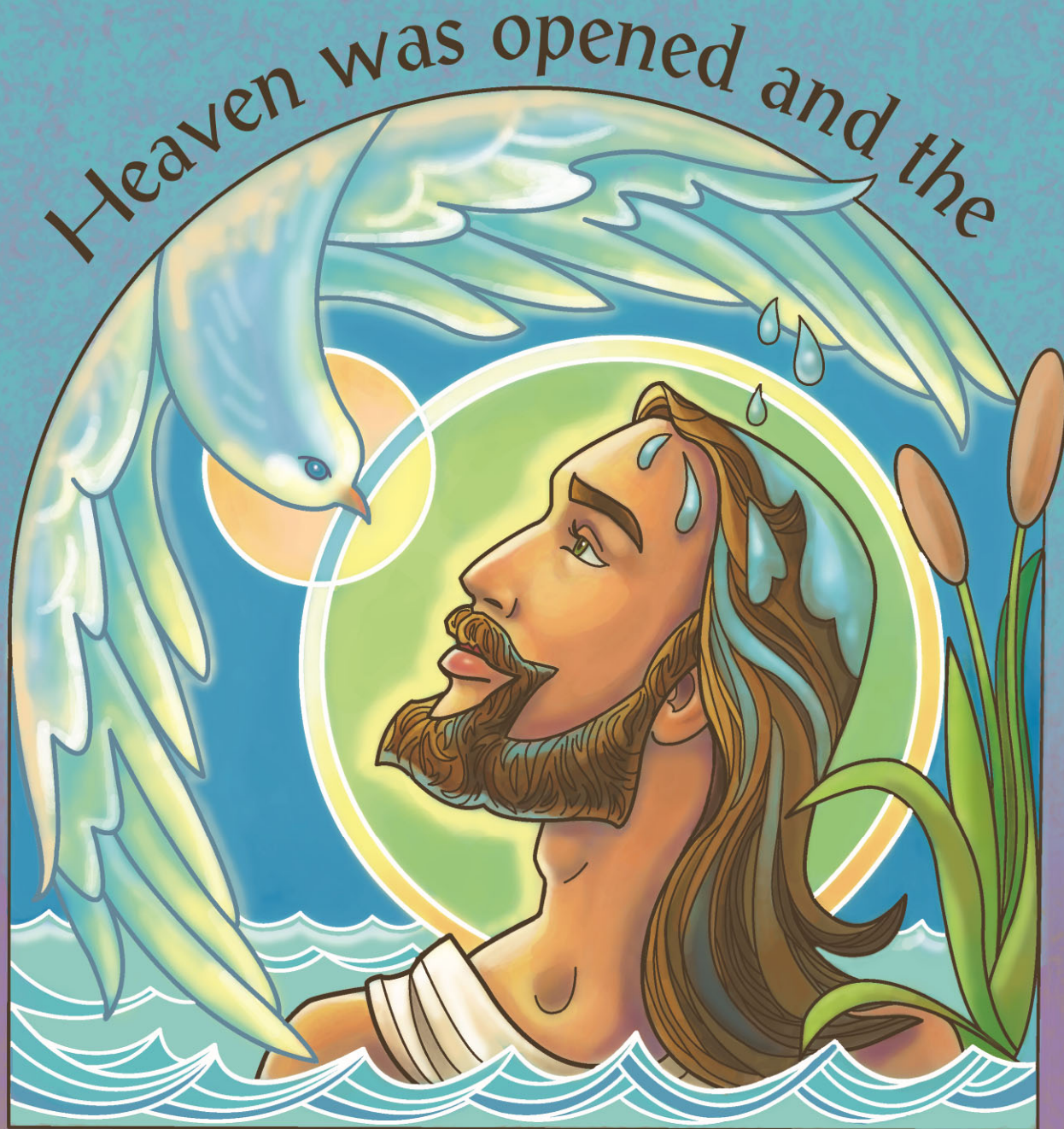


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Heaven was opened and the
Holy Spirit descended upon Him

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

Collection for weekend of December 29 & December 30

Income: Plate = \$6,169.00 + AWC = \$102.50 =	\$6,271.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements =	(\$10,197.29)
Total =	(\$3,925.79)

Collection for weekend of January 5 & January 6

Income: Plate = \$6,299.00 + AWC = \$102.50 =	\$6,401.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements =	(\$20,493.67)
Total =	(\$14,092.17)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

"The secret of holiness is friendship with Christ and faithful obedience to His will."

Automated Withdrawal Contributions (AWC):

Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish. Your offering can be in any amount. Please call the Rectory for more information. Thank you!

