

*Stella Maris Catholic Church
2901 S. 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148
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“I’M BACK TO THE
CHURCH THAT
FORMED ME,
ORDAINED ME,
WALKED WITH ME...

I COME BACK WITH
GREAT JOY, WITH
GREAT GRATITUDE
TO GOD, AND GREAT
ENTHUSIASM
TO SERVE YOU AS YOUR
NEW ARCHBISHOP”

Archbishop Perez



ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PEREZ
10TH ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 23, 2020

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life:	
Collection for weekend of February 15 and February 16	
Income: Plate = \$4,410.00 + AWC = \$ 102.50 =	\$4,512.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	= (\$29,913.19)
Total	= (\$25,400.69)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

“Love must not simply abide by earthly laws but must let itself be illumined by the truth which is God and must be expressed in that superior measure of justice and mercy.”

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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, Blaise Ambrosini, Gloria Angelozzi, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Maryann Baranek, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr./Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Robert Costello, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna Del Vecchio and the Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Frank Filippello, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDewitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Anna Philipp, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Mr./Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Baby Rocco Santangelo, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Matt Watson, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Rest in Peace **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.

Sunday—February 23

8:00 + Giuseppe Maniaci
10:30 + David Shaw

Monday—February 24

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday—February 25

8:00 + Remo Sammarone

Wednesday—February 26 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano
12:00 + Prayer Service
7:00 + Rose and John Zambrano



Thursday—February 27

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday—February 28

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



Saturday—February 29

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
11:00 + Anointing of the Sick
5:00 + Ron Everett

Sunday—March 1

8:00 + Theresa (Teri) Di Orio
10:30 + Rita Diogenia and Rebecca Battaglia

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Teresa Frangelli
Requested by
Ron and Rosemarie Caporale



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Sarah Croce
Requested by
Her daughter, Linda



ANOINTING MASS

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place **this Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 11:00AM.** We invite all parishioners who need this sacramental action of God's healing and love. If you know someone who is ill and wants to attend the Mass and receive Anointing of the Sick, please call Sister Veronica at 215-465-2336, extension 8.

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN OUR CHURCH

Our church is so important to us as a community of faith, and we need your help to keep it looking beautiful and clean for all to enjoy worshipping the Lord here at Stella Maris. We are asking for volunteers, both men and women, to help keep our newly renovated church in tip-top shape. If you would like to volunteer for this most important ministry, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM).

We truly appreciate all those who will give of their time and talents to help us keep our sacred space looking lovely for our Lord and His people!

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Wednesday, February 26th, begins the Season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the Masses and at 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 29, 2020, 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.

All three of our Scripture readings today lead us to ponder the same thing: holiness. In today's 2nd reading, St. Paul tells us that we -as Church and as individuals - are holy because the spirit of God lives in us. "The temple of God, which we are, is holy." The reading from Leviticus and Matthew's Gospel is not only to call us to holiness, but they tell us how to be holy.

When we think of holiness, we typically think in terms of being good, doing good things and avoiding sin. This is not exactly holiness, for any good person is good, does well and avoids evil. These do not make a person holy. Holiness means to be set apart, other. We become "set apart" when we seek God's wisdom in our lives rather than to be lured into the attractive wisdom of the world. We set ourselves apart when we hold to God's values when they clash with today's conventional wisdom. God is not telling us to be isolated from others. In fact, God tells us to be engaged by being fair, compassionate, non-violent and loving. Ultimately being holy means conforming our lives to God who is holy.

To be holy is to strive to be like God. In Leviticus, God says, "Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy." Then He tells us how to do that. "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart... Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

In our Gospel, Jesus, teaches us and shows us how to grow in holiness. He ends today's reading with: "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." His examples explain. Jesus calls for mercy over justice. Jesus tells us when someone strikes you on the cheek, turn the other one as well. In other words, we are not to retaliate or get even with someone when they do something to hurt us. He calls for mercy, not retaliation. Jesus tells us to love not only our neighbors but our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Loving means wanting good for them.

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 23, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was established by St. John Paul II in 1985 to provide a full range of Catholic pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces.

The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by offering pastoral care to Catholics serving in the U.S. military, enrolled in the nation's service academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. The Archdiocese and its priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. However, unlike a conventional diocese, the Archdiocese has no parishes or parish registries and no weekly collections. It relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Last year, Pope Francis told military ordinaries from around the world that "The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support those in need on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all". Your support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms, including many individuals and families who hail from our own Greater Philadelphia region.

The collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services will be conducted in your parish next weekend, 02/29/20-03/01/20. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support for this important collection.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
+Archbishop of Philadelphia

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 Talk and Soup Night

Our Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting two **Lenten Talk and Soup Nights**, which will take place on **Tuesday, 03/10/20**, and **Tuesday, 03/24/20**, 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 04/03/20.**





STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO LANCASTER

The Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the brand new show, "Queen Esther", on **Thursday, 03/19/20**. Cost is **\$135 per person** and includes: Theater matinee show, buffet meal at Millers Restaurant, free time at Kitchen Kettle Village, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except driver). **Full payment is now due.**

For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386. Make checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors; Mail payments to: Attention: Rose Giovanelli
Stella Maris Rectory
2901 South 10th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19148

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in need of dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that meals prepared 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. We are grateful to those who take home trays and return them with their leftovers/prepared meals, and/or those who bring pantry items on a regular basis.

May God reward your efforts for feeding those in need.

