

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

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God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of December 2 & December 3
Income: Plate = \$4,794+ AWC= \$68.00 = \$4,862.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$3,742.09)
Total = \$1,119.91



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: “Unlike those who were baptized by John, we were baptized ‘with the Holy Spirit’. If that is so, then ‘what sort of persons ought’ we to be? Like Isaiah, John, and Peter; we ought to be both heralding and ‘hastening the coming of the day of God’.”
-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, 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, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Deborah Dolce, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Gerta Goreni, Keith Green, 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, 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, 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, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, 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, Terry Troiano, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends: HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

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 December 10, 2023

Saturday - December 9

5:00 + Stanley and Adeline Di Menno

Sunday - December 10

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

10:30 + Giovanni Martino

Monday - December 11

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - December 12

8:00 + Amelia Iaconangelo

Wednesday - December 13

8:00 + Rita Garamone

Thursday - December 14

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday - December 15

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the Poolos and Montemurro Families

Saturday - December 16

8:00 + Flordeliza Genato

5:00 + Jimmy De Renzi

Sunday - December 17

8:00 + Ian George Bryan

10:30 + John and Ida Tordini



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Carmine T. Petrella Jr.
Requested by
Carol Ann Greco

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Thomas A. Greco Jr.
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
Mom and Dad Petrella

Requested By
Carol Ann Greco



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 17, 2023, from 12:00NOON 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 Donna Glynn at 215-465-2336 ext. 6, or sign up on the sheet in the back of church.

Date: 12/17/23; Time: 12:00NOON-2:00PM; Place: Church Hall



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As the secular world prepares for the upcoming holiday season, (as they call it), with all its overspending and overeating, John the Baptist reminds us that we should prepare for the coming of the Messiah with sober reflection and quiet hope. In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In this way, he prepared for the coming Messiah, the one who is mightier. John confesses that he is not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of Jesus' sandals. Jesus will baptize not merely with water, but with the Holy Spirit.

For us today, we are like the Israelites who waited for the Messiah, and we are like the early Christians who awaited the Lord's coming in glory. While we wait, we are comforted by Isaiah's word, for like a shepherd, Jesus has fed us and continues to feed us with His word in Scripture, with His Body and Blood, with the Gifts of the Spirit, and with the love we have for one another as God's children.

While we wait, we are called to ready ourselves, to make every effort to be without spot or blemish and at peace in God's sight.

Advent is a time to turn away from absorption in ourselves, in our worries and in the secular world. It is a time to rejoice that God wants to find new ways of coming into our lives – like a shepherd caring for his sheep. We must wait patiently, as the Letter of Peter tells us, for an end to our own afflictions, but we can surely hope for a new heaven and new earth. Therefore, we should, with joy, spend our Advent trying to remove all the obstacles that stand between us and the Lord's return.

Mark your calendar: our Parish Advent Penance Service will be on Wednesday, December 20th, at 7:00 PM. We will have several priests to help with individual confessions. What a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas! Invite a friend.

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

Happy Advent!

Fr. Di Orio

Christmas Schedule-2023

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00pm.
There will be visiting priests to help with individual confessions.

Confessions before Christmas

Saturday, December 16- 4:00 to 4:45pm

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24
(no confessions on Christmas Eve)
5:00pm-Vigil Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

8:00am and 10:30am Masses
(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)

Confessions, Saturday, December 30, 4:00 to 4:45pm

Holy Family Sunday, December 31

8:00am and 10:30am Masses

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(New Year's Day)
Monday, January 1-8:00am Mass

HELPING HANDS THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

Many thanks to our parishioners who helped in any way with Helping Hands Thanksgiving Outreach. We thank everyone who donated the food, all who helped sort the food and all who helped distribute the food.

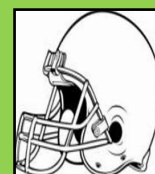
**Your generous support made it possible for many families to have a wonderful Thanksgiving meal.
God Bless You!**

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TELEVISED 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.



