

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020



*Simeon said,
“Now, Master, you may let your servant
go in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation.”*

Luke 2:29-30

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of December 27, 2020

God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of December 12 & December 13
Income: Plate = \$4,245.00 + AWC = \$72.50 = \$4,317.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$33,729.71)
Total = (\$29,412.21)

Due to an early printing deadline requested by J. S. Paluch, our Bulletin Printer, our Church Bulletin had to go to print before last weekend's collection took place. The collections for the weekend of 12/19/20-12/20/20 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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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 visit us at stellamarisphila.com and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll.

Living Stewardship: *"In the Child of Bethlehem, the smallness of God-made-man shows us the greatness of man and the beauty of our dignity as children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus.*

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine & Enrico Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Eric Farrell, Virginia Faulkner, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Philipp, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, 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, Grover Simpson, Sharon Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, military disabled, home-bound, and their families.



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

JOAN POWERS SHARON SIMPSON
ANTHONY VITALE RITA WHITAKER

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.

Sunday - December 27 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

8:00 + Nicholas Bozzi
 10:30 + Gerald Palestini II



Monday - December 28

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - December 29

8:00 + Rita Yankus

Wednesday - December 30

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Thursday - December 31

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 5:00 + Vincent Procopio

Friday - January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

8:00 + Gerald Palestini II-5th Anniversary



Saturday - January 2

8:00 + Theresa MacDonald
 5:00 + Samuel Iannuzzi

Sunday - January 3 (Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 + Frank, Anna and Antoinette Palesano
 10:30 + Maria Domenico Romeo

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Margaret Valentino

Requested by
 Her Grandchildren



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
 Jerry Palestini II
 Requested by
 Mom and Dad

2) In Memory of
 Gloria Angelozzi
 Requested by
 Michael Maria Bryson



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Gerald Palestini II
 Requested by
 Mom and Dad



YOU CAN WATCH STELLA MARIS
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE!

Please Note: You do not need Facebook to view the video of Liturgical Celebrations. Just access the Facebook page on the Parish's Website (www.stellamarisphila.com). Click the link and it will take you to Facebook. When asked to log in, just click "not now" or "x" out of the box. Go to "Videos" and click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

On behalf of all the members of our parish staff and our Sisters of St. Joseph, I extend our prayerful best wishes that you were blessed and will continue to be blessed with a merry and holy Christmas. I thank you for making the Gift of Jesus the heart of your Christmas celebration, by coming to Mass and being a part of the faith community in which we worship, and give praise and thanks to God for giving us Jesus, His Son.

I recognize and thank all who have helped in any way with all the preparations for Christmas:

To Stella Maris Helping Hands for coordinating our Christmas Outreach; thank you for your compassionate, energetic, confidential, Christ-like ministry that you extend to those in need. Because of you, thousands of dollars, hundreds of gifts, and pounds of food were extended to those in need, both in our parish community and to others we helped. Thank you!

To Mr. Cormac Brady and the leaders of song, thank you for the music and song that enables us to lift our hearts in song to praise God for the gift of His Son Jesus. All your talents and time in music are appreciated.

To all those who minister in Church; the ushers, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and lectors, I am grateful for all you do to help us celebrate this wonderful season.

To all who helped decorate our Sacred Space, our Church, thank you. The religious meaning of Christmas decorations helps us all to remember God's love and Jesus whom we celebrate at this time of year. Sadly, so many describe this time of year as the holiday season, but for us it is Christmas!

To all who have kept Christ in Christmas, thank you!

I recognize and thank all who have so generously contributed for the decorations and flowers in the Church. Our Church has been decorated, not merely to have it look nice, but to express our faith, gratitude, and to inspire all who worship here.

The Church brings us together on this first Sunday of the Christmas Season to pay homage to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This feast of the Holy Family focuses on Jesus being born into a human family. By humbling Himself to be cared for and nurtured within a human family, Jesus consecrated family life and made it holy. From the beginning, God willed that children should hold their parents in high regard and that parents should recognize their children as gifts from God. Therefore, family life is to be holy. We are called to grow in holiness within our biological family, as well as our church family. The Holy Family is our model.

Friday, January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This Solemnity is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. The Mass schedule is as follows: Thursday, December 31st, 5:00pm Vigil and Friday, January 1st, 8:00am.

To all parishioners, friends, and visitors please accept my sincere wishes for a happy, blessed, and prosperous New Year.

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Fr. Di Orio



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(New Year's Day)

Thursday, December 31-5:00pm Vigil
Friday, January 1-8:00am



WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

STELLA MARIS RECTORY NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed this Thursday, 12/31/2020, at 12:30PM through this Friday, 01/01/20, in observance of New Year's Day.

A Happy, Healthy New Year to all!



PROPERTY TAX REBATE

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that **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 is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. **This application must be filed by this Thursday, December 31, 2020.** 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, call **United Social Services, Monday through Friday, between 11AM and 4PM at 215-923-1900** and a staff member will assist you.

