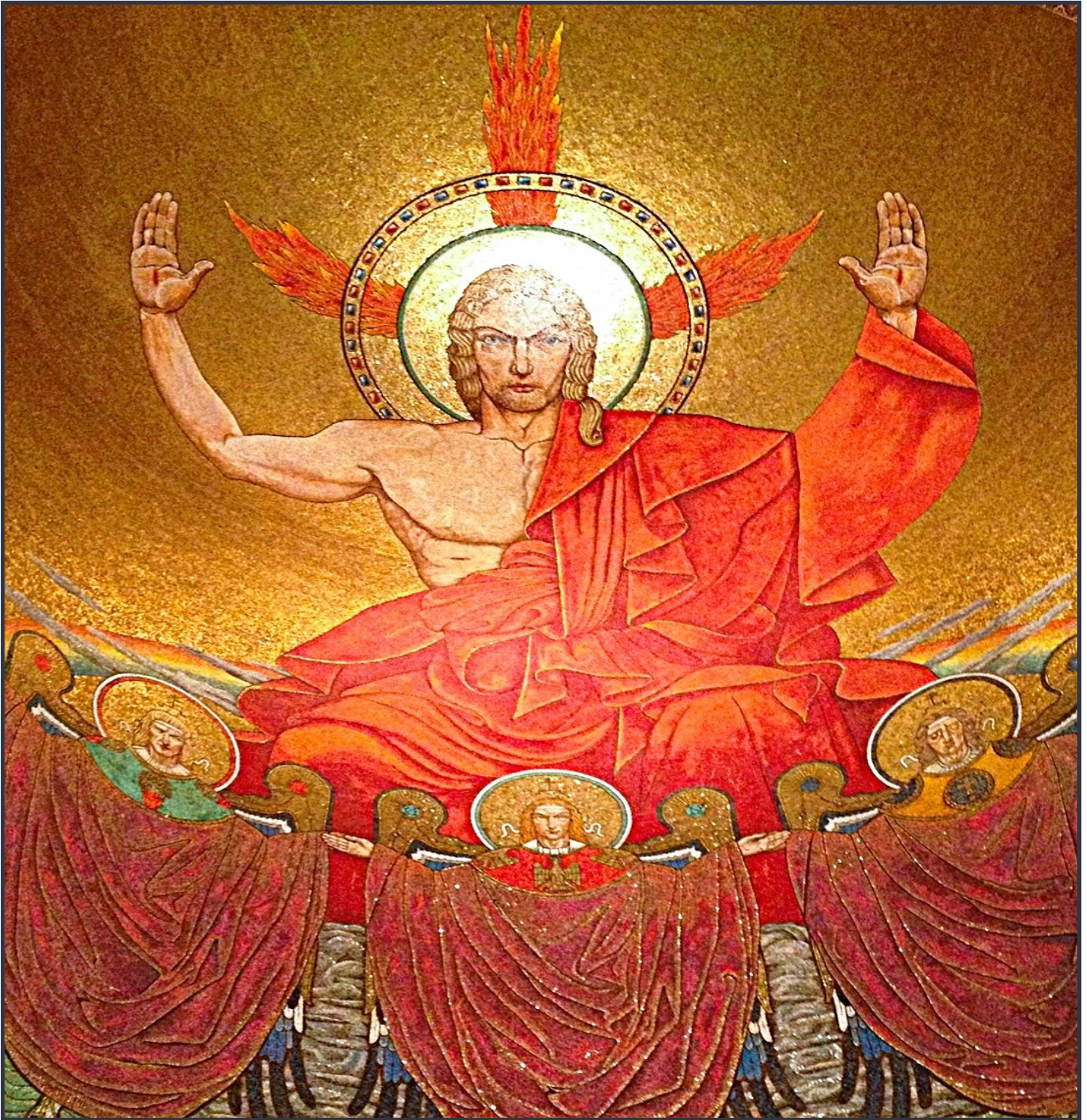



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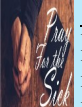
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 Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please go to stellamarisphila.com and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for Information and/or to enroll. Thank you.

