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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life

Due to an early printing deadline requested by our Bulletin Company, our Church Bulletin had to go to print before last weekend's collection took place. The collection figures will be posted in next week's Bulletin.



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

“Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not expensive presents that demand time and money. We can transmit this joy simply: with a smile, with a kind gesture, with some small help, with forgiveness. Let us give this joy and the joy given will be returned to us.”

-Pope Benedict XVI, 12/18, 2005



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, 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 homebound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

VICTOR CONDO

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 19, 2021*

Sunday- December 19

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

Monday- December 20

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday- December 21

8:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris

Wednesday-December 22

8:00 + Angie and Milo Romolini

Thursday-December 23

8:00 + Edith DeStefano

Friday-December 24

8:00 + Michelle Venditti
5:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris

Saturday-December 25 (Nativity of the Lord)

12:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris
8:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris
10:30 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris
(There is no 5PM Vigil Mass tonight for Sunday, 12/26/21)

Sunday-December 26 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

8:00 + Gerald Palestini II-5th Anniversary
10:30 + Marcia Ann DiGiovannantonio



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Nicholas Bozzi
Requested by
His Wife, Maria Bozzi

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Carmela Busillo-1st Anniversary
Requested by
Deborah Javes



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
Lisa and Cosmo Salamone
Requested by
Their Daughter, Maria Bozzi
2) In Memory of
Kathleen Conway
Requested by
Joe and Barb Andrews



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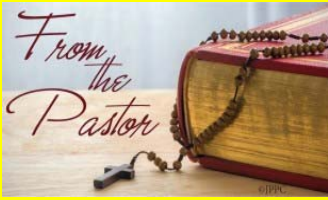


SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY APPEAL

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,

We are six days away from our annual celebration of Christmas, and on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel from St. Luke has Mary traveling to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth is a story of Mary, the journeyer, the God-bearer, the woman who is there for others, caring about others even while carrying her own burdens. In this story, we see the disciple who perceives a need, responds in hospitable love, and goes the distance for others. Mary hears the word of God and acts on it courageously. Mary, the first person to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, teaches us something about the experiential knowledge of Jesus. When she received the baby Jesus in her womb, she became, not only a recipient of the baby Jesus, but also a bearer of Jesus' serene presence. Advent has been preparing us to reflect on the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives so we can bring Him to others. In this visitation story, we find four simple phrases that describe what discipleship is all about: Mary went out, went toward, entered into, and remained with. Through these four actions, Mary brought Christ and Christ's values to others, and that is what all Christians are called to do.

The challenge for us is: Are we growing into discipleship like Mary? By "going out", we must go outside ourselves in order to participate in Christ's ministry. We must step out of our comfort zones. By "going toward" is to offer oneself as the bread of friendship and the wine of joy. It is to give the gift of oneself as Eucharist. By "entering into", we enter into the reality of the person, into the pains and joys of those who welcome us. By "remaining with" is to be present with another as life grows and develops, as pain comes and goes, as death introduces us to still newer life. Remaining with is the most difficult part of discipleship. It calls us to faithfulness.

Our Advent journey is almost over. Mary selflessly gave herself to serve the needs of Elizabeth. It is a reminder that we best open our hearts to Jesus when we give time and care to the needs of others. Have we been true Disciples of Christ, by going out, going toward, entering into and remaining with? Advent is truly the season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, and we see all of this in Mary.

To all of you parishioners, friends, and visitors, please accept on behalf of the members of our parish staff, our Sisters of St. Joseph, and me, our prayerful best wishes for a Merry Christmas Day and a joyful and happy Christmas Season. Remember that saying, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". No matter what our situation is this Christmas, Jesus is with YOU. Make a place in your heart for Him.

Please note: there is no 5:00pm Vigil Mass Saturday, December 25, 2021 for Sunday, December 26, 2021.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask you to please pray for me.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!
Fr. Di Orio



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - 2021

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!

MAINTENANCE/JANITOR POSITION

Our Lady of Hope School is looking for a part-time maintenance/janitor for the school. It would be 5 hours a day, from 6AM to 11AM beginning on Monday, 01/03/22. If interested, please contact our business manager, James White, by phone at 215-620-6594 or be email at jamiehw@aol.com.



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/>

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

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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.

STELLA MARIS RECTORY SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

The Rectory will be closed on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 2021.

A blessed and happy Christmas to all!



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. 21 - St. Peter Canisius
- Dec. 23 - St. John of Kanty
- Dec. 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

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!

**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.

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.

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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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