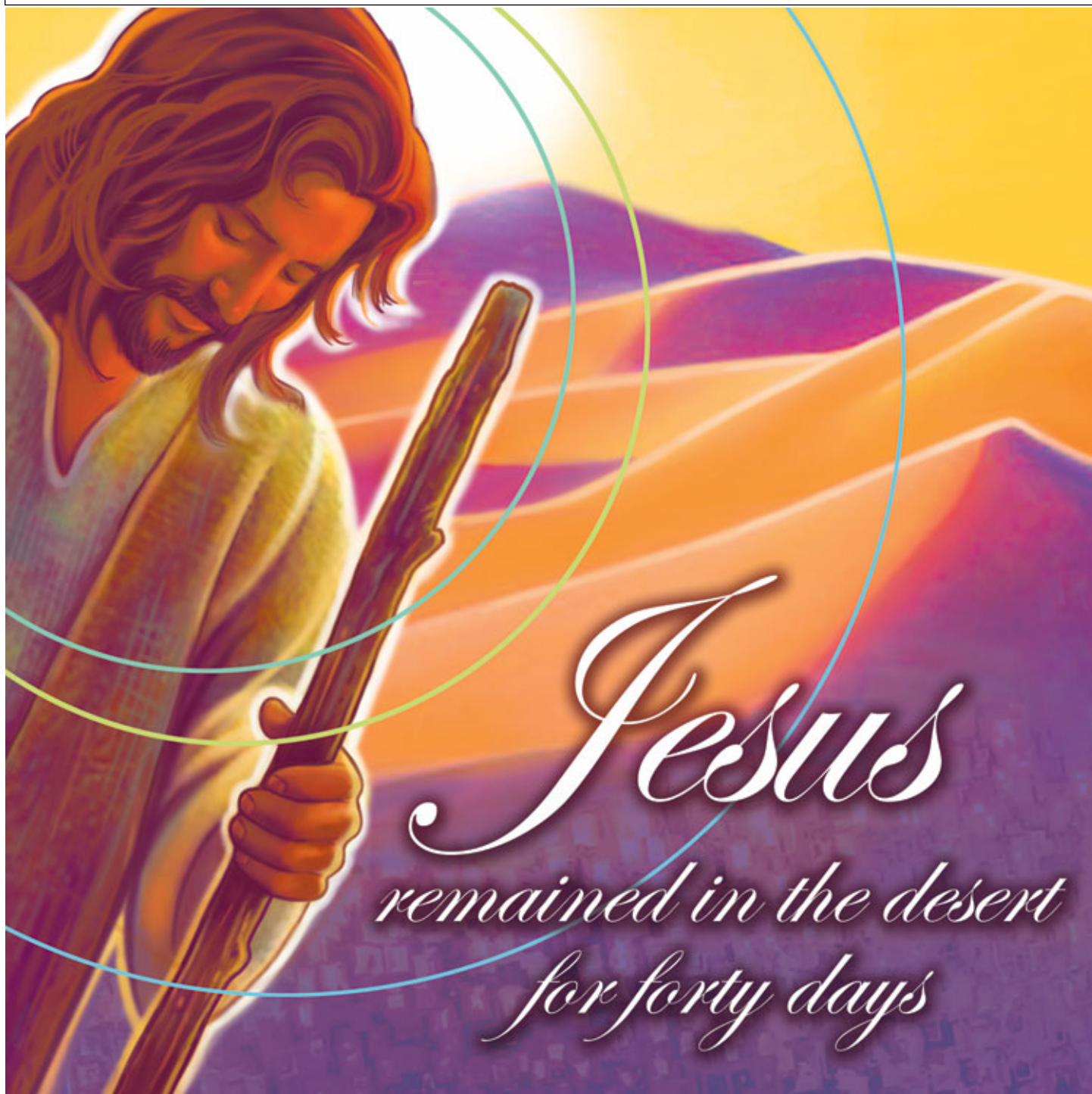


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Jesus
remained in the desert
for forty days

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 18, 2018

Collection for weekend of February 10 & February 11	
Income: Plate	= \$5,201.00.00 + AWC = \$115.00 = \$5,316.00
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	= (\$26,638.22)
Total	= (\$21,322.22)
Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:	
<i>"To live life to the full, in freedom we must overcome the test that this freedom entails, that is, temptation. Only if he is freed from the slavery of falsehood and sin can the human person, through the obedience of faith that opens him to the truth, find the full meaning of his life and attain peace, love, and joy."</i>	
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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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 Cappelto, 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, 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, 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, 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.

