

**December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent**

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Collection for weekend of November 19 & November 20	
Income: Plate = \$4,188.00 + AWC= \$72.50 =	\$4,260.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements =	(\$11,499.39)
Total =	(\$7,238.89)
Collection for weekend of November 26 & November 27	
Income: Plate = \$3,235.00 + AWC= \$72.50 =	\$3,307.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements =	(\$10,016.73)
Total =	(\$6,709.23)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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) or information and/or to enroll. Thank you.

Living Stewardship: "Full of grace"..., which in the original Greek is... "beloved" of God, is a title expressed in passive form, but this "passivity" of Mary, who has always been and is forever "loved" by the Lord, implies her free consent, her personal and original response...She is the perfect disciple of her Son, who realizes the fullness of His freedom and thus exercises the freedom through obedience to the Father."
Pope Benedict XVI



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted: Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, 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, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, 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, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quiet, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, 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, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends: **FRANK MARSELLA**

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 4, 2022*

Sunday—December 4 (Second Sunday of Advent)

8:00 + Joseph Italiano
10:30 + Msgr. James F. Connelly

Monday - December 5

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - December 6

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Wednesday– December 7

8:00 + Madeline and Marcello Tenaglia
5:00 + Domenick Menniti

Thursday - December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

8:00 + Josephine Carelli
7:00 + Concetta Fina

Friday - December 9

8:00 + David Roselli

Saturday– December 10

8:00 + Amelia Iaconangelo
5:00 + Jimmy DeRenzi

Sunday - December 11 (Third Sunday of Advent)

8:00 + Clint Mazzarelli
10:30 + John and Ida Tordini



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Sr. James Therese, S.S.J.
Requested by
Sandra Flannery and Cecilia Sandoli



Adoration Chapel Candles

- 1) In Memory of
Geraldine Gregorio
Requested by
Anonymous
- 2) In Memory of
Carmine T. Petrella Jr.
Requested by
Carol Ann Greco



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Concetta Fina
Requested by
Lorinda Fina



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 on **Wednesday, 12/14/22 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 12/07/22** 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.

We look forward to seeing you!



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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.

In Matthew’s Gospel, the people were being baptized by John the Baptist in large numbers, “as they acknowledged their sins.” John the Baptist challenged his followers to a type of repentance that required radical change. They knew that they were not living up to God’s commands. Therefore, John’s message is clearly one of conversion. It asks that his listeners not only turn away from their former way of life, but also turn toward a kingdom that will be proclaimed. If they are to welcome the kingdom, they must first turn away from sin. They must have a change of heart, putting aside wickedness to prepare a way for the Lord. The Kingdom of Heaven has come, and it requires a change of behavior. That kingdom will require a new attitude of openness, an attitude that will enable one to go where the Messiah will lead, even if it is unfamiliar and uncharted. This is what repentance means - radical change. Saying the right words and thinking the right thoughts are not enough. Words and thoughts must now be transformed into actions and patterns of behavior. Actions speak louder than words. If we are going to be Christ’s followers, we must repent and live lives that are patterned after the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This Advent, we are called to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. This requires both acknowledgement of our sins and true repentance – a change of heart. How are we preparing this Advent for the coming of our Savior? Are we willing to change radically, (repent), for Christ? We should ready ourselves for Christ’s coming, making sure our tree is not one that needs to be cut down.

Mark your calendar: our Parish Advent Service will be on Thursday, December 15th, 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. I ask you to please remember me in your prayers.

God bless,
Happy Advent!
Fr. Di Orio



STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

This week, we continue our Christmas Outreach. On this page we have listed several ways in which you can share the spirit of Christmas with those in need.

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

Catholic Social Services-This collection is for children’s new toys and games (non-violent, PLEASE!)

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, white t-shirts, boxer briefs, large bottles of body wash, shaving razors, and body powder.

