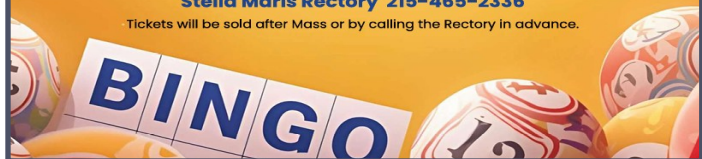
Come enjoy a fun night for a great cause!

Everyone is welcome — bring your friends and family!

For more information, contact:

Stella Maris Rectory 215-465-2336

Tickets will be sold after Mass or by calling the Rectory in advance.



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, 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 or university located in the United States.

Please note: 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, 03/04/26.**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 4, 2026

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Whether a Catholic marriage or a marriage between two non-Catholics was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding, or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances. For information, please visit our website:

archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal

**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 Financial Assistance Programs, please feel free to 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.

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 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.LilysGift.org or call **Sister Kathleen Schipani** at 215-587-3530.

This information has been provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Office for Life and Family.

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

This group is open to anyone interested in learning more about the process of adopting children, in the process of adopting a child, or already a parent through adoption. Meet and talk to caring, supportive families that share their experience with the adoption process and parenting. **This group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.**

Meetings are in person or virtual. In person location is Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church, 1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454.



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 MEMORY OF or FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:

REQUESTED BY:

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ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Altar Bread and Wine is available to 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,

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.

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