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

ROSANNE PAUCIELLO

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.

Sunday—February 18

8:00 + John Pensabene
9:30 + Christian Pestacchi
11:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Monday—February 19

8:00 + Nella and Orlando Bravo and Fsmily

Tuesday —February 20

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

Wednesday—February 21

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Thursday—February 22

8:00 + Horace "Boe" DeCaro

Friday—February 23

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday—February 24

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano
5:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Sunday—February 25

8:00 + Sal DiNubile
9:30 + Remo Sammarone
11:00 + Patricia Schneider and John Schneider

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
David Shaw

Requested by
His Wife and Children



Bread & Wine

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MEMORIALS

Below is a list of donations that have been made to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed on, but will never be forgotten.

In Memory

Theresa Buzby
Rose Capista

Marie Ordine

Theresa Pagnotto

Donor

Rose Giovanelli
John Capista
Lisa and John Cottone
Loretta and Anthony Cottone
Roseann Greco
Paul and Maria Gruber
Dan and Natalie Navarra
Geraldine Iannelli
The Riccelli Family
Dan and Rose Giovanelli
Robert and Donna Glynn
Jerry and Carol Tempesta
Marge Varley
Geraldine Yerkes

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have begun our Lenten journey. Let us all pray for one another and make our intention the words we heard on Ash Wednesday to "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Now that we are at the beginning of our Lenten Season, I believe that all the Christmas donations have been made by now. Our Christmas collection total was \$21,343.00. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your generosity and support of the parish in our recent Christmas collection.

As we do every First Sunday of Lent, today we ponder a Gospel account of the 40 days Christ spent in the desert following His baptism. During this time of solitude, fasting, and intense prayer, Jesus was tempted by the devil. Today's Gospel reminds us of the two historical focal points of the Lenten season: the meaning of our baptism and the confrontation with our own sinfulness.

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ Jesus; and even though we were baptized into His death and resurrection, we still find ourselves on a challenging, sometimes perilous, journey in our lives. However, during Lent, we should make every effort to allow the Spirit to drive us into the desert by fasting, intensified prayer, and almsgiving. We should expect to confront temptation as Jesus did. We too, will face dangers; but we can also count on the ministry of angels, just as Jesus did, provided that we trust God. Like Christ, we too will be tested. Christ remained loyal to His Father-will we?

Temptation is not an enticement to sin. It is a test, a test to see who is stronger, us or Satan. By fasting, intensified prayer, and almsgiving, we can overcome our temptation and defeat Satan, because of Christ who led the way in the desert. When we do this, then we like the Psalmist could say: "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant".

Be assured of my prayers and I ask that you please remember me in yours.

Happy Lent!
Fr. Di Orio

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.

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT



If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR LENT

+Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are being held every Friday during Lent at 7:00PM in Church.

+Lenten Talks and Soup Nights

Our Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting two **Lenten Talks and Soup Nights**, which will take place on **Tuesday, 02/27/18, and Tuesday, 03/13/18**, from **5PM to 6:30PM** in the **Convent**. Evening includes prayer and reflection, and immediately following, the Sisters will have **Soup** available in the **Convent Dining Room** for all who wish to attend. The **free -will offering**, if you choose to contribute, will be given to Operation Rice Bowl as part of our Parish Lenten Sacrifice. We hope you can attend, be inspired, and break bread with one another in fellowship.

