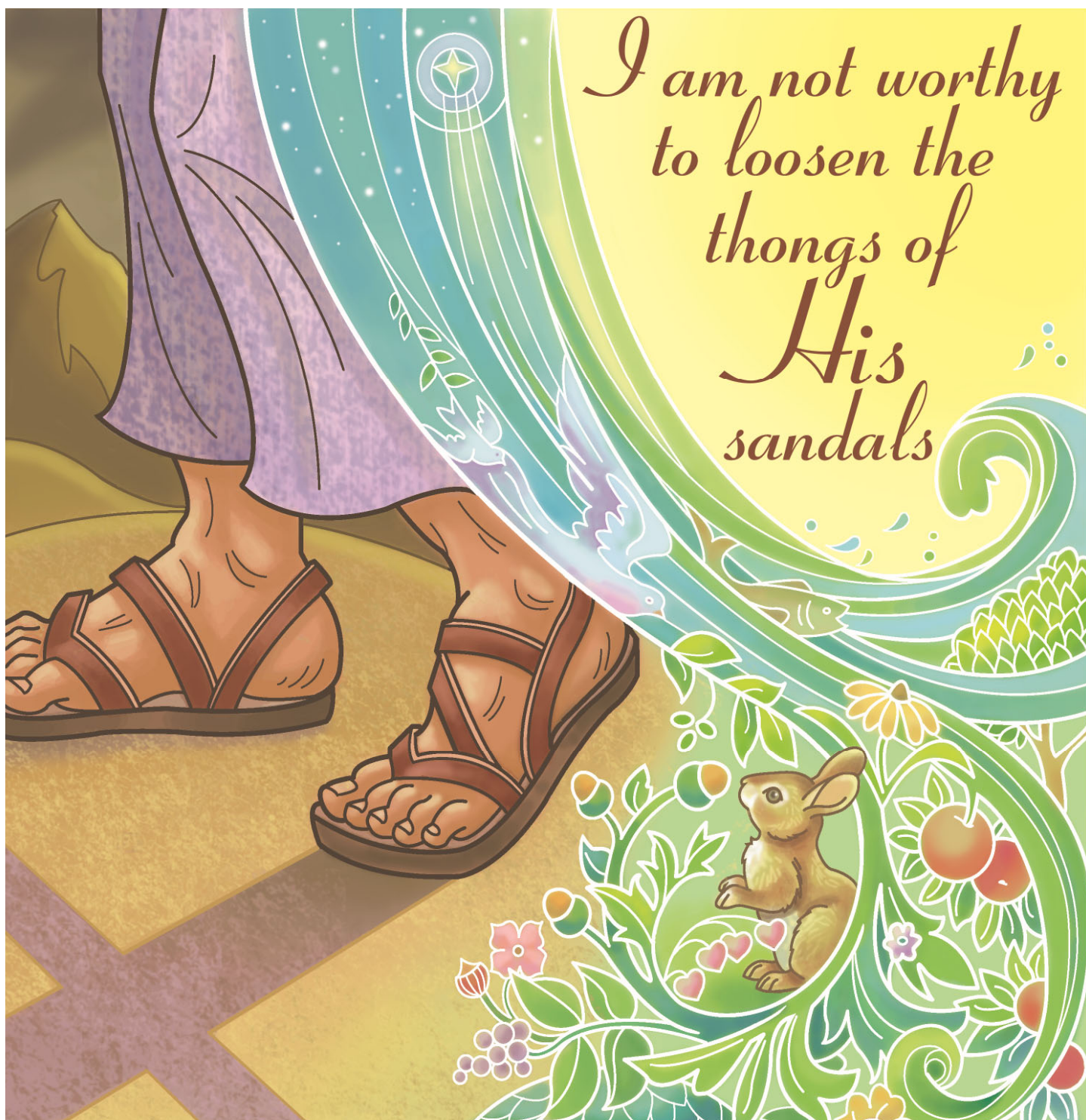


*December 16, 2018*  
*Third Sunday of Advent*



*I am not worthy  
to loosen the  
thongs of  
His  
sandals*

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**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of December 16, 2018**

