

December 31, 2017
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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December 31, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Due to an early printing deadline requested by J. S. Paluch, our Bulletin Printer, our Church Bulletin had to go to press before last weekend's collection took place. The collections for the weekend of 12/23/17-12/24/17 will be posted as soon as possible.

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

Spend a few quiet moments in prayer, thanking God for calling us to be part of God's holy family, for giving us at Baptism and at Confirmation the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit has been poured into our hearts and dwells within us, binding us together.

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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, Ed Alioto, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Grace Carchidi, Vincent Carchidi, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Baby Matthew D'Imperio, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlori, Trish Ezzie, 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, Anthony Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Samantha LaSpada, Petronella MacCarter, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Carmela Martini, Joe Martino, Tina Martino, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Ernest Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Baby Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Lenny Olivieri, Marie Ordine, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Angela Raffa, M/M Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, 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, James Trainor Jr., Alessandra Trimarco, Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Caila Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Robin Twaddell, Christine Upchurch, Christopher Vacante, Michael Valardi, Anthony Vanore, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the homebound, and their families.



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

**MICHAEL MASSARO
ANTHONY IPPOLITO**

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 31, 2017**

Sunday—December 31 (Holy Family)

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
9:30 + Leo Rago
11:00 + Vincent Procopio

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

8:00 + Rev. Ed Maher

Tuesday—January 2

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Wednesday—January 3

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Fasano and
Sandoli Families

Thursday—January 4

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Friday—January 5

8:00 + Julia Bruno

Saturday—January 6

8:00 + O'Brien, Larkin and Conolly Families (L&D)
5:00 + Theresa Mazzotta

Sunday—January 7 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
9:30 + Pasquale Zollo-Second Anniversary
11:00 + Concetta Fina

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Vincent Procopio
Requested by
His Wife



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
Gerald Palestini II for his Birthday
Requested by
Carmine and Diane Sciascia
2) For the Special Intentions of
Ralph Berarducci
Requested by
The Berarducci Family



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Vincent Procopio
Requested by
His Wife



STELLA MARIS RECTORY SCHEDULE

In observance of the Solemnity of Mary/New
Year's Day, the Rectory will be closed
this Monday, 01/01/18.

Have a happy, healthy New Year!



rom 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 give praise and give 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 your thousands of dollars, hundreds of gifts, 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-Salome, the adult choir, the leaders of song, 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.

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 to 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 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, gratitude, and also 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. Therefore, family life is to be holy. We are called to grow in holiness within our biological family as well as our church family.

Monday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This Solemnity is a holy day but not one of obligation this year, because it falls on a Monday. There will be our daily 8:00am Mass only on January 1st.

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



BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate. We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself. Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

FLAME OF LOVE EVENT



On Friday, 02/02/18, at St. Charles Seminary in Wynnewood, there will be a Flame of Love Event, beginning at 6PM, with Holy Mass at 8:30PM. The Celebrant and Homilist will be Father James Blount, SOLT. Father Blount is a priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity based in Georgia, who teaches on the battle between Satan and the Woman of Genesis 3:15, Mary.

He is one of the major promoters of the prayers given by God to Elizabeth Kindelmann having seen the power of these prayers in his work to overcome Satan's influence on souls. Everyone is welcome to attend. Join us and bring a friend!

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM



Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great need of dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and 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!

STELLA MARIS MINISTRY

As Christians, we are called to share our time, talents, and treasures. Our Parish is asking you to share some of your time and talents by volunteering to be a part of one of our ministries (Lectors, Singers/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours.





**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS
TRIP TO LANCASTER**

Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the brand new show, "JESUS", on **Tuesday, 03/13/18**. Cost is \$130 per person and includes: Theater matinee show, buffet lunch at Millers Restaurant, Rockvale Outlets, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities. **Deposit of \$65 is now due; balance of \$65 is due no later than 01/09/18**. We are currently **sold out**, but have a **waiting list**. For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.

