

First Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.*

Luke 21:25, 28



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

Collection for weekend of November 17 & November 18

Income: Plate = \$5,430.00 + AWC = \$102.50 = \$5,532.50

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$16,716.37)

Total = (\$11,183.87)

Collection for weekend of November 24 & November 25

Income: Plate = \$4,946.00 + AWC = \$102.50 = \$5,048.50

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$6,230.82)

Total = (\$1,182.32)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word: "For suffering itself is the way to transformation, and without suffering nothing is transformed." -Pope Benedict XVI, 07/25/2005

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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, Mildred Armentani, 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 Cappetto, 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, Loretta Derrah, 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, Maribel Guerrero, 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, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Rest in Peace We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

ALBERT DAVIS
RICHARD DALY SR.
GAETANO TURCO

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 2, 2018

Sunday—December 2

8:00 + Jennie and Vincent Moffo
9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
11:00 + Ilda Colelli

Monday—December 3

8:00 + Madeline and Marcello Tenaglia

Tuesday—December 4

8:00 + Angeline and Al Padlo

Wednesday—December 5

8:00 + Rita and John Connell and John Pensabene

Thursday—December 6

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Friday—December 7

8:00 + Vincent C. Milione
5:00 + Josephine Carelli

Saturday—December 8

8:00 + Concetta Fina
9:30 + Dominick Menniti
5:00 + Stanley and Adeline DiMenno

Sunday—December 9

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
9:30 + John and Ida Tordini
11:00 + Tom (L) and Rosemary (D) Ciasullo



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Rocco (Rocky) Marino
Requested by
His daughter Diane and Family



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of the
Living and Deceased Members of the
DeCaro, Colona and Romeo Families
Requested by
Gina Romeo



2) For the Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Stella Maris

Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Concetta Fina
Requested by
Lorinda Fina



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.

Thank you for helping those in need!

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent which begins a new liturgical year for the Church, so for all of us who are the Church, Happy New Year!

Advent has a two-fold character: 1) as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and celebrated on December 25th, and 2) Advent is a season when we remember to await Jesus' second coming at the end of time. Advent reminds us that Jesus is coming to gather and claim us, His brothers and sisters. His disciples need not panic at this, but instead, be as joyous as the angelic choir that sang at Jesus' birth and as amazed as the shepherds who spread this astonishing good news. Advent is a season that should be full of devout joy as we get ready. It is the perfect time to ask whether we are steering our lives or allowing them simply to be swept up in a momentum created by other people. It is an ideal time to drop some activity that we may feel obligated to repeat although it has grown stale over time. Advent helps us to develop a clearer sense of where our lives are going or whether we are allowing our lives to drift. Jesus already has showed His followers the way, which we are encouraged to follow every Advent.

Saturday, December 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This feast is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. The "Immaculate Conception" means that what we received at Baptism, Mary received immediately. From the first moment of her conception she was free from sin, "immaculate". In 1854, 164 years ago, Pope Pius IX declared the Immaculate Conception to be a doctrine of the Church. The Mass schedule is as follows: Friday, December 7th, 5:00pm Vigil; Saturday, December 8th, 8:00am and 9:30:00am. Please note: the 5:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday does not fulfill your obligation for the Immaculate Conception. This Mass is the Vigil for the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

This weekend I extend to the adults of our parish community a companion to journey with in Advent. **The Little Blue Book** is the companion. This little blue book provides an easy and convenient way for us to spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer with our Lord throughout these Advent Weeks.

We congratulate our second grade students who on Thursday, December 6th, will be making their First Penance. Let us keep them in prayer as they prepare for this wonderful sacrament:

Brooklyn Davis
Mia Giunta
Alyssa Iquinto
Nicholas Richmond
Samuel Salamone

Mark your calendar on Wednesday, December 19th, at 7:00 PM to come to our Parish Advent Penance Service. We will have a number of priests to help with individual confessions.

Happy Advent!
Fr. Di Orio



Christmas Schedule-2018

Confessions before Christmas

Saturday, December 15 - 4:00 to 4:45pm

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

Sunday, 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

Monday, 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



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, place the tag on the outside of the gift.

St. Francis Inn-This collection is for children's new toys and games (non-violent, PLEASE!) for St. Francis Inn (located in Kensington).

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

Please place all outreach gifts in the marked containers in the church vestibule. The deadline for all outreach is Sunday, December 16th.

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



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 9, 2018, 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 Sr. Veronica at 215-465-2336 ext. 8, or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Date: 12/09/18; Time: 12:00NOON-2:00PM; Place: Church Hall



STELLA MARIS HELPING HANDS CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



Helping Hands is collecting food to help area families in need to have a nice Christmas dinner. Items needed are hams and canned pineapple. Please bring your food donations to the Outreach Room in the church vestibule.

Deadline is Sunday, 12/16/18.



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS CLUB and STELLA MARIS SODALITY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Everyone is welcome to our celebration of good food, music and fun, on **Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 1:00PM** at **The Waterfall Room, 2015 S. Water St.** The cost is **\$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members.** We will accept checks or money orders only, payable to the Star of the Sea Senior Club.

Please contact Rose Giovanelli (Star of the Sea Seniors Club) at 215-913-4297, or Cathy Everett (Sodality) at 215-465-7451 **by Tuesday, December 4th**, for your reservations. Payments can be mailed or dropped off to *Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th Street.* We look forward to seeing you!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL

The annual Cathedral Christmas Concert is being held on Sunday, 12/09/18, from 3PM to 4:30PM. Director Charlene Angelini leads an uplifting program of beautiful carols and the traditional music of Christmas, performed by the combined forces of the Cathedral Choir and the choirs of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Resounding brass add to the spectacle as voices rise in celebration of the festive season! Free parking is available. The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul is located at 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City Philadelphia. To purchase tickets, please visit:

cathedralphilaconcerts.org



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.

2018 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary this Monday, 12/03/18 for the *2018 Day of Sanctification for Priests.* Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who in governing Your people
make use of the ministry of Priests,
grant to these men*

*a persevering obedience to Your will,
so that by their ministry and life
they may gain glory for You in Christ,*

*Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. AMEN.*



ST. CHARLES SEMINARY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has participated in this year's St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. Your gift supports a shared mission that impacts each of us. If you have not yet donated, please consider making your gift today. For more information, please visit: **scharlesseminaryappeal.org/donate**.

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: 12/08/18-12/09/18

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.**

SEMINARY OPEN HOUSE AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please mark your calendars to attend the annual Open House and Christmas Concert at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary next Sunday, 12/09/18. The Open House and Seminary Tours begin at 1PM, and the Concert, featuring the Seminarian Choir, begins at 4PM in the St. Martin of Tours Chapel. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.scs.edu/node/2506>

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.



**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 have begun and 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!

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The last **Scholarship Entrance Test Date for Roman Catholic High School for Boys is Saturday, 12/08/18-11AM to 2PM.** This test is mandatory for admittance into Roman. To register, go to: www.romancatholicchs.com. For additional information, please call **215-627-1270, ext. 146 or 159** or email: admissions@romancatholicchs.com.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Tuesday, 12/04/18-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Thursday, 12/06/18-First Penance-7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 12/08/18-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 12/09/18-CCD, 7th-9:15AM-Church/School
- Sunday, 12/09/18-Visitation of Homebound-12Noon, Hall
- Tuesday, 12/11/18-Sodality and Seniors Christmas Party-1:00PM, Off Site/Waterfall Room
- Saturday, 12/15/18-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 12/16/18-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Sunday, 12/16/18-Decorating the Church-12Noon, Church
- 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.

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:

phone# _____

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.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

phone# _____

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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