

November 24, 2024
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe



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God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of November 16 & November 17
Income: Plate = \$3,903.00+ AWC= \$85.00 = \$3,988.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$1,603.67)
Total = \$2,384.33



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "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."
 - Renewed by God's Word



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, 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, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthe 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, 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, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, 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:
JULIE DEVITO

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 24, 2024

Saturday - November 23

5:00 + Kathleen Nardy and Cornelia Silver

Sunday - November 24

8:00 + Adam Lalli

10:30 + Michael J. DiMeo Sr.

Monday - November 25

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - November 26

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Wednesday - November 27

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Thursday - November 28

9:00 + In Thanksgiving

Friday - November 29

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday - November 30

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

5:00 + Marie Pizzo

Sunday - December 1 (First Sunday of Advent)

8:00 + Louise And Joseph Pino

10:30 + Coffea Family



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Cheryl Wharton

Requested by
Carol Ann Greco

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Donald Varley

Requested by
His wife, Marge



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
Kathleen Nardy
Requested by
Antoinette, Tony and Dorothy

2) For the Intention of
Natalie Nguyen
Requested by
Sister Lawrence Elizabeth





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King. This is the last Sunday of our church year. As we celebrate this Solemnity, we are to examine what it means to us to have a king and to actually submit ourselves to a ruler in humility. In our readings three kingdoms are shown to us, and each one contains a little of truth of whom Christ the King can be for us. First, we must listen to Jesus' voice, not that of a world luring us into domination. In Christ's kingdom, people lead by being servants. Second, although our egos demand that we look good, coming across as successful and powerful, Christ the King asks us to be humble and accept ourselves exactly as we are. Third, Christ asks us to live out His love as one who cares for others, living humbly with mercy and compassion. Jesus constantly calls us to be His own. Unfortunately, humanity has fought authority and governance for centuries, and we fight it in our own day. We are still affected by Original sin. We still want what we want and not what God wants for us. We have a difficult time allowing ourselves to be governed by anyone outside of ourselves and so cannot submit to being ruled by our heavenly King. Every time we sin, we reject the rule of Christ the King in our lives.

Simply to say that Christ is King challenges us to give up our personal freedom. To have Christ as King means to submit to someone else's authority, to someone else's sense of right and wrong, to someone else's sense of justice. This would mean that we would have to live a life of service. This is what it means to give up our life for the King. Fortunately, the power that we are asked to humbly submit to is not an oppressive power. It is the power of Love. It is the only power that can bring a real sense of freedom - freedom from sin. Sure, we become frightened of power greater than our own, but if we can let down our guard for just an instant, we will find a King with whom we can live and love. A King who we will serve, humbly submit to, and live a life full of mercy and compassion. In the words of St. Francis de Sales, "Be who you are and be that very well." Christ the King honors and accepts us just as we are. As we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving this week let us recognize the Ruler Jesus, Christ the King, who really deserves our thanks.

This week we celebrate our national holiday, Thanksgiving Day. We are all called to be grateful for the blessings we have. The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." A wonderful way to begin our Thanksgiving is to participate in Mass. The Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 AM** this Thursday. Try to attend. May all of you enjoy your Thanksgiving Day!

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 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.

As we know, the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal is held during the month of November. You should be receiving, if you haven't already, 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 your continued support of our Seminary and Seminarians. Again, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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

Happy Thanksgiving,
Father Di Orio



**STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR
WINNING NUMBERS OF NOVEMBER 11th
THROUGH NOVEMBER 17th**

Monday	#587-\$55 Winner
Tuesday	#743-\$45 Winner
Wednesday	#396-\$45
Thursday	#140-\$45
Friday	#095-\$45
Saturday	#336-\$45
Sunday	#125-\$50 Winner



SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL CHANCE DRIVE

SSJ Annual Chance Drive to benefit Saint Joseph Villa and help us complete the renovation of the Villa Chapel!

Please help us make this year's Chance Drive especially successful by getting your ticket online!

Turn \$5 into \$10,000 — 6 Ways to win!

Grand Prize — \$10,000 also 5 prizes of \$500 each!

Donation -\$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 chances!

Visit our website at www.ssiphila.org, click on **Support Our Mission** tab, then click on **Fundraising Events**.

Winners will be drawn on December 11th, 2024

For additional information, contact any Sister of Saint Joseph or the Development Office at 800-482-6510 or visit: Development@ssiphila.org

FOOTBALL MANIA WINNING NUMBERS



WEEK ELEVEN

#3630-\$25



Winning numbers will be posted weekly!

THANKSGIVING RECTORY SCHEDULE

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed on Thursday, 11/28/24 and Friday, 11/29/24, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!



STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Next week, 12/01/24, 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, Rite Aid, 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 toiletries, (**especially, disposable razors and deodorant**) 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 15th.

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

STELLA MARIS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS 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, 2024, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM. 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 Sister Veronica at 215-462-1111 or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Date: December 15th

Time: 12:00-2:00 pm

Place: Stella Maris Church Entrance

JOIN US FOR CANA NIGHT

Friday, December 13, 2024 @7pm
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (St. Mary's Hall)
235 E. State Street
Doylestown, PA 18901

Meet and mingle with other couples and receive an inspiring and encouraging message on marriage and faith.

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Drain

Director of the office for Life & Family

bit.ly/CanaNight

RSVP by Dec. 2nd

\$35/couple for light dinner/ BYOB

Marriages of Grace

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Office for Life and Family

phillymog@gmail.com

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our **Parish Frozen Food Program** is in need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that meals you prepare contain meat or fish, a starch (pasta/ potatoes/rice) and a vegetable. Those who receive these meals are elderly and 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).

May God bless you for helping those in need!

ADVENT RETREAT AT THE DAYLESFORD ABBEY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 11:30AM—5:00PM

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith for an Advent Retreat on November 30th. The theme is "sharing our deepest gifts of hope, peace, faith, love, and joy." The Advent Retreat is perfect for anyone who has experienced adversities including family trials, divorce, separation, loss of loved one, and more. Talks from our speakers, time for reflection and prayer, Confessions, and anticipated Mass for Sunday held on Saturday at 4:00 pm.

Address: Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19031. Free parking available on site.

Speakers: Anne DeSantis, Executive Director of SRNF, Mickey Kelly, Board President, and a Norbertine priest of the Daylesford Abbey.

Cost: \$60 per person payable online

Registration: <https://www.nonnatus.org/advent-retreat-2024.html>

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY CHRISTMAS ANNUAL FOOD SALE

We are happy to announce the return of our annual St. Mary Polish American Society Christmas Food Sale so everyone can stock up on yummy Polish treats in time for the holidays.

FOOD ITEMS WILL INCLUDE:

-Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese) for \$17 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ

-Frozen pierogi (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) for \$10 per dozen from Polka Deli in Port Richmond in Philadelphia

-Kielbasa for \$9 per pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond

-Blesses oplatki (Polish Christmas wafer) are also available for a free will donation.

The deadline for food orders will be Wednesday December 4th so our suppliers have enough time to process our orders. **Order pick-up** will be on Friday, **Dec 13th** and Saturday, **Dec 14th** from 1 to 4 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken.

To place a food order please email
foodsale@stmarypolish.org
OR call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. Whether you are divorced and want to marry in the Catholic Church or are remarried outside the Church, please visit our website:

archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal

**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.

Email 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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