

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 12, 2017

*From the cloud came
a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am
well pleased;
listen to him.”*

Matthew 17:5

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March 12, 2017
First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions For
The Week of March 12, 2017

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

Collections for the Weekend of March 4 & March 5, 2017

Income: Plate = \$6,727.50 + AWC = \$106.25 = \$6,833.75

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$16,198.63)

Total = (\$9,364.88)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

"This attitude of faith leads men and women to recognize the power of God who works in history and thus to open themselves to feeling awe for the name of the Lord. In biblical language, in fact, this "fear" is not fright, it does not denote fear, for fear of God is something quite different. It is recognition of the mystery of divine transcendence."

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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: 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 Cappelto, William Carbo, 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, Elvira DeSumma, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlari, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Eleanor Grecco, Keith Green, Maribel Guerrero, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Lucy Intelisano, Ann & Anthony Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, John Knight, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Frederick Walter Lampe III, Petronella MacCarter, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Carmela Martini, Joe & 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, Patrick Oldfield, Lenny Olivieri, Marie Ordine, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Lauren Poppa, Madeline Porsia, Angela Raffa, M/M Robert Reed, John Renzulli, Sr., Jason Rindone, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Philomena Salvatore, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Carmen Sipia, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Caila Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Robin Twaddell, Christine Upchurch, Christopher Vacante, Mike Vicario, Michael Valardi, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Sunday—March 12

8:00 + Mary D'Ambrosio
9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
11:00 + Deceased Members of the Primerano Family

Monday—March 13

8:00 + Irene Viray

Tuesday—March 14

8:00 + Anna Vadino

Wednesday—March 15

8:00 + Msgr. Edward J. McLaughlin

Thursday—March 16

8:00 + Robert DiCaprio

Friday—March 17

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli
7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday—March 18

8:00 + Julia Bruno
5:00 + Domenica Rotolo

Sunday—March 19

8:00 +Anthony Sr. and Marie DeMarzio
9:30 + DeSanto, Vigna and Yourkevich Families (L & D)
11:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Russell Regalbuto
At the Request of
Bea Regalbuto and Children



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Carmela and Vincent Pesce

Requested by
Beatrice Regalbuto and Children



3rd ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY
In honor of Saint Joseph's Day

Please join us on Saturday, March 18th at 12Noon, for our 3rd Annual Rosary Rally for 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.



SURVEY ON POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING AN
ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS PUBLICATION

The Archdiocese is considering resuming a print publication containing local Church news that would come out every other week. The subscription rate would be \$40 to \$50 annually. If you think you would subscribe to a regular archdiocesan publication, please call or email the rectory to say that you are interested in a print publication. Your input is greatly appreciated!



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners,
Relatives and Friends:

FRANK IZZI MICHAEL PASQUARELLO
MARYANNE PETRONIS JOHN RENZULLI

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.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, in accord with the *Code of Canon Law* (canon 87), grants a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick on Friday, March 17, 2017. In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, those Roman Catholics may fittingly observe March 17, 2017 with another choice of penance rather than abstaining from meat.

In today's reading we see a transformation of Abram to Abraham, and Jesus' transfiguration is a glorious vision. Lent invites us to be transformed by a journey of faith.

Many of us hate the thought of change. Change is difficult, because it shakes us from our complacency and forces us to examine our lives, patterns and habits. Our readings on this Second Sunday of Lent invites us to consider our lives and asks us whether or not we are willing to alter our beliefs in order to better serve God's will.

Our journey through Lent is not easy, but St. Paul encourages us to "bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel." God calls Abram to "go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Anyone who immigrates to foreign lands knows the uncertainty and risks that are involved in such a move. Jesus had warned the disciples that he was going to suffer and die, and that they were called to follow him.

However, we don't "go it alone." St. Paul speaks of "the strength that comes from God... and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus." God promised Abram protection, a new home, and many blessings for himself and many descendants. Jesus showed Peter, James, and John the glory that awaited him at the end of his journey. Therefore, we are encouraged to look forward to Easter as the goal to which Lent is leading us.

We can complete our journey successfully if we have faith. Abram is our model of faith. "Abram went as the Lord directed him." He left the security of his homeland and set out, trusting that the Lord would bring him to a new home. St. Paul, too, went on many journeys and suffered many hardships. His zeal for bringing Jesus to others kept him going. Jesus had to walk the Way of the Cross and die on Calvary. Thus, he "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." We are asked to do penance during Lent, to "take up our cross daily," trusting that God's grace will get us to the end of our journey.

Transformation awaits us at end of the road. Abram got a new name along the way, Abraham. He grew in faith as he faced one challenge after another. God was faithful to his promises. Paul too got a new name along the way. Saul became Paul. From a persecutor of Christians, he became a great hero of the Church. Jesus rose from the dead, which is the greatest transformation for all. We get a preview of Easter today and of the glory that awaits us in heaven.