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of November 15 & November 16

Income: Plate = \$4,941.00 + AWC= 68.00 = \$5,009.00	
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$10,576.82)	
Total = (\$5,567.82)	

Living Stewardship: “ We pray that we might be part of God’s people who continue to proclaim Jesus as the One to whom we give our allegiance, and that we show this in the world by working to bring about God’s Kingdom where mercy and justice, peace and love rule.”
 — *Living God’s Words*

 **Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**
 Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Emilio Colella, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Daniel DiCarlo, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D’Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Vera Dolan, Dolore Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Dalonzo SR., Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goreni, Margie Gurbuz, Charles Harron, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Charles LaSpada, Jean LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Robert and Marie Liccio, Rita Lange, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, George McGehrin, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petruzzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Heather Russino, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Erica Siderio, Joe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Karen Specht, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Caroyln Young, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.

 **We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:**
Sr. Catherine McConnell, SSJ
 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 November 23, 2025**

Saturday - November 22
 5:00 + Gus Alba

Sunday - November 23
 8:00 + Frank and Ilda Colelli
 10:30 + Kathleen Nardy and Cor Silver

Monday - November 24
 8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - November 25
 8:00 + Thomas C. Di Orio

Wednesday - November 26
 8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Thursday - November 27 (Thanksgiving Day)
 9:00 + In Thanksgiving

Friday - November 28
 7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday - November 29
 8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 5:00 + James Salvatore

Sunday - November 30 (First Sunday of Advent)
 8:00 + Marie Pizzo
 10:30+ Rita Tordini



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Sr. Lawrence Elizabeth, SSJ
 Requested by
 Marie Italiano



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
 Ronald R. Ravielli
 Requested by
 Denise Ravielli



Adoration Chapel Candles

- 1) In Memory of
 Anna Vicario
 Requested by
 Mary Gatto
- 2) For the Living and Deceased
 Members of Stella Maris





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today is the final Sunday in ordinary time and the church celebrates the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King. What makes Christ Our King is that He gave Himself for the salvation of others.

In today's Gospel we see the contrast between the two criminals who were crucified beside our Lord. The first criminal mocked our Lord; while the second criminal admits his guilt and recognizes the complete innocence of Jesus. Notice that he did not ask Jesus to save him. He asked only to be remembered by Jesus. Who are we in the story? Are we in any way guilty of mocking Jesus? Of course we will say, "Absolutely not!" but, we do not have to say it when our actions speak more loudly. Two easy examples are: when we have been guilty of mocking, jeering or sarcastic towards another person; and if we have spread gossip that wrongly harms an innocent person.

The second criminal becomes a model of discipleship. He acknowledged his guilt and his unworthiness to approach Jesus with a simple request. Although he did not ask Jesus to save him, the criminal's recognition of his own sin and Jesus' innocence made it possible for Jesus to save him and offer him a place in Paradise. Today gives us an opportunity to renew our loyalty to Christ. We are called to a discipleship that acknowledges the King of the Universe and in humility to accept His invitation to paradise that we do not deserve.

This Thursday we celebrate our national holiday, Thanksgiving Day, and I wish you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. A wonderful way to begin Thanksgiving Day, for those who can, is to attend Mass. The word Eucharist means "Thanksgiving." Come to Mass on Thursday and offer your thanks to God. Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 AM** on Thanksgiving morning. Invite someone to join you.

Next weekend, we begin a new Church year, with the First Sunday of Advent. I will offer you a companion for your Advent Journey. **The Little Blue Book** for the Advent and upcoming Christmas Season will be distributed next Saturday and Sunday.

Also, next weekend, we welcome our very own Sisters of St. Joseph, who will speak to us at all the Masses on behalf of the Retirement Fund for Religious. This special collection will be taken up the following weekend, December 6th and 7th.

Be assured of my prayers; and I ask you to please remember me in your prayers.

God bless,

Happy Thanksgiving!

Father Di Orio



COME HAVE BREAKFAST WITH YOUR STELLA MARIS FAMILY
A Parish Gathering for All Ages

SUNDAY, DEC. 7TH
 JOIN US AFTER 10:30 AM MASS

Adults \$15 * Kids 10 and under \$5
 Tickets must be purchased in advance. Deadline: December 1st.

ON THE MENU

Pancakes * Eggs * Sausage * Bacon * Bagels
 French Toast * Hash Brown Potatoes

STELLA MARIS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VISITATION AND CAROLING

We invite you, (adults and children alike), to join the students in our CCD/PREP program, along with other willing participants, in spreading Christmas cheer to our Parish home-bound. Parish visitation this year will be on **Sunday, December 14th** from **12:00 PM to 2:00 PM**. Please call or text Lorinda @267-250-0186 if you are interested.

