

*March 10, 2024*  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*



*Stella Maris Catholic Church*  
*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*  
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*Philadelphia, PA 19148*  
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**God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life**  
**Collection for weekend of March 02 & March 03**

**Income: Plate = \$6,861.00 + AWC = \$68.00 = \$6,929.00**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$16,396.44)**  
**Total = (\$9,467.44)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please go to [stellamarisphila.com](http://stellamarisphila.com) and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll. Thank you.

**Living Stewardship:** "We don't always "come toward the light". Sometimes we prefer the darkness. We might fear being condemned if our deeds are brought to light or we may simply be unable to find our way in the dark. We need the light of Christ to help us believe once more in God's merciful love.

-Renewed by God's Word

**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, Al Caruso, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Deborah Dolce, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goren, Keith Green, 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, 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, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, 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, Terry Troiano, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the homebound and their families.



**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.

**Mass Intentions for**  
**the Week of March 10, 2024**

**Saturday - March 09**

5:00 + The Deceased members of Carlucci and Saraullo families

**Sunday - March 10**

8:00 + Cosimo Salomone and Nicholas Bozzi

10:30 + Flavio Palestini

**Monday - March 11**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - March 12**

8:00 + Mary D'Ambrosio

**Wednesday- March 13**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Thursday - March 14**

8:00 + Chickie Rocca

**Friday - March 15**

8:00 + Msgr. Edward J. McLaughlin

7:00 + Stations of the Cross

**Saturday - March 16**

8:00 + Filippello Family

5:00 + Vincent and Jennie Moffo

**Sunday - March 17**

8:00 + Marie De Marzio

10:30 + Querino Busillo and John Harry Sr. and Jr.



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

For the Intentions of  
Anthony and Maria Giunta

**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Flavio Palestini

Requested by  
The Palestini Family



**Adoration Chapel Candles**

1) For the Intentions of  
Vy Trinh  
Requested by  
Sister Lawrence Elizabeth

2) In Memory of  
Josephine Caroline Rubbo  
Requested by  
Her Loving Family



**Stations of the Cross**

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





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Congratulations to Bishop Keith J. Chylinski, Bishop Christopher R. Cooke, and Bishop Efen V. Esmillia, who on Thursday, March 07, 2024, were ordained to Episcopacy, by Archbishop Perez, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. These Bishops will assist Archbishop Perez as his auxiliary bishops. We extend to Bishop Chylinski, Bishop Cooke, and Bishop Esmillia our good wishes and prayers.

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, which means rejoice, our readings tell us why we should rejoice. God loves us. Jesus died for us. Our sins are forgiven. Our lives have changed. We are already raised up and seated in the heavens. We are God's work of art. Our joy comes from our reflection on our history, our deliverance from exile by God's overwhelming mercy and love, lavished on us is the gift of his Son; "For God, so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Our response today is simply to rejoice. God has given us the gift of eternal life through grace and faith and the sacrament of baptism. God has become part of the history of our lives. We can put aside sin and condemnation and walk freely and joyfully in the light of Christ.

In today's reading we are challenged to reflect on God's immeasurable love for humanity and its implications for us. The concept of "love of God" could mean either God's love for us or our love for God. But, in this period of Lent, we consider God's love for us first because it will inspire our love for God - which will translate into our love for our neighbors.

Today's Gospel from St. John shows us the apex of God's love. It recalls some significant events propelled by God's love. It was because of God's love for us that He gave us His only Son so that those who believe in Him may not perish but gain eternal life. The Son of God, incarnated in love, came not to condemn the world but to save the world. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but unfortunately, we sometimes prefer the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is indeed the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in Him will have eternal life. We are not condemned. Instead, we have been saved because we have been forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Therefore, we should appreciate the infinite love of God revealed in Jesus' suffering and death.

God, who is rich in mercy, through his only begotten Son, has delivered us from darkness and given us eternal life. Therefore, we rejoice.

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

Happy Lent!  
Fr. Di Orio



**STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY  
CALENDAR WINNING NUMBERS WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 26th THROUGH MARCH 3rd**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>#053-\$45</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>#725-\$45</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>#197-\$45</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>#519-\$50</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>#957-\$45</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>#996-\$45</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>#298-\$55</b>

**Winning numbers will be posted weekly!**

**Calendars are still available at the Rectory during regular business hours, (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM)**



**SAVE THE DATE!  
Sunday, May 19, 2024**

We will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Father Di Orio's Ordination to the Priesthood at the 10:30 Mass on May 19th.