The journey of Lent can transform/change us if we let it, just as Abram was transformed by his journey to the Promised Land, and as Jesus was transformed by his journey to the Father.

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

Happy Lent!
Fr. Di Orio



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

March 11, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces.

The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by providing the pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., 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 endorsed 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." (Pope Francis, Address to participants in the 8th Humanitarian Course, 26.X.15) 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 parishioners and families from our own diocese.

The **Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services** will be conducted in your parish on the **weekend of March 18th and 19th, 2017**, as determined by your Pastor. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

STELLA MARIS SODALITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held on **Saturday, April 1, 2017**. The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30AM-8:45AM-Rosary
8:45AM-9:15AM-Breakfast
9:15AM-10AM-Conference-Father James Kelly
10AM-10:45AM-Confessions and Quiet Prayer
11AM-12NOON-Mass
12NOON-Lunch

Cost for the day is \$15. For more information, please call Helen at 215-468-6618 or Cathy at 215-465-7451.

Everyone is most welcome to attend!



HELLO DOLLY STARRING BETTE MIDLER



The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to New York to see the Broadway Musical "Hello Dolly" with Bette Midler on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017. **Due to the popularity of this show, we are currently sold out; however we are accepting names for a waiting list.** The cost is **\$300/\$340 per person**, which includes the show, dinner at Carmine's, and round trip motor coach. **A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is now due.** The remaining balance of \$150/\$190 is to be paid in two payments as follows: First payment of \$75/\$95 is due on or before May 10, 2017 and the final payment of \$75/\$95 is due on or before August 1, 2017.

For more information or reservations, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.

BLESSING OF THE WATERS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City for the Blessing of the Waters on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017.** The cost of **\$70 per person is non-refundable** and is **due by March 27th.** Cost includes Mass at Saint Damien's, sit-down lunch at the Tuckahoe Inn, and a visit to the Resorts Casino (with a \$25 Bonus). Please make checks payable to: **Star of the Sea Seniors, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148.** For reservations or information, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.



NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO ATTEND COLLEGE? APPLY FOR A STELLA MARIS SCHOLARSHIP!

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be parishioners of the Parish Church of Stella Maris, Philadelphia, PA
- 2) Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate traits of high personal character, leadership, and financial need
- 4) Applicants must be an active, participating member of the parish

The number of recipients and scholarship amount will be based upon the market value of the scholarship fund assets each year as determined by Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Trustee. Scholarships may be renewable for up to three years or until a bachelors degree is obtained, whichever is earlier, providing scholarship requirements are met.

Eligible applicants may request an application from the parish office by calling 215-465-2336, Monday thru Friday, from 9am - 4pm.

DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS IS MARCH 15, 2017!

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR



Saturday, 03/18/17-Confirmation Practice-11:00AM,
Church/Hall
Sunday, 03/19/17-CCD-9:15AM-Church/School
Tuesday, 03/21/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Thursday, 03/23/17-CONFIRMATION-4PM, Church
Sunday, 03/26/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
Monday, 03/27/17-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM,
Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
Saturday, 04/01/17-Sodality/Day of Recollection-8:30AM,
Church/ Vestibule
Saturday, 04/01/17-1st Communion Party-1:00PM, Hall

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 another **Lenten Talk and Soup Night**, which will take place on **Tuesday, March 21st**, 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 Thursday, April 6th.**



BestLentEver.com

Join Dynamic Catholic for a free email Lenten program, which includes short inspirational videos, practical tips, and a study guide.

Visit: BestLentEver.com for your best Lent ever!

DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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PRAYER SERVICE FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Please join us to support and encourage our brothers and sisters who are immigrants with both your prayer and presence at the **Prayer Service for Immigrants and Refugees next Sunday, March 19th at 4:00PM**, at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**, 18th and Benjamin Franklin parkway in Center City. Everyone is welcome.

ARCHDIOCESAN CULTURAL HERITAGE MASS

Celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ and the many cultures that make up His Church! This Mass is being held on **Saturday, 03/25/17, at 1:30PM** at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, with Archbishop Charles Chaput as the main celebrant. **RSVP by 03/24/17** to www.opdarchphilly.org, or call 215-587-3530; visit migrantsandrefugeespshilly.org.

MARCH MADNESS 2017

High School men are invited to gather on **03/24/27** for March Madness 2017, an Annual Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood. This free event includes great basketball and a pizza dinner. The winning team plays against the seminarians! A special invitation is extended to past participants of Quo Vadis as well as CYO teams, but all young men are welcome to attend! For information or to register Call the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 or visit heedthecall.org/event/basketball.



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:



**ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
TO FATIMA AND LOURDES**



As part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Fr. Dennis Gill will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes on June 5 through June 12, 2017. This pilgrimage promises to be a deeply spiritual event in communion with the Mother of the Lord, with prayers for peace and healing for all of us, especially for the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Cost per person is \$3,395 (double occupancy); add \$395 more for a single. For more information on our 100th Anniversary of Fatima celebration, visit: <http://archphila.org/fatima/>



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.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

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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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