

January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord



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

Collection for weekend of December 22 & December 23

Income: Plate = \$5,610.00 + AWC = \$82.00 = \$5,692.00

Bills Paid= Total Disbursements = (\$7,589.23)

Total = (\$1,897.23)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word: *"The new King, to whom the Magi now paid homage, was quite unlike what they were expecting. ...By serving and following Him, they wanted, together with Him, to serve the cause of good and the cause of justice in the world. ...Now they must become men of truth, of justice, of goodness, of forgiveness, of mercy. ...conforming to the Divine 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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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, 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:**

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 6, 2019

Sunday—January 6

8:00 + Michael Mazzucca
9:30 + Maria and Dominico Romeo
11:00 + Concetta Fina

Monday—January 7

8:00 + Pasquale Zollo

Tuesday—January 8

8:00 + Paul, Annina, And Vincent Fargione

Wednesday—January 9

8:00 + Rachel LaRocca

Thursday—January 10

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday—January 11

8:00 + DeSimone and Pagnotto Families (L & D)

Saturday—January 12

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
5:00 + Rita and Joseph Graziano

Sunday—January 13

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

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Inez DeMatteo
Requested by
Tom and Tinker



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Concetta Fina
Requested by
Lorinda Fina



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
The Gentile and Scelsa Families
Requested by
John Scelsa

2) For the Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Stella Maris



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.

From the Pastor's Desk

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 word "epiphany" means "manifestation." The Epiphany reveals (manifests) just who Jesus is to us.

The Epiphany is so great that it has everything – a delightful mix of magi, star gazing, camels, and gifts. It has so captured the interest of many that the three wise men are popular figures on the fringes of Nativity sets. They are likewise favorites with Hallmark and other card companies.

The Epiphany story may be short on historical details, but it is rich with theological insights. Christmas, we might say, makes love *visible*. Epiphany tells us that love is *available to all*. The Christmas story is pretty much a *family gathering* with a few local shepherds who stop by for a visit. The Epiphany account is an *international gathering*. As we said in the Psalm Response, "*Lord every nation on earth will adore you.*" The Epiphany account expands the meaning of the birth of Jesus to benefit not a small select number, not even for one people, but Jesus came for all people. Just like the magi who returned home a different route because they were changed by their visitation to the new born King, our observance of Epiphany and grasping its insights should send us home by a different route. We are changed. We should now see others as Christ. We should see that God's love is all inclusive. We should realize there are no strangers, only people we treat as such. We should see the story as itself a gift. Our faith journey should find us unpacking insights and their meaning in our lives.

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

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

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



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FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.



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!

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

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.



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS



Join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this **Sunday, January 6, 2019** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul** in Center City to gather as a faith community to pray for vocations. This Holy Hour will begin at **5:30PM**, prior to the 6:30PM Sunday Mass. Everyone is invited and encouraged to pray for those men who are seeking direction and guidance as they discern a vocation to the Holy Priesthood. Through the prayers, encouragement and support of their fellow Catholics, we hope these men will be inspired to seriously consider the Priesthood.



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)

PRO-LIFE LECTURE AT ST. GENEVIEVE PARISH

St. Genevieve Parish, located at 1225 Bethlehem Pike, in Flourtown, PA, is hosting a Pro-Life Lecture this **Thursday, 01/10/19 at 7:00PM**. The lecture will focus on the role of the laity and offer suggestions on the ways we can best convert the culture, especially on life issues. The speaker will be Marie Joseph, Founding Executive Director of the *Legacy of Life Foundation & Women's Crisis Pregnancy Centers*. To learn more, please contact: **St. Genevieve Rectory at 215-836-2828** or visit rectory@stgensparish.com.



EVENT FOR WOMEN: A DAY OF HEALING

Do you struggle with anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, self-doubt, self criticism? Come! Let the Lord meet you right where you are and guide you forward. Retreat activities include inspiring talks, community building, healing prayer, personal reflection, music and more. This is a powerful opportunity for any woman seeking healing and freedom from adverse patterns or habits-of body, mind, and emotion-in order to live fully in the love and freedom that the Lord desires for us. The facilitators are De Yarrison, CPCC and Fr. Stephen DeLacy. This event will take place on **Saturday, 01/12/19, from 9:00AM to 8:00PM** at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford, PA.

To learn more or to register, please visit:

<https://youaremadenew.com/healing-retreats/>.



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 due no later than 01/08/19.**

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 read this

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**.

VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD COACH NEEDED

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a Varsity Track and Field Coach. Merion Mercy is located at 511 Montgomery Ave., Merion Station, PA 19066.

Interested and qualified applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by January 8, 2019 to the Athletic Director, Barbara Clarke, at bclarke@merion-mercy.com.



STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Tuesday, 01/08/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 01/12/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/13/19-NO CCD CLASSES
- 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

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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