VOCATION PRAYER PARTNERS

Each day, numerous men and women in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pray a rosary for the specific intention of an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Prayer is the foundation of all that we do, and these faith-filled and supportive individuals are spiritual prayer-warriors, praying specifically for the men to whom God is calling to follow Him as His priests, and that they listen and heed His voice. On the **first Saturday of each month**, this group gathers online to pray as a community and in support of each other. If you wish to join this dynamic and growing community of Prayer Partners, please contact: Sue Matour at **610-667-5778** or smatour@archphila.org.



LIVE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. **The schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern), until further notice.** Click the link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download necessary software. On your computer, go to www.archphila.org; click on "Offices," a list of offices will appear, click on "New Evangelization." Click "Events" tab and find "Nightly at 8PM ET, The Rosary...Coronavirus" and click on "full details." The next screen will show a choice for "Rosary in English" and you can click on the words "Click here to join the Rosary by video." You may want to dial in by phone at **646-558-8656** and enter the Webinar ID: **494 480 541**. Hosted by: Meghan Cokeley, Office of New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS FOUNDATION

The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith is offering two podcasts : 1) Podcast for "Catholics Affected by Divorce and Separation"-the first Tuesday of each month, 8PM to 9PM; 2) Podcast for "Families in Crisis"-the last Thursday of each month, 8PM to 9PM. Both podcasts are available on YouTube, Facebook, Podbean app, and Tune In app. Subscribe to the "Philly Nonnatus" YouTube channel, and on Podbean and Tune In subscribe to "Patchwork Heart Ministry". More information can be found at www.Nonnatus.org or text or call **215-870-9913**. These programs are sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Life and Family.

They can be reached at **215-587-0500** or by email at www.phillycatholiclife.org or sbozza@archphila.org.



PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

Please patronize those who advertise here in our Church Bulletin. They enable us to publish our bulletin each week and we are grateful for their support. Tell them you are giving them business because you saw the advertisement in the Church Bulletin.

+ Please check with organizations, schools, parishes, etc. who have postings in our bulletin to see if their events and/or functions have been cancelled or postponed. Thank you. Be safe. God bless!

SECULAR CARMELITE MEETINGS

Interested in becoming a Secular Carmelite? Secular Carmelites live in allegiance to Jesus, seeking to imitate the Virgin Mary's contemplation of the Word of God and detachment. We strive to follow the teachings and example of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite saints. The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order invites those faithful, who desire to deepen their spiritual life through prayer, to inquire by attending a meeting. Meetings are held on the **third Sundays of every month at 11:30AM** at the Carmelite Monastery, **1400 Old York Road**, Philadelphia, PA 19126. For more information, call Maribel at **215-431-2817**.

ONLINE VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Although we cannot go to France during this pandemic, we are blessed to bring Lourdes virtually to you with an exceptional blessing from Pope Francis, who has proclaimed a Plenary Indulgence for Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience, to be broadcast or live-streamed directly to you! For details, visit:

<https://lourdesvolunteers.org/online-lourdes-virtual-pilgrimage-experience-2/>

ATTENTION GRADUATES OF 1964 ST. MARIA GORETTI AND BISHOP JOHN NEUMANN HIGH SCHOOLS

The graduates of St. Maria Goretti and Bishop Neumann High Schools, Class of 1964, are planning a 75TH Birthday Party (for all graduates turning 75!) for Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 1PM to 5PM at Galdo's, 20th St. & Moyamensing Avenue. Spouses are welcome. Anyone interested in receiving more information as it becomes available can email Florence Pellicciotti Newman at: jnewma8216@comcast.net.

ATTENTION: EPIPHANY CLASS OF 1960

Graduates of Epiphany of Our Lord School Class of 1960- we need your help! Are you interested in reuniting with your friends from 8th grade? No date, time, or place is scheduled yet, so please contact us so we can begin to make plans!

Please call: Loretta Joy Portaro (DeSalis) at 215-271-5192 (home) or 267-971-0378 (cell); or you may also call Maryann Cancila (Gahagan) at 215-389-0306 (home) or 215-460-3199 (cell). Please pass this on to any graduate you know who might be interested! Thank you for your help!

GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

As we continue in the "open phase", 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 of the month. The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

December 28- The Holy Innocents

December 29 - St. Thomas Becket

December 31 - St. Sylvester I

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 2 - St. Basil the Great; St. Gregory Nazianzen

Which Saint is celebrated on your birthday?

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

For the safety of everyone, all those in leadership positions of Stella Maris organizations are asked to call the Rectory before resuming your regular meetings in order to receive instructions for keeping within the safety guidelines set by the Archdiocese. Stay safe and stay well! God bless!



**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**

Information on the cost of Senior Living and Care in Philadelphia, along with Finance Assistance Programs, can be found at www.pavingforseniorcare.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 ongoing services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and 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 a 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 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.

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