Thank you and God Bless You.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING

We are looking for volunteers to form a group to clean our Church on **Mondays**.
 If you are able to help, please contact the Rectory at 215-465-2336.

"Many hands make light work"

FOOTBALL MANIA WINNING NUMBERS

WEEK ELEVEN
NO WINNER

Winning numbers will be posted weekly!

THANKSGIVING RECTORY SCHEDULE

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed on Thursday, 11/27/25 and Friday, 11/28/25, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Stella Maris Events

2026

Saturday, February 28th—Bingo Night

Join us for a fun night of Cash Bingo! More information to follow.

Saturday, April 25th—P & S - Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our Annual Night of Delicious P & S Spaghetti and Meatballs, Esposito's Porchetta, Great Music and Fabulous Prizes!

Spring 2026—\$50 Grand Raffle

\$50 Raffle tickets will be sold beginning in May 2026 for a drawing of 6 prizes which will be held after each Mass the weekend of Nov.22/23. More information to follow.

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Support the formation of our future priests.

Your gift to the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal prepares them to lead the Church with wisdom, compassion, and the heart of Christ.



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The Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is more than a campaign. It is a powerful expression of what is possible when people of faith respond to Christ's call to love one another as He loves us.

For more than 65 years, CCA has remained a beacon of hope throughout our five-county region and sustained vital charitable ministries and programs that serve one in five people across our region. When you support CCA, you embrace your role as a Missionary Disciple and help us in Giving Hope to All.



- EVANGELIZATION
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- SPECIAL EDUCATION
- RETIRED AND INFIRMED PRIESTS
- MISSION PARISHES



SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Star of the Sea Senior Citizens Club and Stella Maris Sodality invite you to their Annual Christmas Party which will be held, Wednesday, 12/10/2025 at 1:00PM at the Waterfall Room, 2015 S. Water Street. Cost is \$25 for the guests. Please contact Frances Giaquinto at 215-284-4686 for reservation. Cash or checks are acceptable, payable to Star of the Senior Club and mail or drop off to Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148.

STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

One Sunday from now, 11/30/25, is the first Sunday of Advent. As we prepare for the Birth of the Christ Child, you can share the spirit of Christmas with those in need by participating in our Parish Outreach Programs listed below.

Christmas Giving Tree-Families in our area will be helped with gifts for children. Take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the back of church, buy and wrap the gift, and place the tag on the outside of the gift. Place your gift in the designated container in back of church.

Dawn's Place-This is a residential program located here in Philadelphia, for women who have been trafficked. The Sisters of Saint Joseph and their staff work with the women to help them regain their self-respect and once again become contributing members of society. How to help? Gift certificates to Target, CVS, Walgreens and Staples would be greatly appreciated. Please place these in the designated box in the back of church.

Catholic Social Services-This collection is for children's **new** toys and games, (**non-violent, PLEASE!**) Please place toys in the designated containers in the church vestibule.

St. John's Hospice - Once again we will be helping the homeless men who receive services at St. John's Hospice and are in need of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. Please place these items in the designated containers in the church vestibule.

Christmas Food Drive - Helping Hands is collecting food to help area families in need to have a nice Christmas dinner. Items needed are: hams, canned pineapple, boxed potatoes, canned yams, and candy. Please bring your food donations to the Outreach Room in the church vestibule.

The deadline for all outreach is Sunday, December 14th.

Your support of these projects is greatly appreciated by these men, women and children. Thank you for your generosity.

Turn \$5 into \$10,000!

Annual Chance Drive

Drawing December 11, 2025

Proceeds Benefit
Saint Joseph Villa
and the Retired
Sisters of Saint Joseph



5 Prizes
\$500 each

Tickets
\$5.00 each or
5 for \$20.00

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**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.

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 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.

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

This group is open to anyone interested in learning more about the process of adopting children, in the process of adopting a child, or already a parent through adoption. Meet and talk to caring, supportive families that share their experience with the adoption process and parenting. **This group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.**

Meetings are in person or virtual. In person location is Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church, 1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454.

Contact Maria at mariamalone@mmredeemer.org to attend in person, to get a virtual meeting link and to get any updates on meeting times and locations.



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 MEMORY OF or FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:

REQUESTED BY:

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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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