FOOTBALL MANIA WINNING NUMBERS



WEEK TWELVE

#435-3S003-\$25

#526-3S003-\$25

Winning numbers will be posted weekly!

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 this **Tuesday, 12/12/23 at 1:00PM at the Waterfall Room, 2015 S. Water Street.**

Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Please contact Rose Giovanelli, (Senior Club), at **215-594-2994**, or Cathy Everett, (Sodality), at **215-465-7451** by **12/05/23** for reservations.

Pay by check only, payable to Star of the Sea Senior Club and mail or drop off to Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148.

SENSORY FRIENDLY MASSES

Catholics believe that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, and that all the Baptized share in the life and mission of the Church. This includes people with disabilities. A "Sensory Friendly Mass" is one way that a parish can assist in destigmatizing the experience of attending Mass for individuals and families with members with Autism and other disabilities. There are a number of Sensory Friendly Masses that are taking place across the Archdiocese.

To find a Sensory Friendly Mass near you, please visit:

<https://opdarchphilly.org/sfm/>

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:

WEEKLY WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Fulton Sheen via Zoom. To join in the Monday evening Live Rosary, please visit the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/494480541>. Join in as we ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Catholic faith, world peace, personal intentions, and for the Missions worldwide!

Sponsored by the Pontifical Missions Society (phillymissions.org).

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There is an 8 week Bereavement Support Group which runs several times each year at TJUH Methodist Hospital. Each week participants will have the opportunity to support one another and learn about different topics within the grieving process. For more information, please call the Department of Pastoral Care at **215-952-9547**.

STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR

Stella Maris 2024 Lottery Calendars are now available! \$40 will give you 365 chances to win prizes ranging from \$45 to \$300! Winning numbers are determined by the three (3) digit "Pick 3" Evening Drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery, (all numbers are played straight as they are drawn-there is no "box" option). Calendars are available at the Rectory during regular business hours, (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM), and before and after the Saturday evening Mass and Sunday Morning Masses in the church vestibule.

*These calendars make great Christmas gifts!
Be sure to get your 2024 Lottery Calendar...*



ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

On **Saturday, 12/16/23, from 9AM to 3:30PM**, an Advent Day of Recollection is being held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in the Cathedral Chapel and Drexel Hall (which is the hall located below the Cathedral). The speaker is Mother Maria Catherine of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate. The day's schedule is as follows:

9:00AM-Sign-In/Coffee & sweet breads
10:00AM-Morning Conference
11:00AM-Quiet Time; 11:30AM-Confessions
12:05PM-Holy Mass followed by Lunch in Drexel Hall
1:45PM-Afternoon Conference
2:30PM-3:30 PM-Holy Hour with Exposition & Benediction
Fee for this Day of Recollection is a **free-will offering**, but **you must RSVP** to Sr. Gabrielle Mary Braccio, RSM at: sr.gbraccio@archphila.org or by calling **215-587-3795**.

All are welcome!

BE ENCOURAGED

CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing.

In addition, there are tools to help parishes schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at www.archphila.org/support.

RECYCLE YOUR LEAVES

Help keep leaves out of landfills! Collect, bag, and recycle your leaves!

There is a "bagged-leaf" drop-off at 15th and Bigler Streets from 9AM to 3PM on Saturday, 12/16. **Leaves must be placed in large brown biodegradable paper bags. Never mix trash or other recyclables with bagged leaves.**

For more drop-off details and leaf collection schedules, visit: LeafRecyclinga@Phila.org

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of abortion-no matter how much time has passed-please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgiveable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

**To contact our team to register or for questions:
Susan-610-716-4795; Georgeann-484-955-4278**

A NIGHT OF CAROLS

A Night of Carols is being presented by St. Edmond Choir in concert with Stella Maris Choir and St. Richard Choir this **Thursday, 12/14, 2023 at 7:00PM in St. Edmond Church, 2130 South 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145.**

Parking is available in the Rectory Lot.
Light Refreshments to follow after the Concert.

**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 Thursdays 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 HONOR/MEMORY 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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