



December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of November 27 & November 28	
Income: Plate = \$4,502.00 + AWC= \$72.50	= \$4,574.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$10,858.49)
Total	= (\$6,283.99)
Collection for weekend of December 4 & December 5	
Income: Plate = \$4,856.00 + AWC= \$72.50	= \$4,928.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	= (\$4,381.08)
Total	= \$547.42



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

“Dear Lord, ...shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul...Let me thus praise you in the way You love best, by shining on those around me.”

-Cardinal Newman



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 Cappetto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, Victor Condo, 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, Mildred Megali, 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 :*

REV. MSGR. GEORGE J. MAZZOTTA

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 12, 2021*

Sunday- December 12

8:00 + Amelia Iaconangelo
10:30 + Barbara LaPergola

Monday- December 13

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday- December 14

8:00 + Joan and John Domenick

Wednesday-December 15

8:00 + Denny Romolini Jr.

Thursday-December 16

8:00 + Anna Melone
7PM + Parish Advent Penance Service

Friday-December 17

8:00 + Carmen Potito

Saturday-December 18

8:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris
5PM + Jimmy DeRenzi

Sunday-December 19

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the Poolos and Montemurro Families
10:30 + Barbara LaPergola

Church Sanctuary Lamp



In Memory of
Brian M. Capuano
Requested by
Jerry and Carmella DeSimone

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Brian M. Capuano
Requested by
Giovanna Cavaliere



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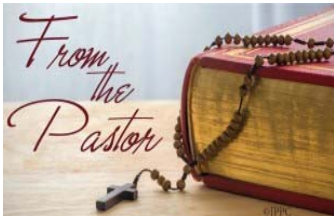


SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY APPEAL

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, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, has been traditionally known as “Gaudete” Sunday. We Rejoice as we prepare the way of the Lord. Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty Savior. The rose-colored candle in our Advent Wreath, which we light today, reinforces the joy we celebrate today as we near the end of Advent and clear the way to Christmas.

The opening words of the Prophet Zephaniah, in the first reading, mirror the intention of the day: “Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!” Liturgically and biblically, the invitation to express feelings of great joy could not be clearer. But I wonder if we asked each other when was the last time we celebrated, the last time we rejoiced with shouts of joy and gladness under any circumstances, what we learn. We might be surprised to discover that the shouts have been at a minimum in recent years. Are we too busy to rejoice? Too angry? Too preoccupied with our own troubles? Unfortunately, we cannot force people into rejoicing just because we say so. However, we only need to look to our first reading to know that the presence of God is the cause of our joy: “The Lord your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in his love, He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.” So here is the gift put directly in front of us. God teaches us how to shout for joy by His own song of celebration. If we hear God’s musical cadences, how can we resist the invitation to shout, Gaudete!

The question for us in Advent is, “Do we have a longing for something more than the hustle and bustle that the world sets in front of us?”

The Advent season, during which we prepare for Christmas, gives all of us a chance to awaken an attitude of longing for God in the depths of our hearts, it gives us all a chance to repent so that we can celebrate and rejoice in the Lord.

Speaking of repenting, this Thursday, December 16, 2021, the parish will celebrate our Advent Penance (Reconciliation) Service, along with seven (7) young parishioners who will be making their First Penance. There will be several visiting priests to help with individual confessions. This will take place in our Church at 7:00 PM. Take this time for you! How about asking someone to come home for Christmas and bring them with you!

We congratulate our young parishioners who will be making their First Penance. Let us keep them in prayer as they prepare for this wonderful sacrament:

Salvatore Colangelo
Livia Galdo
Adrianna Gallelli
AvaRose Hall
Makayla Murray
Mailan Nguyen

Be assured of my prayers and I ask that you please remember me in yours.

Happy Advent!
Fr. Di Orio



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - 2021

Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 16, at 7:00pm

There will be visiting priests to help with individual confessions.

Confessions before Christmas

Saturday, December 18 - 4:00 to 4:45pm

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24
5:00pm-Vigil Mass**

**Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25
12:00am (Midnight Mass), 8:00am and 10:30am**

(No 5PM Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday, 12/26/21)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year’s Day)

**Friday, December 31 - 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday, January 1 - 8:00am**



PROPERTY TAX REBATE

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that the 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 does not have to be repaid. This application must be filed by December 31, 2021. 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, you may call the United POLAM Social Services Representatives, Monday through Friday, between 10AM and 4PM at 215-923-1900 and a staff member will assist you.



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.

VENERABLE MATT TALBOT NOVENA AND TALK



On **Tuesday, 12/21/2021, from 6PM to 9PM**, Our House Ministries invites you to join them as they pray for freedom from addiction for themselves and their loved ones through the intercession of Venerable Matt Talbot. Gather in St. Gabriel Church at the Matt Talbot Shrine, located at 29th and Dickinson Streets at 6PM for the Angelus, Eucharistic Adoration, an opportunity for Confession, the Rosary, Novena Prayers, and Mass beginning at 7PM, followed by a talk in the School Building, on the topic: *The Life of Venerable Matt Talbot*, by Ken Johnston, The Executive Director of Our House Ministries. No registration is required. All are Welcome!

EVENING OF REFLECTION WITH IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA

This **Wednesday, 12/15/21 at 7PM** (doors open at 5:30PM and close at 6:30PM), you are invited to **St. David Church, 316 Easton Road, Willow Grove** for an evening of reflection on forgiveness from the perspective of a Rwandan genocide survivor. Immaculee Ilibagiza will share a beautiful account of how God inspired forgiveness in her heart for the murderers that raged outside her cramped hiding spot for 91 days. You are also invited to the Church Hall afterwards for light refreshments and a book signing by Ms. Ilibagiza. Tickets are required for this event and can be purchased at:

<http://stdavidparish.org/advent-2021/>



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/>

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, and place the tag on the outside of the gift.

Catholic Social Services - This collection is for children's new toys and games (non-violent, PLEASE!). Toys will be distributed through Catholic Social Services.

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 cards/certificates to Target, CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, and Staples would be greatly appreciated.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL THE ABOVE STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH IS TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

STELLA MARIS HELPING HANDS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Once again our Helping Hands Organization is collecting food to help area families in need to have a nice, Christmas dinner. The items needed are: hams, canned yams/sweet potatoes, canned pineapple, canned veggies, and boxed potatoes.



THE DEADLINE FOR HELPING HANDS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH IS THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

SAINTS

GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

During this Advent Season, why not take some time to research our Saints? You will find that we have lots of things in common with some of the Saints. This is a great activity for children and their parents, guardians, and/or grandparents to do together. You can start with your favorite Saint, the Saint for whom you are named, the Saint of the day, or the Saint for your birthday. The saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

- Dec. 13 - St. Lucy
- Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

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!

**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 due on or before January 6, 2022. 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.

**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**.

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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