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 all outreach gifts in the marked containers in the church vestibule. The deadline for all outreach is next Sunday, December 11th. 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, 12/11/22.**

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 11, 2022 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 sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.**

**Date: 12/11/22; Time: 12:00NOON-2:00PM;
Meeting Place: Church Hall**

SSJ 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, 2022
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

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the USA, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit: phillyeucharisticrevival.org.

"Prayer for the Revival"

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

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. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email:

Phillyadoration@gmail.com

SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

As we pray for vocations to the priesthood, a good way to get to know our seminarians studying for ordination in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is by listening to their vocation stories by visiting: Heedthecall.org/poster.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COLLECTION

Catholic Social Services (CSS) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is collecting feminine hygiene products to support women and girls who face difficulties in obtaining them. This initiative, "Take Back the Month", addresses the wide-spread need of women and girls throughout the Philadelphia area who are unable to afford feminine hygiene products due to poverty, homelessness, and other issues, and ensures that they have access to these products at no cost. All goods donated will benefit CSS' housing and homeless programs. If interested donating new, unopened items directly to CSS, contact Amy Stoner at astoner@CHS-ADPHILA.ORG or Cindy Volkert at cvolkert@CHS-ADPHILA.ORG. You can also support this program financially by making an on-line donation at: <https://yougivegoods.com/takebackthemoth>

A NIGHT OF CAROLS

A Night of Carols is being presented by St. Edmond Choir in concert with Saint Richard Choir and Stella Maris Choir on **Tuesday, 12/13/22 at 7PM at St. Edmond Church, 2130 South 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145.**

**Parking available in the Rectory Lot.
Light refreshments to follow.**

Usher in this joyous Christmas season by sharing an evening of uplifting music with fellow South Philadelphians!

IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) FOR YOU?

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you curious about the Catholic faith, but not sure you want to make a commitment? Are you married to a Catholic spouse, raising the children Catholic, and interested in knowing more to be able to share with them? Are you a Catholic who desires to complete the initiation process by receiving Eucharist and/or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the R.C.I.A. may be for you.

The R.C.I.A. is designed to assist youth and adults who:

- *Have never been baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church
- *Have been baptized in another Christian Tradition (Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) and wish to become Catholic
- *Were baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation

There's no time like the present to begin your inquiry in the faith. If you are interested in learning more about R.C.I.A., please contact Mrs. Marie Milano at 215-465-2336, ext. 5.

WEEKLY ARCHDIOCESAN WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the rosary via Zoom or phone on the Archdiocesan LIVE World Mission Rosary. To join in this live rosary, visit phillymissions.org for the Zoom link, or type in <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>.

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 world-wide!

SAINTS

During these crisp Autumn days, why not take some time to research our Saints? You will find that we have lots of things in common with some of the Saints. This is a great activity for children and their parents, guardians, and/or grandparents to do together. You can start with your favorite Saint, the Saint for whom you are named, the Saint of the day, or the Saint for your birthday. The saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas

Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose

Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec. 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

SEMINARY OPEN HOUSE AND CONCERT

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will host its annual OPEN HOUSE on the Overbrook Campus this Sunday, 12/04/22 at 1PM. Tours, led by seminarians, begin in Vianney Hall. The final tour will depart at 3PM. Tickets are not required for the Open House.

Please be advised that extensive walking across the Upper and Lower campus and the ability to navigate stairs are involved in the tours.

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St. Charles Borromeo Annual Christmas Concert will take place this Sunday 12/04/22 at 4PM in the Chapel of Saint Martin of Tours. This year, the concert is a ticketed event. **Tickets are \$15 per person;** children under the age of 14 are free. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact **Michelle McCann at 610-785-6231 or mmcann@scs.edu.**

**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.pavingforseniorcare.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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

The Center provides an authentically Catholic approach to women's reproductive healthcare and follows Catholic medical ethics. The providers treat women in various age groups-from teen to seniors-and offer gynecologic care, yearly women's check-ups and natural family planning instruction in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. Services are available in English and Spanish. The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is located in East Norriton (very close to the Plymouth Meeting Mall). For more information, call the center at 844-204-0005 or visit phgiannacenter.org.

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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