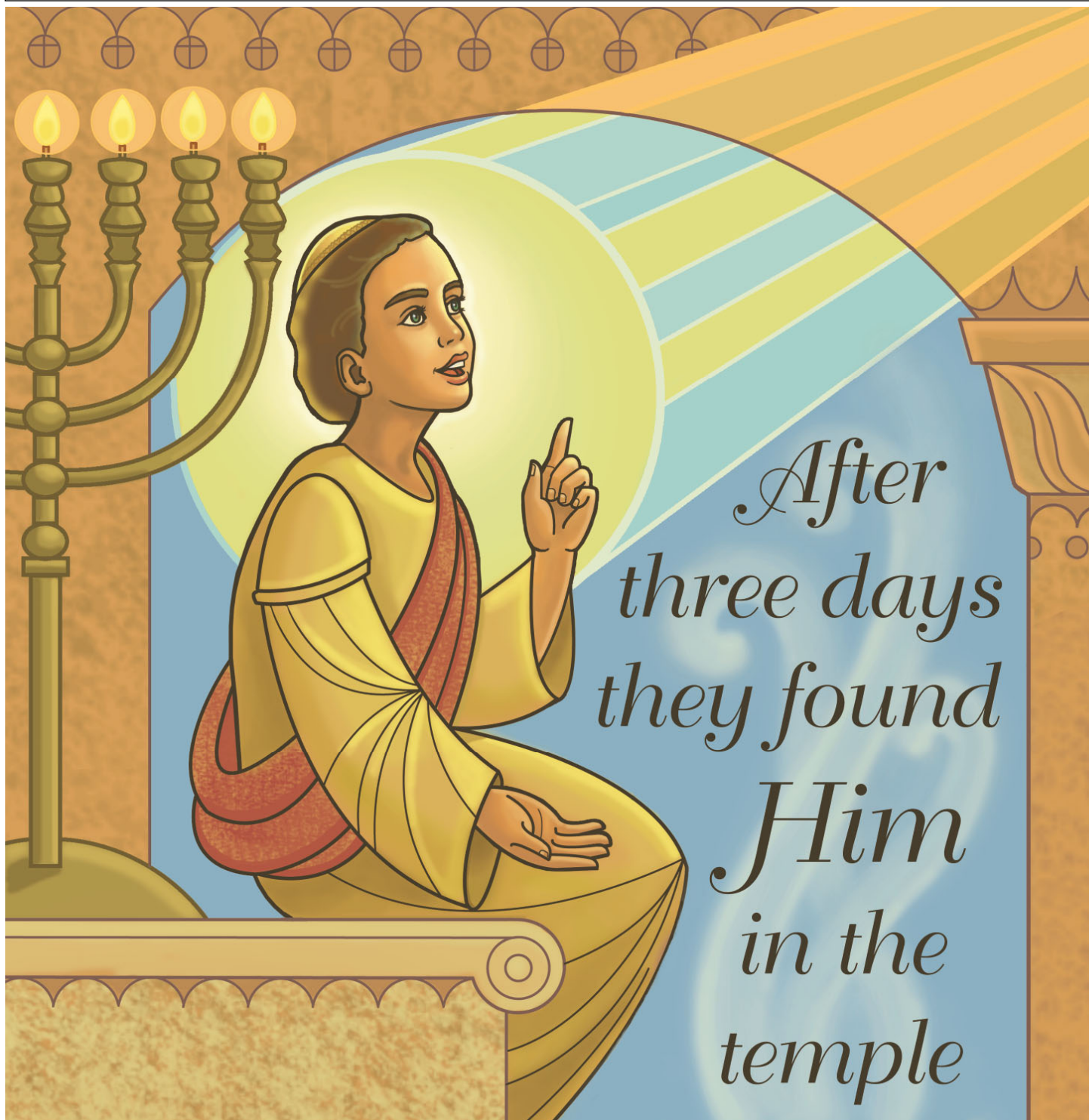


December 30, 2018
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life		
Collection for weekend of December 15 & December 16		
Income: Plate = \$5,244.50 + AWC = \$82.00	=	\$5,362.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	=	(\$27,524.94)
Total	=	(\$22,162.44)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

"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."

