

January 8, 2023  
*Epiphany of the Lord*

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**Collection for weekend of December 17 & December 18**

**Income: Plate = \$4,627.00 + AWC= \$72.50 = \$4,699.50**

**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$10,239.26)**

**Total = (\$5,539.76)**

**Collection for weekend of December 24 & December 25**

**Income: Plate = \$4,063.00 + AWC= \$72.50 = \$4,135.50**

**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$12,963.45)**

**Total = (\$8,827.95)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please go to [stellamarisphila.com](http://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 the one who died on a cross. This is the Christian paradox. Indeed, this very concealment constitutes the most eloquent ‘manifestation’ of God.”** “-Pope Benedict XVI



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

Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Anna DelVecchio & Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D’Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Deborah Dolce, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, oe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Karen Specht, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Steven Tropea, 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: POPE BENEDICT XVI**

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 8, 2023**

**Sunday - January 8 (Epiphany of the Lord)**

8:00 + Rachel LaRocca

10:30 + Maria and Domenico Romeo

**Monday - January 9**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - January 10**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Wednesday - January 11**

8:00 + Connie and David Qualtieri

**Thursday - January 12**

8:00 + For the Intentions of Mikki Capo

**Friday - January 13**

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

**Saturday - January 14**

8:00 + Fred and Elizabeth Maier

5:00 + John Carenza

**Sunday - January 15**

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

10:30 + Campese Family



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Mom and Dad Petrella  
Requested by  
Carol Ann Greco

**Adoration Chapel Candles**



1) In Memory of  
Mom and Dad Greco  
Requested by  
Carol Ann Greco  
2) In Memory of  
Theresa Petrella  
Requested by  
Carol Ann Greco



**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Thomas A. Greco Jr.  
Requested by  
Carol Ann Greco



**MASS FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF**  
**THE SOUL OF**  
**POPE BENEDICT XVI**



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:30PM here in Stella Maris Church.

The Celebrant and Homilist will be Rev. Joseph Kelley, Dean.

**Everyone is most welcome to attend.**



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I can't believe that we are in our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the New Year already and that tomorrow the Baptism of the Lord ends our Christmas Season. However, the following words 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.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The word epiphany means "manifestation." So, what we celebrate on this special feast day is Christ's manifestation to the world. The magi were among the first to adore Jesus as the Messiah and they were Gentiles, i.e., non-Jews. Their story serves as testimony that Christ came for all people.

Matthew begins the story with a touch of irony. As the magi gain audience with Herod to seek information concerning the "newborn king of the Jews," the chief priests and the scribes are summoned to provide the information the magi seek. The chief priests and scribes failed to recognize the signs before them as an indication that the Christ-event was taking place. They knew the prophecies, yet they ignored them. Herod, on the other hand, views the prophecies, not with joy and elation, but with fear and trepidation. He saw this "newborn king of the Jews" as a threat to his own kingship and wanted that threat removed.

How often are we like the chief priests and scribes in that we fail to recognize Christ's manifestation in our lives? How often are we like Herod, aware that God may be revealing Himself to us, or directing us, but resistant to God's presence because it conflicts with our agenda, our wants, or our needs?

The story also reveals something even more telling about our relationship with Christ. When we encounter Christ, we do not come away from the encounter unchanged. The magi encountered Christ in Joseph's home in Bethlehem, (i.e., "they entered a house and saw the child with Mary his mother.") That brief encounter changed them forever, for when "they departed for their country" they did so by another way. They took a different route home. In biblical terms, when one changes direction, it symbolizes that the individual himself has been changed. He or she has had a change of heart and has undergone a conversion experience.

The same holds true for us today each time we encounter Christ. Each of us has an opportunity to encounter Christ in the sacraments, especially in the sacrament of the Eucharist. And we, like the magi, are changed through such an encounter. The beauty is, that in giving of Himself in the sacraments, Christ provides us with the opportunity to encounter Him again and again as we journey throughout our life. Each encounter offers us an opportunity for drawing into a deeper relationship with Him. How has your relationship with Christ made you a better person? In what ways have you changed? What steps can you take to encounter Christ more frequently in your life? These are questions that this wonderful feast invites us to contemplate!

