

*December 31, 2023
Holy Family Sunday*



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God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of December 16 & December 17
Income: Plate = \$4,741.00+ AWC= \$68.00 = \$4,809.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$12,488.57)
Total = (\$7,679.57)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: “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 gift of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit has been poured into our hearts and dwells within us, binding us together”. -Renewed by God’s Word



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, 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 Quieti, 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:
ARTHUR CARRADO JAMES DI MARTINO

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, 2023

Saturday - December 30

5:00 + Joseph Italiano

Sunday - December 31

8:00 + Ammarie McDonald

10:30 + Vincent and Santo Procopio

Monday - January 01 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

8:00 + Jerry Palestini II

Tuesday - January 02

8:00 + Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday - January 03

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday - January 04

8:00 + Edward Zoller

Friday - January 05

8:00 + Deceased members of the Fasano and Sandoli families

Saturday - January 06

8:00 + Rev. James W. Kruc (10th Anniversary)

5:00 + Concetta Fina

Sunday - January 07

8:00 + Maria and Domenico Romeo

5:00 + Rita and Frank Giunta

Church Sanctuary Lamp



In Memory of
Bruno LaCroce

Requested by
Sandy Mirarchi

Altar Bread and Wine



In Memory of
Theresa Briglia
Requested by
The Varley Family



STELLA MARIS RECTORY NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed this Monday, 01/01/24, in observance of New Year's Day.

**MISSIONARY DISCIPLE SKILL SERIES
HOW TO PRAY WITH SOMEONE**

Every missionary disciple needs to be equipped with skills that will help us more intentionally accompany others into personal friendship with Jesus. One of those skills is the readiness to pray spontaneously with someone for their needs and intention. Instead of saying, “I’ll pray for you,” we want to be ready to say, “Can I pray with you right now for that?” Join us for training that will teach you this skill and give you a greater comfort level with praying with others. Sponsored by: Office for Ministry with Youth and Office for the New Evangelization. Facilitator is Meghan Cokeley and the workshop location is 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia 19103. There is no cost to attend but please register by visiting:

<https://phillyvomv.org/event/intercessory-prayer-training/>



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 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 Maria Olivieri, who donated all the flowers, and all who have so generously contributed for the decorations 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. 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 8:00am Mass 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 please pray for me.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Fr. Di Orio



NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO ATTEND COLLEGE? APPLY FOR A STELLA MARIS SCHOLARSHIP!

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates who are registered parishioners of Stella Maris Parish, Philadelphia, PA
- 2) Applicants must be active, participating members of Stella Maris Parish, recommended by the Pastor.
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is desired.
- 4) Applicants must plan to attend or be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university located in the United States.

Please note: This scholarship is for one year only; current recipients may reapply to be considered for additional funding along with the new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time.

Please call Stella Maris Parish Rectory at **215-465-2336**, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 4PM, **up to and including Friday, 02/25/24.**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 1, 2024!

GO FORTH: DEEPEN YOUR DISCIPLESHP, GROW IN MISSION

Archbishop Perez wants to text you! Join Archbishop Perez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Through the **Go Forth** initiative, you can subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others.

There are two ways to subscribe to receive the texts: (1) use your phone to **text *goforth* to the number 84576**, or (2) visit the website **phillydisciples.org/goforth**.

Texts continue weekly through February 2024.



FOOTBALL MANIA WINNING NUMBERS



WEEK FIFTEEN
#290-3S003-\$25
#633-3S003-\$25

Winning numbers will be posted weekly!

PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Vocation Office invites you to the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA, to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, on **Thursdays between the hours of 9AM to 5PM**, praying that more young people generously respond to the Lord's invitation to serve Him as priests and religious. To sign up to spend time with our Lord, visit: [Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores](https://heedthecall.org/Phillyadores). If you have any questions or would like more information, please email: Phillyadoration@gmail.com

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 still 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 church vestibule.

Be sure to get your 2024 Lottery Calendar...



SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD ADOPT A PHILADELPHIA PRIEST TODAY!

With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our model, we seek to provide each priest with a Spiritual Mother, who will commit to anonymously adopt him and pray for him and his vocation as long as she lives. In the spirit of holy detachment, the spiritual mother knows who her priest son is; however, he will not know her identity until her death. The spiritual mother will have a hidden, spiritual connection with her priestly son, as Mary had with Jesus. The Philadelphia Commitment Form can be found at:

<https://stmariagoretti.net/spiritual-motherhood/>.

Complete the form and submit it for Spiritual Adoption.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Doyle at rdoylerd@comcast.net or 215-368-5875
Maria Richardson at marichar@comcast.net or 215-721-6559.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

There will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 11:00 pm on Sunday, 12/31/23, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, followed by Mass at 12:00 Midnight. A New Year's Party will be held in Drexel Hall after Mass. All young adults are welcome to ring in 2024 by celebrating our Blessed Mother's special day.

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TELEVISED MASS

Every Sunday, at 5:30AM on Channel 6-WPVI TV, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia celebrates Sunday Mass, which is broadcast through the courtesy of Channel 6-WPVI.

**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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