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

Due to an early printing deadline and circumstances beyond our control, our Church Bulletin had to go to press before the collection figures were available. The collections for the weekends of 12/25/21-12/26/21 and 01/01/22-01/02/22 will be posted as soon as possible.



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

“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, 01/09/2006



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: **JERRY DeSIMONE, JR.**

SEBASTIAN (BENJAMIN) GARRO

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 9, 2022

Sunday - January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)

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

Monday - January 10

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - January 11

8:00 + Pete and Sandy Reitano

Wednesday - January 12

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Thursday - January 13

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Friday - January 14

8:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris

Saturday - January 15

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli
5:00 + Immacolata and Tony Capese

Sunday - January 16

8:00 + Fred, Betty and Jane Maier
10:30 + Maria and Domenico Romeo

Church Sanctuary Lamp



In Memory of
The Haney Family
Requested by
Donna Glynn

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Gerald Palestini II

Requested by
Mom and Dad



Adoration Chapel Candles



1) In Memory of
Gerald Palestini II
Requested by
Mom and Dad

2) For the Intentions of Rosemary Santivale
Requested by
Donna Glynn

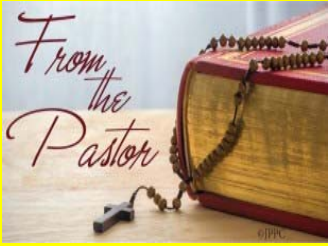


SAINT CHARLES BORROME0 SEMINARY APPEAL

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,

Today as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, our Christmas season draws to a close. On behalf of our parish staff, I 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!

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 does not wield the "sonship" affirmed at His baptism to exalt Himself, but instead accepts it as a call to humble service. Just imagine the stereotypical "boss son" who can make life miserable for workers in the family business; he manipulates and lords it over them. Jesus deliberately avoids this kind of status and chooses empathy and service. Shortly after His baptism, Jesus is tempted and taunted: "If you are the son of God, prove it." Yet, He resists this invitation to a power play and thus proves His relationship to God through obedience and trust. Jesus knew 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. Do we serve God humbly? Are we obedient to God? Do we trust God? Jesus did. 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 please pray for me.

God Bless!

Fr. Di Orio

**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!**

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

January 9, 2022

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 aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf 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 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 15 and 16, 2022. 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 Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



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.

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 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.



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/>

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 now due. 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 Giovanelli.

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 live-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>.

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.

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.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

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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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