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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, 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 Cappelto, 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, 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, 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, Alicia Viray, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

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

DIANA KESTLER

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 30, 2018

Sunday—December 30

8:00 + Deceased Friends of Ralph Berarducci
 9:30 + Domenick Menniti
 11:00 + Jerry Palestini II

Monday—December 31

8:00 + Jerry Palestini II
 5:00 + Vincent Procopio
 7:00 + Amelia and Louis Iaconangelo

Tuesday—January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

8:00 + Gerald Palestini II

Wednesday—January 2

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday—January 3

8:00 + Charles DiMartini Jr.

Friday—January 4

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Saturday—January 5

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Basile and Badame Families
 5:00 + Frank and Rita Giunta

Sunday—January 6

8:00 + Michael Mazzucca
 9:30 + Maria and Dominico Romeo
 11:00 + Concetta Fina

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Carmella Bellettiere
 Requested by
 Gerry Dolce and Family



Adoration Chapel Lamp

- 1) In Memory of
 Gerald Palestini II
 Requested by
 Carmine and Diane Sciascia
- 2) For the Living and Deceased
 Parishioners of Stella Maris



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 John Juliano
 Requested by
 The Palestini Family



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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

On behalf of Fr. McCabe, 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 giving praise and thanks to God for giving us Jesus, His Son.

I wish to 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 many 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 children's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Kristin Campbell-Salamone, the adult choir, the leaders of song, and musicians; 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 and midnight Masses. Thank you!

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. Thank you!

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. Thank you! 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 wish to 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 and gratitude, and also to inspire all who worship here. Thank you!

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. The Holy Family was not without problems. Jesus' birth was in a stable. Instead of a midwife to assist Jesus' birth, He was surrounded by cows and sheep. Later, King Herod made the Holy Family refugees because he feared Jesus' power. To escape, they emigrated to Egypt before settling in Nazareth. They even experienced the anxiety of losing a child when Jesus was missing in the Temple. What was constant for the Holy Family was the presence of God, who was always near to give solace, show concern and guide. As God's presence hovered ever so closely to the Holy Family, this same loving God stands with His fami-

ly, the Church. God continues to lead those He loves, His beloved Holy Family, and His Church, through their journeys, whether in light, dark, joy, or pain. With this commitment, God reminds all His families that He is our God, and we are His people always.

Tuesday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This Solemnity is a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows: Monday, December 31st, 5:00pm and 7:00pm Vigils; Tuesday, January 1st, 8:00am.

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 pray for me.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Fr. Di Orio



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
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 RECTORY NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed this Monday, 12/31/18 at 12Noon through this Tuesday, 01/01/19 in observance of New Year's Day.

A Happy, Healthy New Year to all!



SPECIAL EVENT!



**SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, 02/22/19-
CELEBRATE STELLA MARIS' 65th ANNIVERSARY!**

Join us on **Friday, 02/22/19**, as we celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our beloved parish of Stella Maris.

Our celebration will begin with **Mass at 5:30PM** followed by **dinner at Galdo's, 20th St. and Moyamensing Ave., from 7PM to 11PM**. Ticket cost is \$50 per person and includes a hot buffet, dessert, soda, water, and coffee. Entertainment will be provided by the Sensational Soul Cruisers. Cash bar. Tickets will be available soon! More details in future bulletins!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE FLYERS!

Plan a night out with family and friends and head to the Wells Fargo Center for the Catholic Charities night with the Philadelphia Flyers versus the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday, February 11th at 7PM. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal program. If 100 tickets are sold, CCA beneficiaries will perform on the concourse prior to the start of the game and Maddie from Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf will get to sit in the penalty box during player warm-ups! To purchase tickets, please visit:

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MIDNIGHT MASS FOR NEW YEAR'S AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul invites you to celebrate the **New Year** and the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, which is a holyday of obligation, at **Midnight Mass, (12AM) on 01/01/19**. This solemn Mass in honor of Our Lady will take place in the **Cathedral Chapel**. All are welcome!

