

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

HOPE



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God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of November 18 & November 19	
Income: Plate = \$4,282.00 + AWC= \$85.00 =	\$4,367.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$12,991.64)
Total	= (\$8,624.64)
Collection for weekend of November 25 & November 26	
Income: Plate = \$4,106.00 + AWC= \$85.0 =	\$4,191.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$29,343.94)
Total	= (\$25,152.94)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "God is not remote from us, unknown, enigmatic or perhaps dangerous. God is close to us, so close that He makes Himself a child and we can informally address this God."
-Pope Benedict XVI



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, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila,, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio & Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Deborah Dolce, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Gerta Goren, Keith Green, 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, 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, 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 Quiet, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, 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, Terry Troiano, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends: CHRISTINE GIOVANETTI

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 3 2023**

Saturday - December 2

5:00 + Deceased members of the Italiano and Perna families

Sunday - December 3

8:00 + Peter Pizzo

10:30 + Clint Marziano

Monday - December 4

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - December 5

8:00 + Msgr. James F. Connelly

Wednesday - December 6

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday - December 7

8:00 + Vincent and Jennie Moffo

5:00 + Angelina and Al Padlo

Friday - December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

8:00 + Edith De Stefano

7:00 + Domenico Menniti

Saturday - December 9

8:00 + Josephine and Bruno Bellosi

5:00 + Stanley and Adeline Di Menno

Sunday - December 10

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

10:30 + Giovanni Martino



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Madeline and Marcello Tenaglia
Requested by
Rose Giovannelli

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Rosemarie Garofola
Requested by
Her brother Frank



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
Ann Marie Bariana

Requested by
Her Children

2) In Memory of
Vincent Armata

Requested by
His wife Mary



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 17, 2023, 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 Donna Glynn at 215-465-2336 ext. 6, or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Date: 12/17/23; Time: 12:00NOON-2:00PM; Place: Church Hall



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: First it is a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and celebrated on December 25th. Secondly, Advent is a season when we remember to await Jesus' second coming at the end of time. Advent is a season that should be full of devout hope as we get ready.

This weekend I extend to the adults of our parish community a companion to journey within 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 young parishioners and those young parishioners from Epiphany of Our Lord Parish who on Wednesday December 6th, will be making their First Penance. Let us keep them in prayer as they prepare for this wonderful sacrament.

Nadia Agudelo
Ariana Alper
Grace Bilotti
Gemma Buonfiglio
Jessica Burke
Josephine Campanaro
Anja Casteel
Jose ChasiMendoza
Ryleigh Cianfrani
Shayna Checchia
Joseph DiDonato
Carmen Forker
Vida Galdo

Mason Garcia
Giovanni Jackson
Isabella Jimenez
Olivia Murray
Peter Palange
Jenny Pando
Luke Polchenko
Dominic Richmond
Kristina Smith
Noelle Smith
Luz Vazquez
Jacob Velazquez
Gregory Weyler

Congratulation to Isiah Rizwan, on receiving his First Holy Communion today. May God continue to bless him.

Thursday, 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, Pope Pius IX declared the Immaculate Conception to be a doctrine of the Church. The Mass schedule is as follows: Wednesday, December 7th, 5:00pm Vigil, Thursday, December 8th, 8:00am and 7:00pm.

Mark your calendar: our Parish Advent Service will be on Wednesday, December 20th, at 7:00 PM. We will have several priests to help with individual confessions. What a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas! Invite a friend.

Be assured of my prayers; and I ask you to please remember me in your prayers.

Happy Advent!
Father Di Orio

STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Today, 12/03/23, is the first Sunday of Advent. As we prepare for the Birth of the Christ Child, you can share the spirit of Christmas with those in need by participating in our Parish Outreach Programs listed below.

Christmas Giving Tree-Families in our area will be helped with gifts for children. Take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the back of church, buy and wrap the gift, and place the tag on the outside of the gift. Place your gift in the designated container in back of church.

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 these in the designated box in the back of church.

Catholic Social Services-This collection is for children's **new** toys and games, (**non-violent, PLEASE!**) Please place toys in the designated containers in the church vestibule.

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. Please place these items in the designated containers in the church vestibule.

The deadline for all outreach is Sunday, December 10th. Your support of these projects is greatly appreciated by these men, women and children. Thank you for your generosity.