TRIP TO DELAWARE PARK

Star of the Sea Seniors are running a trip to Delaware Park on Tuesday, 02/13/18. The cost is \$35 with a bonus of \$30 free play. Full payment is due when you make your reservation, but no later than 01/15/18. The bus will leave Stella Maris parking lot PROMPTLY at 10:15AM. You may park your cars behind the Church ONLY. Lunch is on your own. The bus will depart for home at 5:00PM. For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.



OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL NEWS

There are two scholarship opportunities that have opened for the 2018-2019 School Year:

- 1) **Children's Scholarship of Philadelphia** is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are available through their website: www.csphiladelphia.org. **Final deadline is March 1, 2018.**
- 2) **FACTS Financial Aid Application** replaces the SmartAid Financial Application. Financial Aid through FACTS requires an **application fee of \$30**. **Priority is given to applications completed by December 31, 2017**. Financial aid **deadline is March 15, 2018**.

Tours of the School are available by calling **215-467-5385** to make an appointment to learn more about school programs. For more information, you can also email Ms. Cody, the Principal, at: pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR



- Saturday, 01/06/18-Sodality Meeting-8:30AM, Church/Vestibule
- Sunday, 01/07/18-CCD-9:15AM. Church/School
- Tuesday, 01/09/18-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Thursday, 01/11/18-Fundraising Committee-6:30PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/14/18-NO CCD CLASSES-MLK Day Wknd.
- Monday, 01/15/18-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/21/18-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Tuesday, 01/23/18-Seniors Birthdays (Jan., Feb., Mar.), 1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/28/18-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Saturday, 02/03/18-Sodality Meeting-8:30AM, Church/Vestibule

**2017 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
YEAR-END GIVING**

Make these last few days of December count! Donate to the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal! There are so many incredible programs and people that benefit that from the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal. When you support CCA, you are: helping children with special needs attend one of the four Catholic Schools of Special Education; providing hot meals for families in need; supporting services for veterans and their families; providing safe havens for women and their children. Charitable donations are a great way to reduce your tax burden for the year, all while doing something for the benefit of others.

Visit: www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org

Thank you for supporting the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal!



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 December 31, 2017**. 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 \$36,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,700 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, from 10AM-4PM at 215-923-1900**.

ARCHDIOCESAN ADULT CHOIR



This group of Archdiocesan Liturgical Musicians comes together each year to sing for all Major Archdiocesan Masses including Chrism Mass, Priesthood and Diaconate Ordinations, and our Annual Christmas Concert. If interested in scheduling an audition time, please contact cangelini@archphila.org after January 1, 2018.



ARCHDIOCESAN GIRL AND BOY CHOIR

Auditions will be held for the Archdiocesan Girl and Boy Choir on Saturday, January 13, 2018, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

ALL AUDITIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

To schedule your appointment, please contact: archdiocesangirlandboychoir@gmail.com



**COME JOIN THE FUN WITH US
AT OUR OLDIES' NIGHT
WITH JERRY BLAVAT**



Reunite with old friends and Dine, Dance & Party the night away with us on **Saturday, February 17, 2017 at Stella Maris Hall, 814 Bigler Street, from 7pm until 11pm** with great music (featuring Jerry Blavat), great food, and great fun.

Ticket cost is \$45 (non-refundable), \$55 at the door, which includes selections at our hot buffet by "Galdo's" Caterers, desserts, beer, soda, coffee, and tea. Door prize, 50/50 chances and chances on a basket of cheer. For tickets, please call Carol at 215-463-3410. Make all checks payable to:

Stella Maris Parish

Hope to see you on the dance floor!



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. All names and information will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY APPEAL

We hope you will give prayerful consideration in contributing to the 2017-2018 Seminary Appeal. There are many ways in which you may contribute:

- Pledge Gift
- Electronic Fund Transfer
- One Time Gift
- Gifts of Securities
- Credit Card Gifts
- Planned Gifts
- Matching Gifts
- Tribute Gifts

All gifts to the 2017-2018 Annual Seminary Appeal are tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor on the tax treatment of all gifts, as they may vary from individual to individual. You may make a contribution in cash, online, or by direct mail, which you should have received from the Seminary. Gifts can be sent directly to: Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
100 E. Wynnewood Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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. All names and information will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

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. All names will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly. Thank you!



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