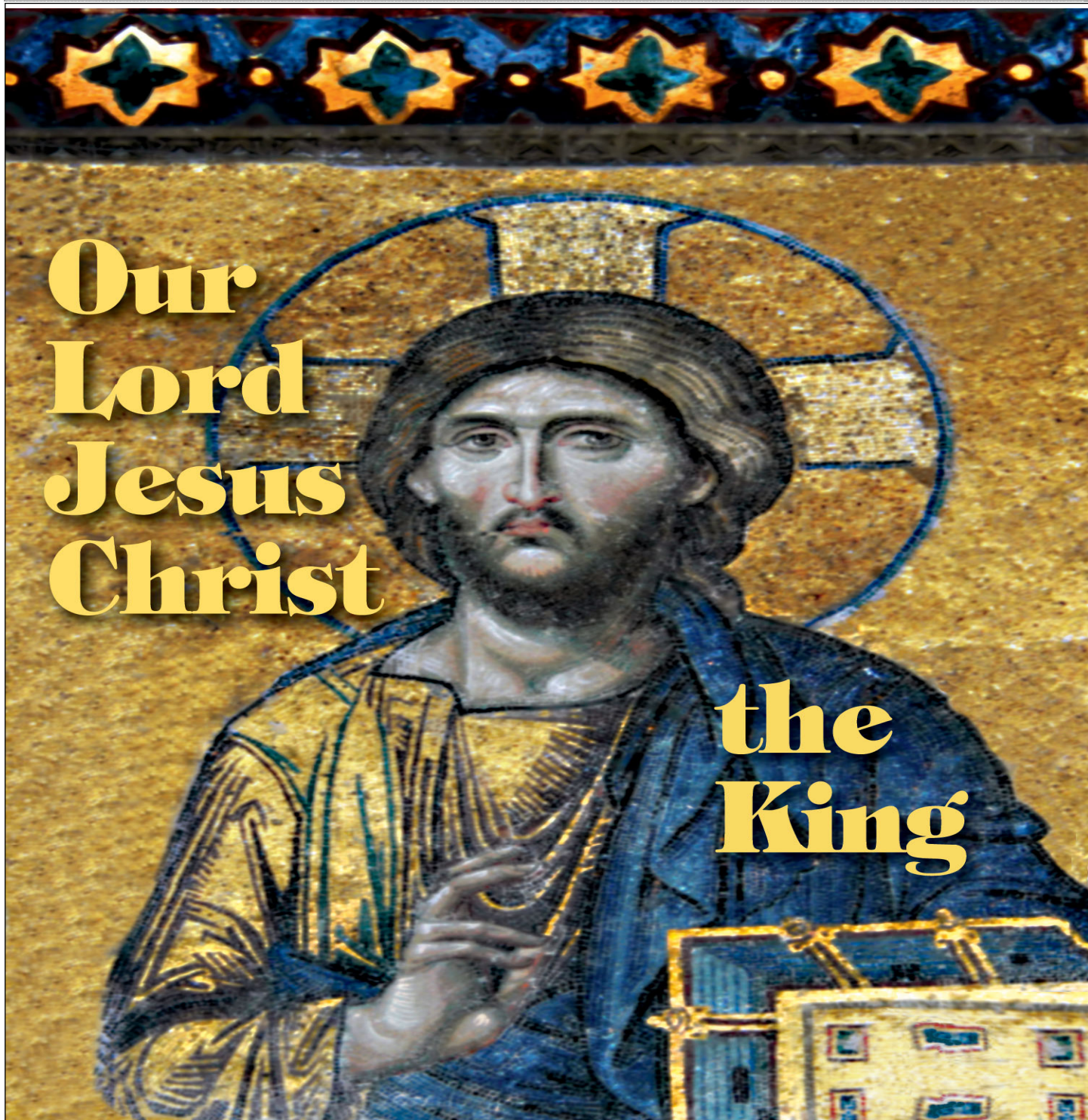


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Mass Intentions For
The Week of November 24, 2019

Sunday—November 24
 8:00 + Salvatore Primerano
 10:30 + Antonio and Grazia Martino

Monday—November 25
 8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday—November 26
 8:00 + Valerie Cunningham

Wednesday—November 27
 8:00 + Milo, Angelina, and Denny Romolini

Thursday—November 28
 9:00 + In Thanksgiving

Friday—November 29
 8:00 + Ilda Colelli

Saturday—November 30
 8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 5:00 + Lillian and Alfred Montella

Sunday—December 1
 8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano
 10:30 + Frank and Rita Giunta



God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of November 16 & November 17	
Income: Plate = \$5,313.00 + AWC = 102.50	= \$5,415.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	= (\$41,568.53)
Total	= (\$36,153.03)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word

“Believing in Christ means letting oneself be enveloped by the light of His truth, which gives full significance, value, and meaning to our lives, for precisely by revealing to us the mystery of the Father and His love for man, He also fully reveals man to Himself and brings to light His most high calling.”