CELEBRATING MARY'S YES

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will join together to pray a Rosary for vocations and ask the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary on her Feast Day. Gather with fellow Catholics for this **Rosary Rally at 7:00PM on Wednesday, 03/25/20**, at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul** in Center City Philadelphia, for this simultaneous prayer and discussion of a new initiative to promote and support vocations! **Be a part of the culture of vocations in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Doors open at 6:30PM** and the evening begins at 7:00PM. To learn more and to find other locations throughout the Archdiocese, visit **HeedTheCall.org/Rosary Rally. Celebrate Mary's Yes!!!**



COME AND SEE WEEKENDS AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

Come and See Weekends are designed to let young men who are discerning the priesthood see what a typical Seminary weekend looks like. Between Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and fellowship with the seminarians, it is an unmatched opportunity for a young man to see if he has a vocations to the priesthood.

Come and see weekends come in two varieties: an overnight stay from Saturday into Sunday for high school men, and a Friday night to Sunday for post-high school men. The upcoming weekends are as follows:

High School Men: 03/14/20-03/15/20

Post High School Men: 02/28/20-03/01/20
04/24/20-04/26/20

If you know anyone who would benefit from a weekend of discernment, send them this information! Post-high school men and parents of high schoolers can register by emailing Sue Matour, Associate Director at smatour@archphila or by visiting the website at heedthecall.org/comeandsee.

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.
- 5) 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 this Friday, February 28, 2020 to determine eligibility and for the web address. **Applications will be accepted online only.**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2020!

School



OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL NEWS

There are two scholarship opportunities that have opened for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- 1) **Children's Scholarship of Philadelphia** is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are available through their website: **www.csphiladelphia.org. Deadline is March 1, 2020.**
- 1) **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, 2020.**

Tours of the School are available by calling **215-467-5385** to make an appointment or to learn more about school programs. For more information, you can also email Ms. Cody, the Principal, at: pcody@ourladofhopephilly.com.

Please note: Registrations for the 2020-2021 school year have begun. Please call **215-467-5385** for information.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE LENTEN VIDEO SERIES

Each year, the Miraculous Medal Shrine develops a 40-Day Lenten video series. Experience God's "Amazing Grace" this Lent. God's grace is more powerful than anything we can imagine. Sign-up today to hear men, women, and children share their personal stories about God's grace touching their lives. Connect daily on this Lenten journey of faith! The series begins on Ash Wednesday, 02/26/20 and continues until Easter Sunday, 04/04/2020.

Sign-up online at: www.VincentiansUSA.org/ParishLent.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

The Third Annual Young Adult Retreat is being held from Friday, 03/06/20 to Sunday, 03/08/20 at St. Raphaela Retreat Center in Haverford, PA. On this Retreat, you will connect with young adults reflecting on career or relationship paths, encounter the Holy Spirit's presence in your life, learn Ignatian tools for decision making, and grow in understanding of how to respond to God's invitation. Philadelphia Charis Ministries, the sponsor of this retreat in the Jesuit tradition, is for those in their 20s and 30s. To register, visit: straphaelcenter.org. If you have any questions, visit: ignatianyaretreats@straphaelcenter.org.





**STELLA MARIS SODALITY
DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held on **Saturday, March 7, 2020**, beginning at **8:30AM**. The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 8:30AM-8:45AM-Rosary
- 8:45AM-9:30AM-Breakfast;
- 9:30AM-10AM-Speaker, Father James Spenard, O.S.A.
- 10AM-10:45AM-Confessions and Quiet Prayer Time
- 11AM-12NOON-Mass
- 12NOON-Lunch

Cost for the day is \$20. For more information, please call Cathy at 215-465-7451.

Everyone is most welcome to attend!

**RETRouvaille FOR STRESSED
OR TROUBLED MARRIAGES**

Retrouvaille is a healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope-that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. The next program is being held from Friday to Sunday, **04/17-04/19, 2020**, at Malvern Retreat House in the Family Life Center, 315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern, PA 19355. For more information or to register for the retreat weekend, please call **215-766-3944** or **800-470-2230**. All inquiries are confidential. You can also visit the website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The cost of home heating has 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 **\$1,591**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,133** 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. **The filing deadline is Friday, 04/10/20. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are confidential.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Wednesday, 02/26/20-Ash Wednesday-8AM Mass, 12Noon Prayer Service, 7PM Mass, all in Church
- Friday, 02/28/20-Stations of the Cross-7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 02/29/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/29/20-Anointing Mass-11:00AM, Church/Vestibule
- Sunday, 03/01/20-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church
- Tuesday, 03/03/20-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Friday, 03/06/20-Stations of the Cross-7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 03/07/20-Sodality Day of Recollection-8:30AM, Church/Vestibule
- Saturday, 03/07/20-Knights of Columbus Chance Drive-before and after 5PM Mass, Vestibule
- Sunday, 03/07/20-Knights of Columbus Chance Drive-before and after 8AM and 10:30AM Masses, Vestibule
- Sunday, 03/08/20-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church
- Tuesday, 03/10/20-Lenten Talk and Soup Night-5:00PM, Convent
- Friday, 03/13/20-Stations of the Cross-7:00PM, Church

**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES, AND
OFFERRINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**

Although the Mass Book for 2020 is full, there are Adoration Chapel Candles and Offerings of Bread and Wine still available in 2020. Each of these are lit or offered for an entire week, seven days. Just like a Mass, you may offer these for a living or deceased person, or a special intention. The donations are: \$20 for each Adoration Chapel Candle, and \$25 for the offering of Bread and Wine. Please call or come to the Rectory during regular business hours to see which weeks are available, or you may complete one of the forms below, being sure to include your phone number in case we need to contact you, attach your donation to the form, and place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket when you attend Mass.

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. 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# _____

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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly. Thank you!

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