

February 2, 2025
The Presentation of the Lord



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

Collection for weekend of January 25 & January 26

Income: Plate = \$4,134.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$4,219.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$17,619.15)

Total = (\$13,400.15)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "Mary thus shows that her role in the history of salvation did not end in the mystery of the Incarnation but was completed in loving and sorrowful participation in the death and Resurrection of her Son."



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, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthe D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Vera Dolan, Dolore Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Dalonzo SR., Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goren, 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, Rita Lange, 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, Harooz Morrall, 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, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, 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, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Caroyln Young Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:

**ELIZABETH A. PHILLIPS, HOWARD DAHER,
KATHLEEN M. GRANDELLI**

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 2, 2025

Saturday - February 1

5:00 + Edith Saraullo (15th Anniversary)

Sunday - February 2

8:00 + Michael, Michael Jr. and Sean Bryan

10:30 + Robert and Marie Maffei

Monday - February 3

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - February 4

8:00 + Giovanni and Carmina Borda

Wednesday - February 5

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli and Family

Thursday - February 6

8:00 + Sr. Alma Christi

Friday - February 7

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Saturday - February 8

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

5:00 + Vincent Procopio

Sunday - February 9

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

10:30 + Peter Pizzo



Church Sanctuary Lamp

For the Intention of
The Flame of Love Eucharistic
Adoration

Requested by
Michael and Maria Bryson

Adoration Chapel Candles



1) In Memory of
Robert and Marie Maffei
Requested by
Michele Cecala



2) For the Living and Deceased
Members of Stella Maris

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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. Simeon and Anna are expecting the Holy One. Do we expect the Holy One?

Opening the Word today reveals a divine surprise, the Holy One, in the Presentation of the Lord. Mary and Joseph present their newborn son to God “in accord with the dictates” of Mosaic Law: a firstborn child was to be consecrated to the Lord, and the mother was to be purified in the Temple following specified period of uncleanness. They publicly acknowledge the Lord’s claim on their son, though privately they may think that only they know the full extent of that claim. Not so! Two strangers, Simeon and Anna, encounter the family. They know what others do not. They have been prayerfully watching and waiting for the manifestation of the Holy One in their midst. Their expectation here fulfilled, the elderly worshippers come forward to make a quieter, but no less surprising claim. In the child they encounter in God’s house lies the source of redemption for the Jewish people. The words of Malachi in the first reading come to fruition: “And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord who you seek.”

Simeon and Anna also make a presentation. As God’s messengers, he endowed by the Holy Spirit, she a prophetess, they give the child back to Mary and Joseph with words that signal the divine destiny for which they are to raise him. Despite what they already know, the parents are still “amazed.”

Therefore, the baby that is presented to God in the Temple and presented back to the world through his parents is presented again to us. In Jesus we encounter the Holy one whose heavenly light shines even amid the world’s darkness. Hence, we who were presented to the Lord at baptism can find our own expectations fulfilled whenever we gather in God’s house to encounter the Holy One through the sacrifice of the Mass.

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

God bless,
Fr. Di Orio

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 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 kindly ask, when the church is open before or during Mass times, that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).

May God bless you for helping those in need!

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**.

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

Archbishop Perez has extended to all peoples of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, an invitation to join him in a conversation regarding the future of the Archdiocese. The invitation can be found at, www.trustandhope.org. or by scanning the code



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. Applications will be accepted starting on January 7, 2025 and ending on March 6, 2025.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 6, 2025!

**JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

The Jubilee of 2025 is a Holy year of grace and Pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. The Jubilee occurs every 25 years and is a time for Catholics to come together and grow in their faith. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”

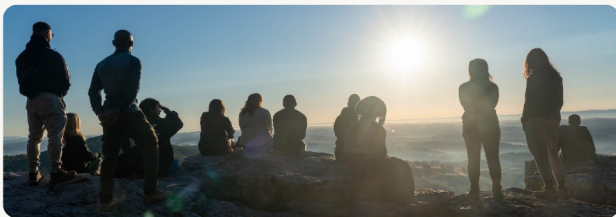
For your desired Pilgrimage, please visit

www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com OR coordinator@catholicpilgrimoffice.com

YAMDI RETREAT

“IT WAS NOT YOU WHO CHOSE ME, BUT I WHO CHOSE YOU.” (JN 15:16)

EXPERIENCE THE KERYGMA!



FEBRUARY 7 – 9, 2025 MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

Retreat leaders: Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Fr. Timothy Tarnacki OSPPE, Andrea Mueller, Marisally Santiago, **MORE to be announced!**



**WHY GOD CHOSE YOU?
WHAT IS YAMDI?**

MORE QUESTIONS? SCAN TO LEARN MORE



**ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY
3rd ANNUAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the third 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



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 unforgivable 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**

**2025 WORLDWIDE
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

MARRIED COUPLES — When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! “Live your best life in love” The next in-person experiences are **March 28-30** in the Daylesford Abbey, Paoli and **June 20-22** at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson.

**For more information visit:
<https://www.wme-philly.org>**

**SAVE THE DATE
MARDI GRAS IS COMING TO SOUTH PHILLY**

Bringing Bourbon Street to South Philly

Get ready for a night to remember as we bring the energy and magic of Bourbon Street right here to South Philly. Enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing, and celebration—all with supporting a great cause.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Be a part of the festivities and showcase your support for St. Monica School.

Ticket Price: \$60 per person

When: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Where: Woodland String Band's Anderson Hall

For questions regarding sponsorships and other ways to support this event please contact

Kate Britt Powell at 215-467-5338 or kpowell@smspa.org

**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 Thursday 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:

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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