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 Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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, Maryann Baranek, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr./Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Vincent Carchidi, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Robert Costello, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna Del Vecchio and the Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Frank Filippello, Samuel Fiore, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Theresa Frangelli, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, 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, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Renate Nardy, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Mr./Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, 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, 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.

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Janet Giordano
 Requested by
 Tom and Tinker



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Gerald Palestini II
 Requested by
 Mom and Dad



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE AND CHEESECAKE RAFFLE



Our Stella Maris Confirmation Class is having a **Christmas Cookie Sale** after all Masses on the **weekend of 12/07-12/08**, along with a **Cheesecake Raffle**, one cheesecake for each Mass, also for 12/07-12/08. **The cheesecakes to be raffled off are the famous "Fr. Di Orio Cheesecakes"!** Tickets will be available after each Mass next weekend, 11/30-12/01, and before Masses on 12/07-12/08. Also, if you would like to donate cookies for that weekend, someone will be available to accept your donations prior to the 5PM Mass on 12/07.

Start your Christmas cookie selection and support the Stella Maris Confirmation Class!

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.



Rest in Peace **We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**

MARIA CONTI MARYANN FURIA

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.



From the Pastor's Desk

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.

Although Jesus in fact has the power to "save Himself," He chooses rather to save a condemned criminal. The extent and reach of His kingship is revealed in saving mercy. In today's Gospel, one criminal acknowledges that "we have been condemned justly". Yet, when the same criminal asks, "Jesus, remember me", Jesus responds, "Today you will be with me in paradise." In this brief exchange, Jesus reveals the kind of King He is-one who is full of mercy and uses His power to save others. When we, like the criminal, confess our own sinfulness and seek divine mercy, then Jesus can be for us our Merciful King. As the good thief had the insight of faith to recognize who Jesus was, so do we share in the same faith and the same glory, as we recognize who Jesus is for us. We can never celebrate the Kingship of God revealed in Jesus without first acknowledging the suffering Christ.

As we know, the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal is held during the month of November. You should have received a direct mailing from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. You are asked to make your contribution directly to the Seminary. In the pews are pledge cards for your taking. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our Seminary and Seminarians. Again, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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 celebrate Mass. The word Eucharist means "Thanksgiving". Come to Mass on Thursday and offer your thanks to God. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. 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 to 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 7th and 8th.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!
Father Di Orio



THANKSGIVING RECTORY SCHEDULE

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed on Thursday, 11/28/19 and Friday, 11/29/19, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!



STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Christmas Giving Tree-Families in our area will be helped with gifts for children. Take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the vestibule, buy and wrap the gift, place the tag from the tree on the outside of the gift.

St. Francis Inn-This collection is for children's new toys and games (non-violent, PLEASE!) for St. Francis Inn (located in Kensington).

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.

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, Rite Aid, Walgreens and Staples would be greatly appreciated.

Please place all outreach gifts in the marked containers in the church vestibule. The deadline for all outreach is Sunday, December 15th, as the distribution of these gifts will occur the following weekend.

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



ANNUAL VISITATION AND CAROLING

Every year Stella Maris young people and adults visit our homebound parishioners to bring Christmas cheer and a gift from our parish, including joyful caroling. Our Annual Christmas Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019, from 11:30AM to 2:00PM. Adult volunteers are needed to accompany the school children to the homes of our homebound parishioners. This is a great family activity in preparation for the feast of Christmas! **Everyone is invited to participate.** Please call Sr. Veronica at 215-465-2336 ext. 8, or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Date: 12/15/19; Time: 11:30AM-2:00PM; Place: Church Hall

IMPORTANT SCAM ALERT

If anyone receives a text or an email from the number 215-693-3151, asking for help or assistance from Fr. Di Orio, please **DO NOT ANSWER** the text or email. **It IS NOT from Fr. Di Orio-IT IS A SCAM.** If you do receive this type of text or email, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 to let us know as this scam is under police investigation. Thank you for your help with this serious matter.



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**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS CLUB and
STELLA MARIS SODALITY
THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Everyone is welcome to our celebration of good food, music and fun, on **Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 1:00PM** at **The Waterfall Room, 2015 S. Water St.** The cost is **\$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members.** We will accept checks or money orders only, payable to the Star of the Sea Senior Club.

Please contact Rose Giovanelli (Star of the Sea Seniors Club) at 215-913-4297, or Cathy Everett (Sodality) at 215-465-7451 by **Friday, December 6th**, for your reservations. Payments can be mailed or dropped off to *Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th Street.* We look forward to seeing you!



**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS
TRIP TO LANCASTER**

Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the brand new show, **"Queen Esther"**, on **Thursday, 03/19/20.** Cost is **\$135 per person** and includes: Theater matinee show, buffet meal at Millers Restaurant, free time at Kitchen Kettle Village, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except driver). **Deposit of \$70 per person is now due.** **Balance of \$65 per person is due no later than 01/07/20.** For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386.