Please be assured of my prayers, and I ask you to please remember me in your prayers.

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!  
Happy Epiphany!  
Fr. Di Orio



## **OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP**

**January 8, 2022**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world who are marginalized and in critical need of assistance. By providing humanitarian aid, resettling those displaced by warfare or strife, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking, beneficiaries of the CRS collection fulfill the Church's mission of mercy. They respond affirmatively to the Gospel's call to love others as we love God and proclaim our fundamental belief that every human life is sacred in a concrete way.

The annual CRS collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see the presence of Christ in the faces of the poor and to demonstrate love for Christ by responding to their needs.

This year's collection will be taken up in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia parishes during the weekend of January 14-15, 2023. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection. The majority of funds collected support relief services overseas and a small amount is retained locally for charitable endeavors undertaken by our local Church.

I am grateful for your compassionate response in the past and ask that you be generous once again. Be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the USA, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit: [phillyeucharisticrevival.org](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org).

*"Prayer for the Revival"*

**My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (three times)**

**Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.**

### PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Vocation Office invites you to the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA, to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, on **Thursdays between the hours of 9AM to 5PM**, praying that more young people generously respond to the Lord's invitation to serve Him as priests and religious. To sign up to spend time with our Lord, visit: [Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores](http://Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores). If you have any questions or would like more information, please email:

[Phillyadoration@gmail.com](mailto:Phillyadoration@gmail.com)

### 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](http://Heedthecall.org/poster).

### 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](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).

### COME AND SEE WEEKENDS

Come and see weekends offer men (high school and above) who are discerning a call to the priesthood a chance to get away, meet other men on a similar journey, and find a place of quiet to listen to God speak. Held throughout the year, these weekends include Mass, praying the Liturgy of the Hours with the seminarians, Holy Hours, talks on discernment and vocations, and time for recreation with the seminarians. There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals. For more information and to register for a particular weekend, please visit [Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee](http://Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee).

Upcoming Come and See Weekends:

#### High School Men

January 28-29, 2023  
February 25-26, 2023

#### Post-High School Men

February 10-12, 2023  
March 10-12, 2023

### IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) FOR YOU?

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you curious about the Catholic faith, but not sure you want to make a commitment? Are you married to a Catholic spouse, raising the children Catholic, and interested in knowing more to be able to share with them? Are you a Catholic who desires to complete the initiation process by receiving Eucharist and/or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the R.C.I.A. may be for you.

**The R.C.I.A. is designed to assist youth and adults who:**

- \*Have never been baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church
- \*Have been baptized in another Christian Tradition (Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) and wish to become Catholic
- \*Were baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation

There's no time like the present to begin your inquiry in the faith. If you are interested in learning more about R.C.I.A., please contact Mrs. Marie Milano at 215-465-2336, ext. 5.

### 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, **starting on Wednesday, 01/04/23 up to and including Friday, 02/24/23.**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS  
5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2023!**

### MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life in Washington, DC, is being held on January 20, 2023, and is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capital Hill. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest...**TOGETHER WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.** We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

For more information, visit <https://marchforlife.org/>

To inquire about buses leaving from the

Archdiocese of Philadelphia, contact:

**the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.**

**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](http://archphila.org/hope) for details and postings.

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**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](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

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**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.pavingforseniorcare.com](http://www.pavingforseniorcare.com). This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

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**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](http://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.

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE**

The Center provides an authentically Catholic approach to women's reproductive healthcare and follows Catholic medical ethics. The providers treat women in various age groups-from teen to seniors-and offer gynecologic care, yearly women's check-ups and natural family planning instruction in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. Services are available in English and Spanish. The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is located in East Norriton (very close to the Plymouth Meeting Mall). For more information, call the center at 844-204-0005 or visit [phgiannacenter.org](http://phgiannacenter.org).

**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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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**PHONE #**

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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.

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**PHONE #**

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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.

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**PHONE #**