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeanette Albanese, Rosario Allia, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Vincent Carchidi, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Anna Del Vecchio and the Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Alice Idell, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Diane Kessler, Vito LaFranci, Barbara Lalli, Ronald Lalli, Samantha LaSpada, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Joseph Martino, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, Mary Toscano, James Trainor Jr., Alessandra Trimarco, Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Rest in Peace We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

MARY VIRGINIA COTTER
JOSEPH PASQUARELLA
BERNARDO RICIOPPPO

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 13, 2019

Sunday—January 13

8:00 + James T. DiPlacido
9:30 + George Coluzzi
11:00 + Bryan Mooney

Monday—January 14

8:00 + Edward Alioto

Tuesday—January 15

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Wednesday—January 16

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Thursday—January 17

8:00 + Fasano and Sandoli Families

Friday—January 18

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Saturday—January 19

8:00 + Domenico Rotolo and Family
5:00 + Elizabeth Mordell

Sunday—January 20

8:00 + Vincent and Jennie Moffo
9:30 + Easery "Tinker" Bowen
11:00 + Gerard McNulty

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Frederick "Mickey" Manning
Requested by
Tom and Tinker



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Gina Durham
Requested by
Doris Castagno



STELLA MARIS MINISTRY

As Christians, we are called to share our time, talents, and treasures. Our Parish is asking you to share some of your time and talents by volunteering to be part of one of our ministries (Lectors, Choir/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours.

Thank you and God bless.



PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great need of frozen dinners containing chicken, beef, ham, pork or fish. We kindly ask that the meals you prepare contain meat or fish, a starch (pasta/potatoes/rice), and a vegetable. Those who receive these meals are elderly and it is healthy for them to get a balanced, nutritious meal.





rom the Pastor's Desk



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

January 13, 2019

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 the 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.

Again, another Christmas Season is coming to a close. On behalf of Fr. McCabe and our parish staff, I would like to thank so many of you for your goodness to us over the Christmas Season. The Christmas cards, greetings, spiritual enrollments, gifts and tasty calories are very much appreciated, just 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, sextons, and last but not least to Fr. McCabe for all of your assistance, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To all who gave so much time and money and gifts for the poor and needy, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

In Luke's account of the Baptism of the Lord, the Father announced, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was never distracted from the implications of that moment. Jesus had a sense of who He was and what He was capable of. At our Baptism, we were claimed for God by the Sign of the Cross marked on our forehead. While most of us do not have a memory of that event, we know it happened. Have our lives become distracted from the implications this moment has for us? Do we remember that we are sons and daughters of God when we contemplate our behaviors and actions? Or, are we distracted and get ourselves into trouble? Do we in any way involve the fact of our baptism in defining who we are and what we are capable of. Baptism does not merely call us "sons and daughters" of our God; it makes us so. The challenge is to acquire our "family resemblance" with a God who embraces us all and to live up to our full potential as "sons and daughters" of the Father.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask you to pray for me.
 God Bless!
 Fr. Di Orio

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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 aide, resettling displaced individuals and 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 19 and 20, 2019. 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 Charles J. Chaput, O'F'M' Cap.
 Archbishop of Philadelphia

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 The second collection at all Masses next weekend, 01/19/19-01/20/19, will be for Catholic Relief Services.



SPECIAL EVENT!

**SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, 02/ 22/19-
 CELEBRATE STELLA MARIS' 65th ANNIVERSARY!**



Join us on **Friday, 02/22/19**, as we celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our beloved parish of Stella Maris.

Our celebration will begin with **Mass at 5:30PM** followed by **dinner at Galdo's, 20th St. and Moyamensing Ave., from 7PM to 11PM**. Ticket cost is \$50 per person and includes a hot buffet, dessert, soda, water, and coffee. Entertainment will be provided by the Sensational Soul Cruisers. **Cash bar**. Tickets are available after the 5PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, after all Sunday Masses, and in the Rectory during regular business hours.

SPECIAL EVENT!



FLAME OF LOVE FEAST DAY/RETREAT

Be renewed and refreshed by Mary's Flame of Love! The Flame of Love Feast Day/Retreat is being held on **Saturday, 02/02/19** at **St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Media, PA**. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30AM, and continues with First Saturday Devotions and Teachings. Bring your own lunch. Retreat **concludes at 2:30PM**.

For more information, please call **610-622-4257** or visit **www.flameoflove.us**

All are welcome! Bring a friend!



COME AND SEE WEEKENDS-ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

Come and See Weekends are designed to let young men who are discerning the priesthood see what a typical Seminary weekend looks like. Between Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and fellowship with the seminarians, it is an unmatched opportunity for a young man to see if he has a vocation to the priesthood.

Come and see weekends come in two varieties: an overnight stay from Saturday into Sunday for high school men, and a Friday night to Sunday for post-high school men. The upcoming weekends are as follows:

- High School Men:** 01/26/19-01/27/19
02/16/19-02/17/19
- Post High School Men:** 01/18/19-01/20/19
02/22/19-02/24/19
03/29/19-03/31/19

If you know anyone who would benefit from a weekend of discernment, send them this information! Post-high school men and parents of high schoolers can register by contacting the **Vocation Office** at **610-667-5778**.