Make checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors
Mail payments to: Attention: Rose Giovanelli
Stella Maris Rectory
2901 South 10th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19148



**COME AND SEE WEEKENDS
AT 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 vocations 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: 01/25/20-01/26/20

02/22/20-02/23/20

03/14/20-03/15/20

Post High School Men: 01/17/20-01/19/20

02/28/20-03/01/20

04/24/20-04/26/20

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 emailing Sue Matour, Associate Director at smatour@archphila or by visiting the website at heedthecall.org/comeandsee.



RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

For those who are going on the bus trip to New York to Radio City Music Hall to see the **"Christmas Spectacular"** on **Saturday, 11/30/19**, the Itinerary is as follows: 7:30AM-departure from Stella Maris Church; 10AM-approximate arrival in NYC; Doors open at Radio City Music Hall for Christmas Spectacular with show beginning at 10:30AM; 12:00Noon-Depart from Theatre; After show, free time on your own; 3PM-Depart New York City; 4:30PM-Dinner at Mastoris; 6PM Depart for home; 7:30PM-approximate arrival at Stella Maris Church. For reservations, please contact Dominic Verdi at 215-416-8239 or the Rectory at 215-465-2336.

Special thanks to all who are participating in this trip.



PROPERTY TAX REBATE

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that **Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that **qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year.** Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. **This application must be filed by December 30, 2019.** To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. **Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline.** For more information or an application, call **United Social Services, Monday through Friday, from 10AM-4PM at 215-923-1900** and a staff member will assist you.

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE SOLEMN NOVENA

The 2019 Solemn Novena is taking place at The Miraculous Medal Shrine, 500 East Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144, begins today and continues through November 27. Schedule is as follows:

November 24-Sunday Mass Schedule

9:00AM and 12:05PM

November 25-26 Schedule-Monday and Tuesday

7:00AM-Novena/Mass

9:00AM-Novena/Mass/Sermon

12:05PM-Novena/Mass/Sermon

2:00PM-Novena/Sermon/Benediction

5:00PM-Novena/Sermon/Benediction

7:00PM-Novena/Mass/Sermon

November 27-Wednesday

Formal Closing of Novena

Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

10:30AM Mass

(Celebrant: Bishop Alfonso Cabezas, CM)

(Followed by refreshments)

For more information, visit:

MiraculousMedal.org/shrine-novena

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TELEVISION MASS

Every Sunday, at 5:30AM on Channel 6-WPVI TV, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia celebrates Sunday Mass, which is broadcast through the courtesy of Channel 6-WPVI.

HEALING MASS FOR ADDICTIONS

On the **third Tuesday of every month**, there is a **Healing Mass** for all those in alcohol and drug addiction and families affected by these addictions at **6PM at St. Gabriel's Church, 29th and Dickinson Sts.** This service includes: Mass, prayers, Adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a social and meeting. Come and join them as they ask God to help defeat this epidemic in our city, state, and nation. Also, every Tuesday night, **CALIX (Catholic AA NA)** has meetings at St. Raphael's Chapel at 3014 Dickinson St. (Myrtlewood and Dickinson Streets).

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.

MILLAY CLUB COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Millay Club, the Alumni Association of Neumann-Goretti High School, is having their 82nd Annual Communion Breakfast on **next Sunday, 12/01/19**, at Penns Landing Caterers, beginning with **Mass at 9:00AM**. Guest speaker is Michael Chitwood, Bishop Neumann High School Class of 1961 and Chief of Police in Upper Darby, PA. Tickets are \$40 each. For tickets or more information, please call **215-389-0925** or email: millayclub@gmail.com or visit millayclub.org.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN: THE SEASONS OF INFERTILITY

Join other women experiencing infertility, for a day of talks, personal reflection and sharing, as you walk together in hope and the confidence that God is calling us to a unique fruitfulness. Speakers include Kimberly Henkel, PhD, Alexandra Kleineck, Ann M. Koshute, MTS, and Andrea Mahoney. Retreat is being held on Saturday, 12/07/19, from 8:30AM to 5:30PM at the Mother Boniface spirituality Center in Philadelphia. For more information, please visit:

<https://springsinthedesert.org/the-seasons-of-infertility/>

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday, 11/26/19-Linvilla Pie Pick-Up-4PM to 7PM, Vestibule
Thursday, 11/28/19-Thanksgiving Day Mass-9:00AM, Church
Saturday, 11/30/19-NY Rockettes Trip-8:00AM, Off-Site
SUNDAY, 12/01/19-NO CCD-Thanksgiving Weekend
Tuesday, 12/03/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Saturday, 12/07/19-Sodality-8:00AM, Church/Vestibule
Sunday, 12/08/19-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church
Tuesday, 12/10/19-Sodality/Star of the Sea Seniors Christmas Party-1:00PM, Off-Site/Waterfall Room
Wednesday, 12/11/19-Community Meeting-6:30PM, Church
Saturday, 12/14/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Sunday, 12/15/19-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church
Sunday, 12/15/19-Visitation of Hombound-11:30AM, Hall
Monday, 12/16/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Mtg. Rm.
Tuesday, 12/17/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

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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