+Parish Outreach

We are hoping to assist some families who are in need of food this Easter. Therefore, we are asking for donations of hams, canned yams, canned vegetables, boxed instant potatoes, canned pineapple, and sweet treats (jelly beans, candy, cookies, etc.). All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please take all food donations to the room across from the trophy case in the Church vestibule. The deadline for this outreach is 03/22/18.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Your support of CRS Rice Bowl is a real blessing to many. One person whose life has been transformed by Operation Rice Bowl is visiting the Archdiocese to share his gratitude. All are most welcome to hear the powerful story of Thomas Awiapo of Ghana, this Tuesday, February 20th, from 7PM to 8:30PM at St. Charles Seminary in Vianney Auditorium.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Jeff Wallace at CRS at 610-293-4669/Jeffrey.wallace@crs.org or Anne H. Ayella at aavella2archphila.org.



RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE LECTURE WITH ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT

The Matthew J. Ryan Center at Villanova University is honored to host Archbishop Chaput for the inaugural Religion and Public Life Lecture. Archbishop Chaput will discuss the impact of the Cultural Revolution Generation on the course of the country and the Church today. The location is the Connelly Center Cinema at Villanova University in Villanova, PA. To learn more, please contact Austin Detwiler at:

austin.detwiler@villanova.edu



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. **Full payment is now due**. 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.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from on-going services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and short-term services (housekeeping and personal care)? The In-Home Support Program may be able to help you. If you are at least 60 years of age, need assistance or supervision when leaving the home and are basically homebound, give our office a call at 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program. This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



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**. 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

Monday, 02/19/18-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM,
Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, 02/20/18-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

Thursday, 02/22/18-First Communion Parents' Mtg., 7:00PM,
Church

Saturday, 02/24/18-First Communion Retreat-9:00AM,
Off-Site (St. Richard's Hall)

Sunday, 02/25/18-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School

Tuesday, 02/27/18-Soup Night and Lenten Talk-5:00PM,
Convent

Saturday, 03//03/18-Sodality Day of Recollection-
8:30AM, Church/Vestibule

Sunday, 03/04/18-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School

Tuesday, 03/06/18-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

Sunday, 03/11/18-NO CCD CLASSES



STELLA MARIS SODALITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held on **Saturday, 03/03/18**, beginning at **8:30AM**. The schedule for the day includes Rosary, breakfast, speaker -Father Sacks, Confessions, quiet prayer time, Mass, and lunch. Donation for the day is \$15.00. For more information, please call Helen at 215-468-6618 or Cathy at 215-465-7451.

10th ANNUAL MAN-UP PHILLY CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

On Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Neumann University's Miranda Center, the men of our parish are invited to join Catholic men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **10th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference-Christ Crucified-the Power and Wisdom of God**. The keynote speaker will be **Seth Joyner**, former Philadelphia Eagle, Pro Bowler, and analyst. We welcome back **Jim Towey**, President of Ave Marie University and personal attorney to St. Teresa of Calcutta, **Don Saleski**, Stanley Cup Champion with the Philadelphia Flyers, and **Brian Gale**, author of the trilogy *Fatherless, Motherless, and Childless*. Acclaimed Irish tenor, **Mark Forrest**, will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. **Marty Rotella**, singer and evangelist, will provide musical accompaniment for the conference. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by the **Most Reverend Archbishop Charles Chaput**. Lunch is included. Join us at our new spacious venue-Neumann University! To learn more or to register, visit: manupphilly.com.



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

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be parishioners of the Parish Church of Stella Maris, 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.
- 4) Applicants must demonstrate traits of high personal character and leadership.
- 5) Applicants must plan to attend a public college or university located in the state of Pennsylvania or one of the four PA state-related colleges: Lincoln University, Penn State University, Temple University, or University of Pittsburgh.

The number of recipients and scholarship amount will be based upon the market value of the scholarship fund assets each year as determined by Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Trustee.

Scholarships may be renewable for up to three years or until a bachelors degree is obtained, whichever is earlier, providing scholarship requirements are met.

Eligible applicants may request an application from the parish office by calling 215-465-2336, Monday thru Friday, from 9am - 4pm, **until February 22, 2018.**

Please send completed application to the Scholarship Administration address listed on the application form.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS
5:00PM ON MARCH 1, 2018!**

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:

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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 **\$1,507**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,030** 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**.

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.

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

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