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS



Join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament **on Sunday, January 6, 2019** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul** in Center City to gather as a faith community to pray for vocations. This Holy Hour will begin at **5:30PM**, prior to the 6:30PM Sunday Mass. Everyone is invited and encouraged to pray for those men who are seeking direction and guidance as they discern a vocation to the Holy Priesthood. Through the prayers, encouragement and support of their fellow Catholics, we hope these men will be inspired to seriously consider the Priesthood.



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: 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**.

FORGED BY THE FIRE-MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

This group is a fraternal brotherhood for young men at any stage of life who hunger to experience deeper faith and vigorous spirituality. Each group experiences three retreat weekends at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

February 1-3: Deepen your relationship with Jesus.

March 1-3: Renounce evil through the Father's love.

April 12-14: Join an Ignatian Retreat on the Holy Spirit.

For registration information, please contact Christopher Gallagher at CGallagher@ArchPhila.org or call **610-667-5778**.

MEN'S GROUP AT ST. RITA'S



A Men's Group has formed at St. Rita's that meets each Monday evening from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity for men of all ages to receive support and assistance as they grow toward a chaste and joyful Christian life. This group is geared toward men struggling with pornography use, infidelity, and other temptations. Men of all ages are welcome.

For more information, please call Fr. Jim at 215-546-8333, ext.14.



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.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION: HOPE IN CHRIST

Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those who have an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, events, and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Visit archphila.org/hope for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.

GREAT NEWS FOR WOMEN

We are happy to announce the opening of the new Gianna Center in Philadelphia. The Gianna Center is dedicated to providing general gynecologic care, natural family planning education and infertility services-all while honoring the sanctity of each human life, the dignity of women and the integrity of marriage. For more information, visit the website at: phgiannacenter.org.

EVENT FOR WOMEN: A DAY OF HEALING



Do you struggle with anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, self-doubt, self criticism? Come! Let the Lord meet you right where you are and guide you forward. Retreat activities include inspiring talks, community building, healing prayer, personal reflection, music and more. This is a powerful opportunity for any woman seeking healing and freedom from adverse patterns or habits-of body, mind, and emotion-in order to live fully in the love and freedom that the Lord desires for us. The facilitators are De Yarrison, CPCC and Fr. Stephen DeLacy. This event will take place on **Saturday, 01/12/19**, from **9:00AM to 8:00PM** at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford, PA. To learn more or to register, please visit: <https://youaremadenew.com/healing-retreats/>.

PRO-LIFE LECTURE AT ST. GENEVIEVE PARISH

St. Genevieve Parish, located at 1225 Bethlehem Pike, in Flourtown, PA, is hosting a Pro-Life Lecture on **Thursday, 01/10/19 at 7:00PM**. The lecture will focus on the role of the laity and offer suggestions on the ways we can best convert the culture, especially on life issues. The speaker will be Marie Joseph, Founding Executive Director of the *Legacy of Life Foundation & Women's Crisis Pregnancy Centers*. To learn more, please contact **St. Genevieve Rectory at 215-836-2828** or visit rectory@stgensparish.com.



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.

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This **Fuel Assistance Program** is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines.

For example, **individuals** with a monthly income less than **\$1,518**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,058** qualify for the grant. Call **United Social Services** at **215-923-1900** Monday through Friday between 10AM and 4PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. **This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are **confidential**.

YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE- BECOME A FOSTER PARENT!



Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages and cultures whose families are in crisis. The love and commitment that foster parents provide can have a lasting and positive effect. For more information, **call Catholic Social Services at 267-331-2502.**



STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Saturday, 01/05/19-Sodality-8:00AM, Church/Vestibule
- Sunday, 01/06/19-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Tuesday, 01/08/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 01/12/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/13/19-NO CCD CLASSES
- Saturday-01/19/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/20/19-CCD, 7th (Family Liturgy/Service Project)-9:15AM-Church/School
- Monday, 01/21/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 01/22/19-Star of the Sea Senior-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 01/26.19-Bible Study-8:30AM, 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:

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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. Thank you!

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