**Sunday—December 16**

8:00 + Nicholas Capocci  
 9:30 + Michael Mazzucca  
 11:00 + Joanna Galdo

**Monday—December 17**

8:00 + Carmen Potito

**Tuesday—December 18**

8:00 + Charles Poolos and Montemurro Families (L & D)

**Wednesday—December 19**

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

**Thursday—December 20**

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

**Friday—December 21**

8:00 + Edith DeStefano

**Saturday—December 22**

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald  
 5:00 + Milo and Angie Romolini

**Sunday—December 23**

8:00 + DeSimone and Pagnotto Families (L & D)  
 9:30 + Frank and Rita Giunta  
 11:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

<b>God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life</b>		
<b>Collection for weekend of December 8 &amp; December 9</b>		
<b>Income: Plate = \$5,345.00 + AWC = \$82.00</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$5427.00</b>
<b>Bills Paid= Total Disbursements</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>(\$22,950.33)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>(\$17,523.33)</b>

**Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:** "As we look at the streets and the squares of the cities decorated with dazzling lights, that these lights refer us to another light, invisible to the eye but not to the heart. While we admire them, while we light the candles in churches or the illuminations of the crib and the Christmas tree in our homes, may our souls be open to the true spiritual light brought to all people of good will."

**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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Vincent Carchidi, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Anna Del Vecchio and the Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Alice Idell, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Diane Kessler, Vito LaFranci, Barbara Lalli, Ronald Lalli, Samantha LaSpada, 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, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, 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  
 Patty Perna Angstadt  
 Requested by  
 Aunt Marie and Uncle Joe



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
 Agnes and Nicholas Christopher  
 Requested by  
 Donna and Tony DiFrancesco



**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:

**PHYLLIS GRAZIANO**  
**THERESA WILKINSON**

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.

**PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM**

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great need of frozen dinners containing chicken, beef, ham, pork or 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.

# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, the Third 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.

In today's Gospel from Luke, John the Baptist's preaching calls the people to right living as they prepared the way for their Messiah. John's message was more than an invitation. It was a response that moved a person toward a complete and total transformation. The people who took seriously the prophetic message of John were not the religious and political officials who seemed to have paid no attention at all to John. The people who were drawn to John's preaching were the ordinary people who lived on the fringe of acceptable society. They were the crowds, the tax collectors and the soldiers. These three groups heard John's preaching and were now seeking further instruction on how they should respond to what they have heard. John emphasizes the same response for each group: They should all engage in ethical reforms of their lives and their work. They should love their neighbors as themselves and thus share food and clothing with those in need. Tax collectors are to avoid the many corruptible practices that had become part of that despised occupation. Finally, soldiers are not to abuse the power to which they access. They are urged to be honest and just. Perhaps we can use the time during Advent to reflect more upon the importance of repentance/right living and how this can apply to our lives.

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?" Are we going to be like the crowds, the tax collectors and the soldiers and heed the message of John's call to right living and reform our lives and have a transformation of heart? Are we going to repent?

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.

Speaking of repenting, this Wednesday, December 19, 2018, our parish will celebrate our Advent Penance (Reconciliation) Service. There will be a number of 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.

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

Happy Advent!  
Fr. Di Orio



## Christmas Schedule-2018

### Confessions before Christmas

Saturday, December 22 - 4:00 to 4:45pm

### Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00pm

There will be visiting priests to help with individual confessions.

### Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

#### Christmas Masses

**Monday, Christmas Eve, December 24**

(no confessions on Christmas Eve)

4:30pm-Children's Choir-Carol Singing

5:00pm-Vigil Mass

11:30pm-Adult Choir-Carol Singing

**Tuesday, Christmas Day, December 25**

12:00am (Midnight Mass), 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Confessions, Saturday, December 29 - 4:00 to 4:45pm

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

#### (New Year's Day)

**Monday, New Year's Eve, December 31**

5:00PM and 7:00PM-Vigil Masses

**Tuesday, New Year's Day, January 1**

8:00am



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Getting our church ready for Christmas is a big endeavor and we are in need of volunteers to help us make our church beautiful for the birth of Baby Jesus. No experience is necessary-just a willingness to help out! **All volunteers** are kindly asked to meet in church **this Sunday, 12/16/18, at 12NOON**. Please know we truly appreciate your time and effort as we prepare our church for the Christmas Season.

## SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS? SHOP AND SAVE AT MODELL'S FOR "STELLA MARIS TEAMWEEKS"



Would you like to receive a DISCOUNT at Modell's? Well, Modell's Sporting Goods offers Team Weeks throughout the year to organizations whereby a coupon is offered to all who desire to receive 15% off of their total purchase. In addition, our Team (Stella Maris) will receive a 5% donation from all purchases made with the coupon during your "Team Weeks." Our Team Weeks continue to December 24, 2018. **Coupons are available at the exits of the Church.** This is a **Win-Win Situation!** Thank you for your support! Happy Shopping!



## STELLA MARIS RECTORY CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed on Monday, 12/24/18, Tuesday, 12/25/18 and Wednesday 12/26/18 in observance of Christmas.

**A Blessed Christmas to all!**



### MONTHLY HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION AND PETITION

All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to attend a monthly holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests. We come also in confident hope that from Christ's super abounding mercy will come the purification, healing and restoration of holiness for which we long. The monthly holy hours are held on Sundays at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. The holy hour for December is being held this Sunday, 12/16/18, from 5:30PM to 6:30PM. For more information, please visit:

[archphila.org/vigil](http://archphila.org/vigil)

### 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](http://archphila.org/hope) for new postings for Catholic



### HEALING MASS FOR ADDICTIONS

On the First Tuesdays of every month, there will be a Healing Mass for all those in alcohol and drug addiction, and families affected by these addictions at 6PM in St. Raphael's Chapel, 3014 Dickinson St. (Myrtlewood and Dickinson Sts.). The service will include Mass, prayers, adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Immediately following will be the Social and Meeting. Come and join us as we ask God to help defeat this epidemic in our nation.

### EVENT FOR WOMEN: A DAY OF HEALING

Do you struggle with anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, self-doubt, self criticism? Come! Let the Lord meet you right where you are and guide you forward. Retreat activities include inspiring talks, community building, healing prayer, personal reflection, music and more. This is a powerful opportunity for any woman seeking healing and freedom from adverse patterns or habits-of body, mind, and emotion-in order to live fully in the love and freedom that the Lord desires for us. The facilitators are De Yarrison, CPCC and Fr. Stephen DeLacy. This event will take place on Saturday, 01/12/19, from 9:00AM to 8:00PM at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford, PA. To learn more or to register, please visit:

<https://youaremadenew.com/healing-retreats/>

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE FLYERS!

Plan a night out with family and friends and head to the Wells Fargo Center for the Catholic Charities night with the Philadelphia Flyers versus the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday, February 11th at 7PM. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal program. If 100 tickets are sold, CCA beneficiaries will perform on the concourse prior to the start of the game and Maddie from Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf will get to sit in the penalty box during player warm-ups! To purchase tickets, please visit:

[GROUPMATICS.EVENTS/EVENT/CATHOLICCHARITIES6](http://GROUPMATICS.EVENTS/EVENT/CATHOLICCHARITIES6)



### SPECIAL EVENT!



### SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, 02/22/19- CELEBRATE STELLA MARIS' 65th ANNIVERSARY!

Join us on **Friday, 02/22/19**, as we celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our beloved parish of Stella Maris.