FORGED BY THE FIRE-MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

This group is a fraternal brotherhood for young men at any stage of life who hunger to experience deeper faith and vigorous spirituality. Each group experiences three retreat weekends at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

- February 1-3: Deepen your relationship with Jesus.**
- March 1-3: Renounce evil through the Father's love.**

April 12-14: Join an Ignatian Retreat on the Holy Spirit.

For registration information, please contact Christopher Gallagher at **CGallagher@ArchPhila.org** or call **610-667-5778**.

TESTIMONY REQUESTED!

The Historical Commission for the sainthood cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA (1946-2006), seeks information on him from the general public. We are asking anyone who knew Fr. Atkinson to contact us and relate what you know about him. No story or encounter is too small. Whether you met him at Msgr. Bonner High School or Archbishop Prendergast High School, or any of the parishes where he celebrated Mass or the Sacraments, we wish to have your written recollections. In particular, we are interested in obtaining any personal letters or documents, mementos and unpublished source materials that may be used to foster a greater understanding of Fr. Atkinson's life. Photographs or videos of Father Atkinson would be useful. Please give your contact information to us, the Historical Commission for the Cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA by email at: **Atkinson.cause@gmail.com** or by telephone message to: **610-519-6937**. Thank you, Fr. Joseph Ryan, OSA (chair)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE FLYERS!

Plan a night out with family and friends and head to the Wells Fargo Center for the Catholic Charities night with the Philadelphia Flyers versus the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday, February 11th at 7PM. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal program. If 100 tickets are sold, CCA beneficiaries will perform on the concourse prior to the start of the game and Maddie from Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf will get to sit in the penalty box during player warm-ups! To purchase tickets, please visit: **GROUPMATICSEVENTS/EVENT/CATHOLICCHARITIES6**



VISIT THE TOMB OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

The Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel is open for visits at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul during regular Basilica hours. Information about these hours can be found on the Basilica website: **<http://cathedralphila.org/>**. Pilgrimages to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel are encouraged. Outside of the Cathedral parish Mass schedule, it is possible to offer Mass at the Drexel Family altar adjacent to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel. Please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313, You are welcome to present intentions and petitions to be placed at Saint Katharine's Tomb, asking for her heavenly assistance. You may place these intentions and petitions in the offering basket at Mass or send them to the Cathedral Parish Office, 1723 Race St., Phila., PA 19103. **The Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel begins on February 22, and concludes on March 2.**



HEALING MASS FOR ADDICTIONS

On the First Tuesdays of every month, there will be a Healing Mass for all those in alcohol and drug addiction, and families affected by these addictions at 6PM in St. Raphael's Chapel, 3014 Dickinson St. (Myrtlewood and Dickinson Sts.). The service will include Mass, prayers, adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Immediately following will be the Social and Meeting. Come and join us as we ask God to help defeat this epidemic in our nation.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION: HOPE IN CHRIST

Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those who have an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, events, and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Visit **archphila.org/hope** for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.



MEN'S GROUP AT ST. RITA'S

A Men's Group has formed at St. Rita's that meets each Monday evening from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity for men of all ages to receive support and assistance as they grow toward a chaste and joyful Christian life. This group is geared toward men struggling with pornography use, infidelity, and other temptations. Men of all ages are welcome. For more information, please call Fr. Jim at 215-546-8333, ext.14.



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO SMITHVILLE & TROPICANA CASINO

Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Historic Smithville and the Tropicana Casino and Resort on **Monday, 01/28/19**. **Cost is \$75.00** per person. The trip includes: departure from Stella Maris Church at 9:30AM, a sit-down luncheon at Smithville Inn from 11AM to 1:00PM (must choose one entrée of either Smithville Chicken or Pan-Seared Tilapia), arrive at the Tropicana Casino and Resort at 1:30PM and receive \$25.00 in slot play and a ticket to the 3:00PM "Oldies but Goodies" Show, depart for home at 6:30PM, and arrive at Stella Maris Church approximately 8:00PM. **You must have a government issued photo identification to receive the casino bonus. Full payment is now due.**

Please **make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors**, and mail to: Star of the Sea Seniors, 2901 South 10th Street, Phila., PA 19148. For information and to make your reservation, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618. (\$100 bonus slot dollars prize for one lucky winner on each bus* and Buffet Voucher for two lucky winners on each bus*) *Casino package subject to change at any time by the Casino.

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This **Fuel Assistance Program** is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines.

For example, **individuals** with a monthly income less than **\$1,518**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,058** qualify for the grant. Call **United Social Services** at **215-923-1900** Monday through Friday between 10AM and 4PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. **This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are **confidential**.



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STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Saturday, 01/19/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/20/19-CCD, 7th (Family Liturgy/Service Project)-9:15AM-Church/School
- Monday, 01/21/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 01/22/19-Star of the Sea Senior-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 01/26/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/27/19-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Saturday, 02/02/19-Sodality-8:00AM, Church/Vestibule
- Sunday, 02/03/19-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Tuesday, 02/05/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/09/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 02/10/19-CCD, 7th-9:15AM, Church/School

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:

REQUESTED BY:

phone# _____

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. Thank you!

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