

On coming to the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:11



Epiphany

January 2, 2022
Epiphany of the Lord

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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of December 18 & December 19
Income: Plate = \$4,117.00 + AWC = \$72.50 = \$4,189.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements = (\$12,014.07)
Total = (\$7,824.57)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

Living Stewardship:

“In the Child of Bethlehem, God revealed Himself in the humility of the “human form”, in the ‘form of a slave’, indeed, of one who died on a cross (cf. Phil 2:6-8). This is the Christian paradox. Indeed, in this very concealment constitutes the most eloquent ‘manifestation’ of God. The humility, poverty, even the ignominy of the Passion enable us to know what God is truly like.” -Pope Benedict XVI, 01/06/2006



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Susan Benco-Castle, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, KellyAnn Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, 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, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Debra & Louis DiBruno, Matthew D’Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, 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, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, William Parrish, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Barbara Polce, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Rich Rosati, 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, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

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 2, 2022*

Sunday - January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 + Rosa Nguyen Thi Tho and Leon Nguyen Van Kheu
 10:30 + Frank and Rita Giunta

Monday - January 3

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - January 4

8:00 + Edward and Margaret Zoller

Wednesday - January 5

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Sandoli and Fasano Families

Thursday - January 6

8:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris

Friday - January 7

8:00 + Americo and Gilda Coluzzi

Saturday - January 8

8:00 + George Coluzzi
 5:00 + Mark Tartaglia Sr.

Sunday - January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)

8:00 + Rachel LaRocca
 10:30 + Gerald Palestini II

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Gerald Palestini II
 Requested by
 Carmine and Diane Sciascia



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
 Concetta Fina
 Requested by
 Lorinda Fina



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
 Dawn Marie Durante
 Requested by
 Janet Durante and Family

2) In Memory of
 Domanic Durante
 Requested by
 Janet Durante



SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY APPEAL

We hope you will give prayerful consideration in contributing to the 2021-2022 Seminary Appeal. There are many ways in which you may contribute.

All gifts given to the '21/'22 Annual Seminary Appeal are tax deductible. Consult with your tax advisor on the tax treatment of all gifts, as they may vary from individual to individual.

We thank you for your continued generosity and support!



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy New Year to you and yours. Hope you are still enjoying the Christmas Season.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

The account of the Epiphany in Matthew's Gospel is so great that each person in the Epiphany story has something to teach us - even if it's how not to be.

The Magi - In each scene, the Magi are professional, courteous, and reverent - and still human. During their long journey, were they ever temporarily discouraged or disillusioned? Did they ever wonder if they misinterpreted the signs? We are people of faith, but what if

the faith hasn't been handed down quite as Jesus intended? What if it's been a bit distorted over the years? Do questions show weak faith? Doubt isn't the opposite of faith. It's an element of faith. Doubt enables us to say, "In spite of these things, I still believe." Were the Magi disillusioned to find a baby born of poor parents in a small town? They immediately knelt and gave homage to the baby. They gave their gifts and received the gift of seeing the world's Savior. We have a God of colossal surprises. We don't always recognize and appreciate them at first because they often seem very small and ordinary.

Herod - He was known as "Herod the Great". A better epithet would have been "Herod the Grasping and Insanely Jealous." He's a poster child for feeling threatened by another person, fearful that this person will steal or reduce one's power, position, popularity, and influence. We can be mini-Herods when we feel another person may dilute our popularity or make our achievements seem small by comparison, or when we're jealous over another's success. We must recognize this jealousy within ourselves before it utterly consumes and controls us, as it did Herod.

Mary - Mary is the model par excellence of quiet, continuous, firm trust. She accepted Gabriel's message that she would bear a son - God made flesh. Then, prior to His birth, there's no decent room in Bethlehem. She trusted that her baby would survive the primitive and hardly sanitized or fresh-smelling stable. Then a group of strangely dressed, foreign gentiles arrive unannounced and want to see the child. Could they be trusted? But Mary trusted that God was directing this highly irregular event. Then they had to abruptly leave in the middle of the night to escape Herod's death squad. Mary trusted Joseph's dream to leave. Even in a foreign country, (Egypt), Mary continually trusted in God. Do we model our life after Mary?

Joseph - Joseph is the unsung hero. He handled Mary's unexpected, mysterious pregnancy, the unavailable lodging at Bethlehem, the midnight escape from mortal danger, finding lodging and work in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and once again, finding lodging and work to support Mary and Jesus. Joseph did whatever it took, again and again. Do we do whatever it takes to do God's will in our lives?

