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

Collection for weekend of February 03 & February 04

Income: Plate = \$7,064.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$7,149.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$24,104.89)

Total = (\$16,955.89)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "Jesus, you came to bring us into deeper communion with the Father and one another. Give us the courage to reach out, as you did, to those in need of our compassion and help. Let us not be afraid of the opinions of others when we see that good can be done." Amen

-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, Al Caruso, 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 and 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: HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

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 February 11, 2024

Saturday - February 10

5:00 + Marie and Alfred Giosa

Sunday - February 11

8:00 + Daniel and Adna Bryan

10:30 + Mary Fanelli

Monday - February 12

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - February 13

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Wednesday - February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00 + Vaughn Potere

12:00 + Prayer Service

7:00 + Anna Gajewski

Thursday - February 15

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday - February 16

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday - February 17

8:00 + Salvatore Sandoli

11:00 + Anointing Mass

5:00 + Joe Sama

Sunday - February 18

8:00 + Guido Iaconangelo

10:30 + Donna Salerno



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Catherine Gindville

Requested by
Michael and Maria Bryson



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
Theresa Petrella

Requested by
Carol Ann Greco

2) In Memory of
Cheryl Wharton

Requested by
Carol Ann Greco



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Thomas A. Greco Jr.

Requested by
Carol Ann Greco





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy 70th birthday Stella Maris. Seventy years ago, Bishop O'Hara founded our parish on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, 1954. Since then, Stella Maris has been a beacon of hope for our neighborhood. May we continue to be that hope for those in our community. May God continue to bless the parishioners of Stella Maris.

This Wednesday, February 14th, begins the Season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the Masses and a prayer service. Please see the times listed in the bulletin. Remember, this is a day of **fasting and abstinence**. Please keep in mind that all persons who are **14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single meal on Ash Wednesday** and on **Good Friday**, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. Also, this coming Saturday, February 17, 2024, at the 11:00AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

This weekend I extend to the adults of our parish community a companion to journey with in Lent. **The Little Black Book** is the companion. This little black book provides an easy and convenient way for us to spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer with our Lord during Lent.

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus demonstrates great compassion for the leper. In the world during Jesus' time, leprosy was viewed as punishment from God for the victim's sins or the sins of the leper's parents. People in the ancient world considered lepers the living dead. Once more, Jesus breaks Mosaic Law and touches the leper and cures him.

Even though lepers no longer wander among us as they did in the first century, there are still lepers of a different sort walking among us today. Who are the despised, rejected and overlooked among us today? Whom do we fear because of who they are? Who among us is treated like refuse? Who among us is neglected or scorned?

Are we like Christ, and do we break from the crowds and reach out to those who are lepers among us? Do we resolve to say something complimentary to someone every day, especially those who need it most? Would we take to lunch the obnoxious co-worker who seems to never stop talking? Do we forgive someone, especially someone who is a "leper" in our lives? When we ask someone "how are you" do we make it sound as if we really want to know? Do we pray for those who mistreat us? Do we seek out and talk with relatives or acquaintances that we would rather avoid?

So how do we effect change? Are we like Christ? As Christians, we make changes by Imitating Christ. Our first allegiance must be to Christ and when it is, then we can effect change in our lives and the lives around us, by reaching out to the lepers in our society and making them feel part of God's family. If we are to be like Christ, then we and our Church family must welcome all who come, and we must embrace those whom others shun, making them feel part of God's family.

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

God bless,
Fr. Di Orio

ANOINTING MASS

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on **Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM**. We invite all parishioners who need this sacramental action of God's healing and love to attend. If you know someone who is ill and wants to come to the Mass and receive the Anointing of the Sick, please call **Dolores Garadetsky 215-465-2831**.

Also, volunteer drivers are needed to transport some of our homebound parishioners. If you can help, please call Dolores to offer your services.



Happy 70th Anniversary Stella Maris Parish

Please join us to celebrate our Parish's 70th Anniversary this weekend February 10th and 11th. After each Mass we will be gathering in the Hall downstairs for cake, coffee and fellow-



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Ashes will be distributed on **Ash Wednesday, 02/14/24**

During the following times:

8:00 AM Mass

12:00 NOON Prayer Service

7:00 PM Mass





**STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR
WINNING NUMBERS
WEEK OF JANUARY 29th THROUGH FEBRUARY 4th**

MONDAY	#277-\$45
TUESDAY	#264-\$45
WEDNESDAY	#098-\$45
THURSDAY	#913-\$45
FRIDAY	#339-\$50
SATURDAY	#982-\$45
SUNDAY	#695-\$50

Winning numbers will be posted weekly!

Calendars are still available at the Rectory during regular business hours, (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM)

**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.**

**ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY'S 2nd
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the second annual Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code.

**For any questions, please call
Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861**



**FAST AND ABSINENCE
AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2024**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light, which means eating one regular meal, two small meals, and no snacks.

All of the faithful are encouraged, whenever possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in **Operation Rice Bowl** which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.
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In Stella Maris Parish, the collection for **Operation Rice Bowl** will take place on the weekend of **March 16 and March 17, 2024.**

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in need of frozen 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.

Please do not put individual leftover items in the freezer. We ask that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

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

CatholicPhilly.com

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**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 MEMORY OF or FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:

REQUESTED BY:

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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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