Immediately following mass we will gather for a luncheon in our Hall.

Everyone is welcome to help Father celebrate this Joyous Milestone.

We hope that you will join us!  
More information will follow.



**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.

### **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.). All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please take all food donations to the outreach room in the Church vestibule.

**Deadline for this outreach is Sunday, 03/17/24.**

### **STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE**

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday 5/25/24, 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.**

### **LENTEN SOUP NIGH**

Our Sisters of St. Joseph will be hosting their 2nd **Lenten Soup Night, on Tuesday 03/12/24** beginning at **5:30 pm** in the Convent Chapel. The 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 freewill 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.

### **NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**

Nazareth Academy High School will be hosting its 6th & 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 7:45 AM to 12 PM. The Practice Test serves as a beneficial opportunity for students to practice the skills needed to prepare for the 8th Grade Entrance Exam. To register your daughter for our Practice Test or any other upcoming events, please visit

**[NazarethAcademyhs.org/admissions/visit-us](https://NazarethAcademyhs.org/admissions/visit-us)**.

For any questions, please contact Ashley Figaniak in the Admissions Office at **215-268-1026**.

### **CatholicPhilly.com**

CatholicPhilly.com is the online successor to the Catholic Standard and Times. Read local and world Catholic news every day. Sign up for their free, weekly email newsletter!

### **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

God calls us to a loving relationship with Him. During Lent, we focus in an intentional way on turning away from sin and toward God to grow in this love. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to do this. **Operation Rice Bowl**, a faith-in-action program, invites us to practice these pillars while reflecting on the needs of our sisters and brothers and how we can respond in love to support them. Three-quarters of all contributions to Operation Rice Bowl provide assistance to impoverished communities overseas. The remaining 25% support Nutritional Development Services and help combat hunger and poverty locally throughout Greater Philadelphia.

**The second collection next weekend, March 16 and March 17, 2024 will be for Operation Rice Bowl.**

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

### **ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY EASTER FOOD**

The annual St. Mary Polish American Society Easter Food Sale has returned! Food items include babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb or raspberry cheese) for **\$16 each**; pierogi (potato, potato cheese or sauerkraut) for **\$10 per dozen**; kielbasa for **\$9 per pound**. The **deadline** to place food orders will be **Wednesday, March 13th**. Order pick-up will be on Friday, **March 22nd** and **Saturday, March 23rd** from **1PM to 4 PM** at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken. To place an order, call Dorothy Swedkowski at **610-630-0861** or by email at **[foodsale@stmarypolish.org](mailto:foodsale@stmarypolish.org)**

### **SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD ADOPT A PHILADELPHIA PRIEST TODAY!**

With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our model, we seek to provide each priest with a Spiritual Mother, who will commit to anonymously adopt him and pray for him and his vocation as long as she lives. In the spirit of holy detachment, the spiritual mother knows who her priest son is; however, he will not know her identity until her death. The spiritual mother will have a hidden, spiritual connection with her priestly son, as Mary had with Jesus. The Philadelphia Commitment Form can be found at:

**<https://stmariagoretti.net/spiritual-motherhood/>**.

Complete the form and submit it for Spiritual Adoption.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Doyle at **[rdoylerd@comcast.net](mailto:rdoylerd@comcast.net)** or **215-368-5875** Maria Richardson at **[marichar@comcast.net](mailto:marichar@comcast.net)** or **215-721-6559**

### **EVENING OF MERCY**

All Catholics are invited to the Cathedral for an evening with the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Allow Jesus to unburden your heart this Lent through a thorough confession of your sins. Multiple priests will be available for confession, including our Missionaries of Mercy.

**March 13, 2024 7:00-9:00 PM**  
**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**  
**18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway**  
**Philadelphia 19103**

**For questions visit [archphila.org/mercy](https://archphila.org/mercy)**.

**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](http://archphila.org/hope) for details and postings.

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**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](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

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**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](http://www.payingforseniorcare.com). This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

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**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](http://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.

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**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 Thursdays 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](mailto: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:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**PHONE #**

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**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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