

*February 25, 2018
Second Sunday of Lent*



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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 25, 2018

Collection for weekend of February 10 & February 11	
Income: Plate	=\$5,492.00 + AWC=\$115.00 = \$5,607.00
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	= (\$6,626.89)
Total	= (\$1,019.86)
Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:	
<i>"God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord, give a glimpse of the glory that You have prepared for all who trust in You and remain faithful to You. Strengthen us to walk through any darkness that may threaten our ability to believe."</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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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 Cappetto, 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.

Sunday—February 25

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

Monday—February 26

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Tuesday —February 27

8:00 + Perfetti, DePrince, and Mitchell Families

Wednesday—February 28

8:00 + Anna Gajewski

Thursday—March 1

8:00 + Thomas, Michael, and Joseph Di Orio

Friday—March 2

8:00 + Victor Trimarco
7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday—March 3

8:00 + Henry Flieck
5:00 + Lou Pintarelli, Sr.

Sunday—March 4

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
9:30 + Fred and Fannie Schiavoni
11:00 + Margaret and Michael DeSanto

Church Sanctuary Lamp

For the Intentions of
Carmella Bellettiere

Requested by
Her Daughter, Roseann Bellettiere



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
Nancy McMonagle and Family
Requested by
Ron McMonagle

2) For the Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Stella Maris



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Donald Varley, Sr.

Requested by
Stella Maris Sodality



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 3rd and Reed Streets, at 6PM, on the first Friday of each month. Schedule is as follows:

6:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration
6:30PM-Mass ending with
Adoration and Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday Devotion will be held every month in the chapel from 8:00AM to 9:15AM at Sacred Heart Church, 3rd and Reed Streets. Use parking lot entrance. **All are welcome!**



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

MICHAEL MORRELL
LINDA TUSTIN RODDEN

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Last Sunday's Gospel focused on the human nature of Jesus Christ - His susceptibility to hunger, fatigue and Satan's temptations. This week's Gospel finds us focused instead on His divine nature which Jesus reveals on the mountaintop.

His clothes became "dazzling white," and Elijah ("the prophets") and Moses ("the Law") appear and converse with Him. We know Jesus is loved by God the Father. This again is affirmed in the Transfiguration, "This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him." Then abruptly, it is over. Jesus tells Peter, James and John not to reveal what they have seen to anyone. The disciples were confused and didn't understand what had just happened, so I am sure they were relieved and glad not to share this with anyone. However, they would not forget what happened. The Church wants us not to forget it, either. Yes, on our life journey, we identify with the human Christ of the First Sunday of Lent - we know hunger, thirst, fatigue and temptation, "in the desert." But today's Gospel gives us hope that occasionally, like the divinized Christ, we too, might allow the light of God's life and love to shine through our human frailty.

The words of Ash Wednesday that we heard, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", challenge us to do just that. Therefore, Lent is a time to transform our lives by moving closer to our Lord through listening and giving witness to Jesus Christ. When Jesus reveals Himself, we see God. The whole point of the Lenten journey is to go into the desert and see ourselves as we are, and so doing, come to see God. During this Lenten season, may we continue to ponder our need to draw closer to our Lord by accepting Jesus' invitation to transform our lives by entering in the mystery of our Lord's transfiguration!

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.

Thank you and God bless.



THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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 this **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.



Sodality

STELLA MARIS SODALITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held this **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.



Rosary

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Please join us on Saturday, March 17, 2018 (St. Patrick's Day) at 12Noon, for our Annual Rosary Rally for peace in our families in honor of St. Joseph's Day. We will meet at 10th and Bigler Streets to begin praying the Rosary at 12Noon sharp. Hope you can participate as we pray for families around the world.

Everyone is welcome!





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.

STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO NEW YORK



Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to New York to see the Broadway Musical, "A Bronx Tale" on October 3, 2018. Due to the popularity of this show, we are currently sold out, however, we are accepting names for a waiting list. The cost is \$235 per person, which includes the show, dinner at Carmine's, and round-trip motor coach. **A non-refundable deposit of \$115.00 is due upon reservation.** The remaining balance of \$120.00 is to be paid no later than 06/18/18. For information or 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.



CULTURAL HERITAGE MASS

The Annual Cultural Heritage Mass will be held on Saturday, 03/17/18 at 2:30PM in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City, Philadelphia. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist is Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap. Native American, Asian, African, European, Caribbean, and Brazilian Catholics-all are welcome to this celebration.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- 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 (please see 03/14)
- Tuesday, 03/13/18-Star of the Sea Seniors-Off-Site, Lancaster
- Tuesday, 03/13/18-Soup Night and Lenten Talk-5:00PM, Convent
- Wednesday, 03/14/18-CCD Penance Service-7:00PM, Church (Replaces 03/11/18 Class)
- Sunday, 03/18/18-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School

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

On Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Neumann University's Mirenda 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: manuphilly.com.

HEALING MASS FOR ADDICTIONS



On the first Friday of every month there will be a Healing Mass for all those who have alcohol and drug addictions at 8:00PM at St. Gabriel Church, 29th and Dickinson Sts. The service will include Prayers, Adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass. Come and join us as we ask God to help defeat this epidemic in our nation.

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is having a Post-Abortion Healing Retreat from March 9th through March 11th, 2018 in Malvern-Frazier, PA. This retreat is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul. For information, please call Lauren at 215-720-5828 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed. **National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org**.

MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities. The Deaf Community, Family Friends and caregivers, this event will take place on Saturday, 03/24/18 at 10:30AM, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th St. and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist is Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap. To RSVP or to learn more, please call **215-587-3530**, visit opdarchphilly.org or email sr.kschipani@archphilly.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

Join the Catholic Charities Appeal for a night with the 76ers versus the Charlotte Hornets on Monday, March 19th at 7PM. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal program which provide support to the homeless, special needs students, food cupboards, after-school programs and so much more!. If we reach 250 tickets sold, CCA beneficiaries will receive on-court recognition, high-five tunnels and much more! For more information, please contact gdecolli@catholicfoundationphila.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. 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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