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, canned pineapple, boxed potatoes, canned yams, and candy. Please bring your food donations to the Outreach Room in the church vestibule. **Deadline is next Sunday, 12/10/23.**



FOOTBALL MANIA WINNING NUMBERS



WEEK ELEVEN
#51-3S003-\$25
#201-3S003-\$25
#375-3S003-\$25

Winning numbers will be posted weekly!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Star of the Sea Senior Citizens Club and Stella Maris Sodality invite you to their Annual Christmas Party which will be held this **Tuesday, 12/12/23 at 1:00PM at the Waterfall Room, 2015 S. Water Street.**

Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Please contact Rose Giovanelli, (Senior Club), at **215-594-2994**, or Cathy Everett, (Sodality), at **215-465-7451** by **12/05/23** for reservations.

Pay by check only, payable to Star of the Sea Senior Club and mail or drop off to Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148.

SENSORY FRIENDLY MASSES

Catholics believe that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, and that all the Baptized share in the life and mission of the Church. This includes people with disabilities. A "Sensory Friendly Mass" is one way that a parish can assist in destigmatizing the experience of attending Mass for individuals and families with members with Autism and other disabilities. There are a number of Sensory Friendly Masses that are taking place across the Archdiocese.

To find a Sensory Friendly Mass near you, please visit:
<https://opdarchphilly.org/sfm/>

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:

WEEKLY WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Fulton Sheen via Zoom. To join in the Monday evening Live Rosary, please visit the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/494480541>. Join in as we ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Catholic faith, world peace, personal intentions, and for the Missions worldwide!

Sponsored by the Pontifical Missions Society
(phillymissions.org).

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There is an 8 week Bereavement Support Group which runs several times each year at TJUH Methodist Hospital. Each week participants will have the opportunity to support one another and learn about different topics within the grieving process. For more information, please call the Department of Pastoral Care at **215-952-9547**.

STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR

Stella Maris 2024 Lottery Calendars are now available! \$40 will give you 365 chances to win prizes ranging from \$45 to \$300! Winning numbers are determined by the three (3) digit "Pick 3" Evening Drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery, (all numbers are played straight as they are drawn-there is no "box" option). Calendars are available at the Rectory during regular business hours, (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM), and before and after the Saturday evening Mass and Sunday Morning Masses in the Parking Lot Vestibule.

*These calendars make great Christmas gifts!
Be sure to get your 2024 Lottery Calendar...*



ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

On **Saturday, 12/16/23, from 9AM to 3:30PM**, an Advent Day of Recollection is being held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in the Cathedral Chapel and Drexel Hall (which is the hall located below the Cathedral). The speaker is Mother Maria Catherine of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate. The day's schedule is as follows:

9:00AM-Sign-In/Coffee & sweet breads
10:00AM-Morning Conference
11:00AM-Quiet Time; 11:30AM-Confessions
12:05PM-Holy Mass followed by Lunch in Drexel Hall
1:45PM-Afternoon Conference
2:30PM-3:30 PM-Holy Hour with Exposition & Benediction
Fee for this Day of Recollection is a **free-will offering**, but **you must RSVP** to Sr. Gabrielle Mary Braccio, RSM at: sr.gbraccio@archphila.org or by calling **215-587-3795**.
All are welcome!

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL CHANCE DRIVE

The Sisters of St. Joseph Annual Chance Drive to benefit St. Joseph Villa has begun! The Grand Prize is \$10,000; 5 additional prizes of \$500 each. Donation is \$5 for each ticket or \$20 for a book of 5 tickets.

Winners will be drawn on December 7, 2023
Please help make this year's Chance Drive especially successful by getting your tickets online!

Visit our Chance Drive page at:
www.ssiphila.org

For additional information, contact any Sister of Saint Joseph or the Development Office at **800-482-6510** or visit: Development@ssiphila.org

Thank you for your support of the Sisters of St. Joseph !

RECYCLE YOUR LEAVES

Help keep leaves out of landfills! Collect, bag, and recycle your leaves!

There will be "bagged-leaf" drop-offs at 15th and Bigler Streets from 9AM to 3PM on the following Saturdays: 12/09, and 12/16. **Leaves must be placed in large brown biodegradable paper bags. Never mix trash or other recyclables with bagged leaves.**

For more drop-off details and leaf collection schedules, visit: LeafRecyclinga@Phila.org

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**

A NIGHT OF CAROLS

A Night of Carols is being presented by St. Edmond Choir in concert with Stella Maris Choir and St. Richard Choir on **Thursday, 12/14, 2023 at 7:00PM in St. Edmond Church, 2130 South 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145.**

Parking is available in the Rectory Lot.
Light Refreshments to follow after the Concert.

**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.

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 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.

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 Thursdays 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 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 HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

PHONE #



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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