On a personal note, please accept my sincere thanks to all who sent Christmas cards, spiritual enrollments and gifts of all kinds given to me for this Christmas Season. Your goodness to me is very much appreciated. God bless you.

God Bless you and Happy New Year!
Fr. DiOrio

**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, February 18, 2022** to determine eligibility. Applications will be accepted online only.

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

HIGH SCHOOL MEN!

**Our Annual Quo Vadis Days Camp is going
TO THE HEIGHTS!**

This 4-day camp, held between Monday, June 27th and Thursday, June 30th, is filled with many opportunities for fun and fellowship, and includes dynamic talks, time for prayer, daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and fun activities.

This is a great opportunity for young men to grow and remain active in their faith and interact with other young men from diverse backgrounds. Using our theme of *To the Heights*, this year we will be exploring the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Registration materials will be available in January 2022. In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Jillian Minnich, Program Coordinator (jminnich@archphila.org) or call **610-667-5778**.



COME AND SEE WEEKENDS AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

Come and See Weekends are a perfect opportunity for a man who is discerning the priesthood to come to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a weekend to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood. Held throughout the year, these weekends for high school men and post-high school men include Mass, praying Liturgy of the Hours with the Seminary Community, Holy Hours, talks on discernment and vocations, and the opportunity to spend time with the seminarians in formation. There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals.

For upcoming dates, to register, and for more information, please visit: Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee or contact **Father David Friel**, Vocation Director, at fr.dfriel@archphila.org or you may call the **Vocation Office** at **610-667-5778**.

SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

As we pray for vocations to the priesthood, a good way to get to know our seminarians studying for ordination in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is by listening to their vocation stories by visiting: Heedthecall.org/poster.

FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM

Our House Ministries invites you to an evening devoted to healing and freedom on **Tuesday, 01/18/22**, from 6PM to 9PM at St. Gabriel's Church and School, located at 29th and Dickinson Streets, in South Philadelphia. The speaker for the **Five Keys to Freedom** talk is Miss Meghan Cokeley, Director for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Office for the New Evangelization. The evening begins at 6PM in the Church and includes: Holy Hour, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Matt Talbot Novena, Benediction, Mass, and a talk on the Five Keys to Freedom. No registration is required. All are welcome to attend any or all parts of the evening. For more information about Our House Ministries and venerable Matt Talbot visit:

ourhouseministries.org.

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2022 WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

MARRIED COUPLES - Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2022. Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? In person experiences in the new year are: February 11 to 13 and April 22 to 24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

For more information, you are invited to visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.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 their advertisement in the Church Bulletin.

STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS RESORTS CASINO AND TOMASELLO WINERY TRIP

This trip will take place on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, and the itinerary is as follows: 9:45am - Bus will depart from Stella Maris Church at 10th & Bigler Streets; 11:00am - Tomasello Winery Tasting and Sit-Down Luncheon; 1:15pm - Depart for Casino; 2:00 pm - Arrive at Resorts Casino; 7:00pm - Depart for home; 8:30pm - Approximate arrival home.

The cost is \$75.00 per person, which includes: 1) Tomasello Winery Tasting; 2) Tomasello Winery Luncheon (pre-selected menu, call for details); 3) \$20 Slot Money from Resorts Casino; 4) Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation (via JC Tours); 5) All Taxes & Gratuities (except bus driver tip).

Full Payment of \$75 is due on or before this Thursday, January 6, 2022. Please make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors and mail payments to Stella Maris Church, 2901 S 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148, Attention: Rose Giovannelli.

For more information and reservations, call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386.

FLAME OF LOVE FEAST DAY

The Flame of Love Feast Day is a National Event and will be on-site and love-streamed on Wednesday, 02/02/2022, at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 2400 N. Providence Rd., Media, PA. Rosary begins at 6PM, followed by a talk at 7PM, with the speaker being Eileen Piergiovanni on the topic "Christ Be Our Light". Mass begins at 8PM with Msgr. Ralph Chieffo as the celebrant. Music will be provided by Tommy Doyle.

Candles and Sacramentals will be blessed. For more information, visit: <https://stmarymagdalen.net/live-stream>.



GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

During this Holy Season, 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 for your birthday. The saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

- Jan. 3 - The Holy Name of Jesus
- Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann
- Jan. 6 - St. Andre Bessette
- Jan. 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork, and 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.



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).

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

**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.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from on-going services such as meals, transportation, a senior companion, or 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 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 at 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.

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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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