

*March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent*



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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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.

Due to the weather our Church Bulletin had to go to print before last's weekend collection took place. The collection figures will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Living Stewardship: "During Lent let us improve our prayer and recollection. Let us free our minds from all that is not Jesus."

— Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, 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, Emilio Colella, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalesio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Daniel DiCarlo, Louis DiBruno, Matthew 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, George McGehrin, 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, Heather Russino, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schelinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Erica Siderio, 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:

CAROL PINTO VITTORIO GALLELLI

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 March 1, 2026

Saturday - February 28

5:00 + Robert and Marie Maffei

Sunday - March 1

8:00 + Mary DeVicaris

10:30 + Donna Marie Salvatore

Monday - March 2

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - March 3

8:00 + John Hannon

Wednesday - March 4

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Thursday - March 5

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Friday - March 6

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

6:30 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday - March 7

8:00 + Wanda Johnson

5:00 + Carmen Potito

Sunday - March 8

8:00 + Margaret and Michael DeSanto

10:30 + Joseph Fragala Jr.

Church Sanctuary Lamp



In Memory of
Anna Gajewski

Requested by
Her husband

Altar Bread and Wine



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

In Memory of

Mary Spitalieri Focoso

Donor

Paul Giannette



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.”

This traditional prayer should be our prayer for the young parishioners of Stella Maris and Epiphany of our Lord Parishes. They will be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 7th at Epiphany of our Lord Parish. Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, will confer the Sacrament on our young parishioners. Let us keep these young men and women in our prayers.

We congratulate these candidates, for the Sacrament of Confirmation, along with their families and sponsors:

Ashley Dyana **Guadalupe** Alvarez
Ashley **Guadalupe** Analco-Gonzalez
Tadeo **Juan** Cano
Gianna **Marie** Collins
Ashley **Jude** Escobar
Liam J. **Francis** Esposito
Nerely Yaretz **Teresa** Eusebio-Hernandez
Hugo Said **Athanasius** Guzman-Zapata
Yatziri Naomi **Cecilia** Guzman-Zapata
Allison **Margaret** Hernandez-Diaz
Guadalupe **Teresa** Hernandez-Diaz
Mary **Veronica** Holloway
Jackson **Paul** Huebner

Derrick **Patrick** Jackson
Joseph **Raymond** Lorenzo, Jr.
Angel **Gabriel** Manzanarez
Gabriela **Joan** Manzanarez Godoy
Alexis **Paul** Martinez-Medina
Evelyn **Guadalupe** Martinez
Brooklyn **Rita** Nagy
Christopher **Paul** Palange
William **Patrick** Pawley
Isla **Teresa** Perekupka
Celso **Michael** Perez, III
Sheena **Mary** Perez
Cristiano **Patrick** Vernacchio

Today's Gospel of the Transfiguration gives us all a glimpse of the reason for our hope. We whose sins are washed clean through baptism are given the promise of eternal glory with our Lord. Let the Scriptures we heard today open our hearts to this saving message.

Lent gives us the opportunity to ponder baptism. Baptism is the first step toward entering into the experience of the death and resurrection of Christ-the loving obedience of Christ. Christ was obedient to the Father even to the point of death, death on a cross. God seeks our obedience. We obey God because we are loved by Him and because to do so is to return God's love.

Lent calls us to look at the perfect act of trust: Jesus' death and resurrection. Therefore, the Transfiguration also reveals a promise from the God who has asked us for our trust and obedience. We catch a glimpse of the glory of Jesus, a possibility offered to all of us. It reminds us that we can share in the experience by pointing us to our baptism. We must not be afraid of obeying God. Often it is not easy, but God's promises are worth any sacrifice.

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

Happy Lent,
Fr. Di Orio

STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday 5/2/26**, from **9:00AM to 12 Noon**, to benefit **St. Vincent DePaul**. Look for the **Thrifty Irishman Truck** in the church parking lot where an attendant will be able to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing/ shoes in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as linens, kitchenware, small appliances in good working condition, sporting goods, games, toys, bikes, tools and jewelry are also accepted.

We cannot accept furniture, large appliances, TV's, computers or computer monitors.

PARISH OUTREACH FOR EASTER

We would like to assist some families who are in need of food this Easter. Through your generosity, we are asking for donations of hams, canned yams, canned vegetables, boxed instant potatoes, canned pineapple, and sweet treats (jelly beans, candy, cookies, etc.) Please deliver food when the church is open before or during Mass times. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please take all food donations to the outreach room in the Church vestibule.

Deadline for this outreach is Sunday, 03/22/26

**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 **215-4652336**, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 4PM, **up to and including Friday, 03/04/26.**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS
5:00PM EST ON MARCH 4, 2026**



Application and Financial Aid information

Application QR Code



Parent Portal Sign Up



Financial Aid QR Code



Interest Form:

Child's Name: _____ Grade Entering: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
 Parents Name: _____
 Comments: _____

Sr. Veronica's New Address

Sr. Veronica Maier
 St. Joseph Villa
 110 West Wissahickon Ave.
 Flourtown, PA 19031



Stella Maris Events

2026

Saturday, February 28th—Bingo Night

Join us for a fun night of Cash Bingo! More information to follow.

Saturday, April 25th—P & S - Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our Annual Night of Delicious P & S Spaghetti and Meatballs, Esposito's Porchetta, Great Music and Fabulous Prizes!

Spring 2026—\$50 Grand Raffle

\$50 Raffle tickets will be sold beginning in May 2026 for a drawing of 6 prizes which will be held after each Mass the weekend of Nov.22/23.
 More information to follow.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to re-marry in the Catholic Church. When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Whether a Catholic marriage or a marriage between two non-Catholics was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding, or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances. For information, please visit our website:

archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the cross are being held every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm in Church.

**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.



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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