Our celebration will begin with Mass at 5:30PM followed by dinner at **Galdo's, 20th St. and Moyamensing Ave., from 7PM to 11PM**. Ticket cost is \$50 per person and includes a hot buffet, dessert, soda, water, and coffee. Entertainment will be provided by the Sensational Soul Cruisers. Cash bar. Tickets will be available soon! More details in future bulletins!

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. RITA'S

**This Thursday, 12/20/18 at 7:30PM**, the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia, will host their Annual Christmas Concert! This celebration will showcase the Collegiate Choir of Philadelphia under the direction of Mr. Michael Sheerin. All are welcome to attend! For more information, please call 215-546-8333, ext. 10.



### MEN'S GROUP AT ST. RITA'S



A Men's Group has formed at St. Rita's that meets each Monday evening from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity for men of all ages to receive support and assistance as they grow toward a chaste and joyful Christian life. This group is geared toward men struggling with pornography use, infidelity, and other temptations. Men of all ages are welcome.

For more information, please call Fr. Jim at 215-546-8333, ext.14.

Mary, Mother of God



### MIDNIGHT MASS FOR NEW YEAR'S AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul invites you to celebrate the New Year and the feast of Our Lady at **Midnight Mass**. The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is a holy day of obligation. This solemn Mass will take place in the **Cathedral Chapel**. All are welcome!



### COME AND SEE WEEKENDS-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:** 01/26/19-01/27/19

02/16/19-02/17/19

**Post High School Men:** 01/18/19-01/20/19

02/22/19-02/24/19

03/29/19-03/31/19

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 contacting the **Vocation Office at 610-667-5778**.



### STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO SMITHVILLE & TROPICANA CASINO

Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Historic Smithville and the Tropicana Casino and Resort on **Monday, 01/28/19**. **Cost is \$75.00** per person. The trip includes: departure from Stella Maris Church at 9:30AM, a sit-down luncheon at Smithville Inn from 11AM to 1:00PM (must choose one entrée of either Smithville Chicken or Pan-Seared Tilapia), arrive at the Tropicana Casino and Resort at 1:30PM and receive \$25.00 in slot play and a ticket to the 3:00PM "Oldies but Goodies" Show, depart for home at 6:30PM, and arrive at Stella Maris Church approximately 8:00PM. **You must have a government issued photo identification to receive the casino bonus. Full payment is due no later than 01/08/19.**

Please **make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors**, and mail to: Star of the Sea Seniors, 2901 South 10th Street, Phila., PA 19148. For information and to make your reservation, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618. (\$100 bonus slot dollars prize for one lucky winner on each bus\* and Buffet Voucher for two lucky winners on each bus\*) \*Casino package subject to change at any time by the Casino.

### FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This **Fuel Assistance Program** is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines.

For example, **individuals** with a monthly income less than **\$1,518**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,058** qualify for the grant. Call **United Social Services** at **215-923-1900** Monday through Friday between 10AM and 4PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. **This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are **confidential**.

### GREAT NEWS FOR WOMEN

We are happy to announce the opening of the new Gianna Center in Philadelphia. The Gianna Center is dedicated to providing general gynecologic care, natural family planning education and infertility services-all while honoring the sanctity of each human life, the dignity of women and the integrity of marriage. For more information, visit the website at: [phgiannacenter.org](http://phgiannacenter.org).

### STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR



- Monday, 12/17/18-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 12/18/18-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Wednesday, 12/19/18-Parish Advent Penance Service-7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 12/22/18-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 12/22/18-HH Christmas Outreach, Vestibule
- Sunday, 12/23/18-NO CCD CLASSES-Christmas Weekend
- Monday, 12/24/18-Masses-8:00AM, 5:00PM-Christmas Eve
- Tuesday, 12/25/18-HAPPY CHRISTMAS-Mass Schedule: 12Midnight, 8AM, 9:30AM, and 11:00AM
- Sunday, 12/30/18-NO CCD CLASSES-New Year Weekend

### 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 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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