

*December 29, 2024  
Holy Family Sunday*



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**God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life**  
**Collection for weekend of December 14 & December 15**  
**Income: Plate = \$3,835.00 + AWC= \$85.00 = \$3,920.00**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$10,750.13)**  
**Total = (\$6,830.13)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please go to [stellamarisphila.com](http://stellamarisphila.com) and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll. Thank you.

**Living Stewardship:** "Spend a few quiet moments in prayer, thanking God for calling us to be part of God's holy family, for giving us to be part of God's holy family, for giving us to be part of God's holy family, for giving us to be part of God's holy family, for giving us to be part of God's holy family. This Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts and dwells within us, binding us together."

- Renewed by God's Words



**Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthe D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Vera Dolan, Dolore Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Dalonzo SR., Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goreni, Margie Gurbuz, Charles Harron, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Charles LaSpada, Jean LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Robert and Marie Liccio, Rita Lange, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petruzzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Joe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Karen Specht, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Caroyln Young Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



**We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:**

**ALEXANDER D'ANNIBALE, SANTO PROCOPIO**

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 29, 2024

### Saturday - December 28

5:00 + Margaret Valentino

### Sunday - December 29

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

10:30 + Living and Deceased members of Ingrassia and Glynn families

### Monday - December 30

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

### Tuesday - December 31

8:00 + Vincent Procopio and Santo Procopio

5:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Kramer and Pino families

### Wednesday - January 1

8:00 + Gerald Palestini II

10:30 + Vincent Tonelli

### Thursday - January 2

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

### Friday - January 3

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

### Saturday - January 4

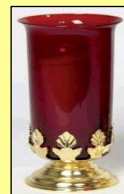
8:00 + Edward Zoller

5:00 + Richard Vinci

### Sunday - January 5

8:00 + Fasano and Sandoli Family

10:30 + Maria Domenico Romeo



### Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Eugene R. Marra

Requested by Wife, Children and Granddaughter

### Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of Salvatore Sergi

Requested by Deborah Javes



### STELLA MARIS RECTORY NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE



Stella Maris Rectory will be closed this Wednesday, 01/01/25, in observance of New Year's Day.

**A Happy, Healthy New Year to all!**



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.

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, the choir, 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. Thanks also for the Christmas concert before the 5:00pm Mass.

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 Maria Oliveri, who donated all the flowers, and all who so generously contributed for the decorations in the Church and the parking lot. 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. Jesus has three families. His first family is the Trinity. It is a mysterious love triangle of Father, Son and Spirit. Their love gave birth to all creation. Their love eventually brought forth Jesus, (divine and human), to show us how to live. Jesus' second family was His earthly family, the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. We celebrate that family today. That family models for us devotion, respect, and obedience to God despite many trials. Joseph obediently takes Mary as his wife and raises Jesus as his son. Mary never said no to God, regardless of the cost. It was in this family that Jesus, in His human nature like us, grew in age, wisdom, and grace. Jesus shows us that holiness involves obedience to those who love and care for us. Though God, He respected His earthly parents because they were His parents. Therefore, we are reminded to show honor and respect to members of our own families and to pray as a family growing in virtues.

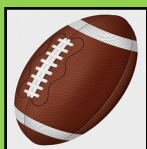
Jesus' third family is us. We are Jesus' adopted family. God gave all of us into Jesus' care. He calls us brothers and sisters. He modeled obedience to God the Father, no matter the cost. He taught us how to be children of God. We are drawn into the Holy Family because Jesus gave us Mary, His mother, to be our mother, too. So, as we look toward the Holy Family, let them be our inspiration and guide. With Christmas joy, we lift our minds and hearts to God for the wonderful gift He has given all of us-the Holy Family.

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows: Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 pm Vigil, and Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00am and 10:30am.

To all parishioners, friends, and visitors, please accept my sincere wishes for a very 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



**FOOTBALL MANIA**  
**WINNING NUMBERS**  
**WEEK FIFTEEN**

**#-3523-\$25**



**Winning numbers will be posted weekly!**

### **DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?**

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. Whether you are divorced and want to marry in the Catholic Church or are remarried outside the Church, please visit our website:

**[archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal](http://archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal)**

## **BE ENCOURAGED CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools, and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at:

[www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support).

## **RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **February 14 - 16, 2025** at the Family Life Center in Malvern. PA.

For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) Or call 214-766-3944 Or 800-470-2230.

## **JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

The Jubilee of 2025 is a Holy year of grace and Pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. The Jubilee occurs every 25 years and is a time for Catholics to come together and grow in their faith. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”

For your desired Pilgrimage, please visit

[www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com](http://www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com) OR [coordinator@catholicpilgrimoffice.com](mailto:coordinator@catholicpilgrimoffice.com)

## **ARISE AND CALL HER BLESSED**

Come to celebrate God’s gift of his Mother– whom we usually refer to as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let’s “push pause” and take some time to slowly squeeze the juice out of the descriptive “Blessed” as well as our everyday “go to” prayer: the Hail Mary. Let’s come to appreciate the role the Blessed Mother plays in keeping us close to Jesus. Coffee and check-in begin at 8:45 am. The day includes Mass and Lunch.

Friday, January 31, 2025

8:45 am — 2:15 pm

\$60 per person\*

Presented by Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center

Stone Harbor, NJ 08247

\*You may opt to stay overnight the evening before this event for an additional \$95

For more information or to register by January 24, 2025  
Call 609-964-7700 or visit [www.VMbytheSea.com](http://www.VMbytheSea.com)

## **PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM**

Our *Parish Frozen Food Program* is in need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that meals you prepare contain meat or fish, a starch (pasta/potatoes/rice) and a vegetable. Those who receive these meals are elderly and is healthy for them to get a balanced, nutritious meal.

Please do not put individual leftover items in the freezer. We kindly ask, when the church is open before or during Mass times, that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).

**May God bless you for helping those in need!**



## **STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNING NUMBERS OF DECEMBER 9th THROUGH DECEMBER 15th**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>#355-\$300</b> Winner
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>#717-\$45</b> Winner
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>#903-\$45</b> Winner
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>#141-\$100</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>#867-\$45</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>#686-\$45</b> Winner
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>#875-\$60</b> Winner

Winning numbers will be posted weekly!



## **RACHEL’S VINEYARD**

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of abortion—no matter how much time has passed—please know that a Rachel’s Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel’s Vineyard retreats bring healing and God’s forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgiveable sin. God’s mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God’s infinite mercy.

To contact our team to register or for questions:  
Susan-610-716-4795; Georgeann-484-955-4278

**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](http://archphila.org/hope) for details and postings.

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**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](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

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**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](http://www.payingforseniorcare.com). This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

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**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.LilysGift.org](http://www.LilysGift.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.

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**ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

This group is open to anyone interested in learning more about the process of adopting children, in the process of adopting a child, or already a parent through adoption. Meet and talk to caring, supportive families that share their experience with the adoption process and parenting. **This group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.**

Meetings are in person or virtual. In person location is Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church, 1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454.

Email Maria at [mariamalone@mmredeemer.org](mailto:mariamalone@mmredeemer.org) to attend in person, to get a virtual meeting link and to get any updates on meeting times and locations.



**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 MEMORY OF or FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:**

REQUESTED BY:

PHONE #

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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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