

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent



I KNOW THAT
the Messiah
IS COMING,
THE ONE CALLED
the Christ.

JOHN 4:25

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

Collection for weekend of March 4 & March 5

Income: Plate = \$6,196.00 + AWC = \$72.50	=	\$6,268.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	=	(\$13,356.92)
Total	=	(\$7,088.42)

 Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

Living Stewardship:

“The proclamation of the Kingdom of God goes hand in hand with the need for conversion and love that encourages, that knows the way, that teaches an understanding that with God’s grace even what seems impossible is possible.”

-Pope Benedict XVI

 **Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**

Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, 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, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mina Collazo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Anna DelVecchio & Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D’Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Deborah Dolce, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, 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, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, 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, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.

 **We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:** **CARMELA AQUILINO**

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 12, 2023

Sunday - March 12

8:00 + Anthony (Tony) Tangi
10:30 + Deceased members of the Pandelakes Family

Monday - March 13

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - March 14

8:00 + Mary D’Ambrosio

Wednesday - March 15

8:00 + Msgr. Edward J. McLaughlin

Thursday - March 16

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Friday - March 17

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Filippello Family
7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday - March 18

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
5:00 + Egidio Migliaccio

Sunday - March 19

8:00 + Irene Viray
10:30 + Mary Fanelli



Church Sanctuary Lamp

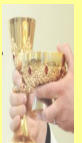
In Memory of
Deceased Members of the Bonafino Family

Requested by
Grace Bonafino

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Theresa Carrado

Requested by
Lorinda Fina



STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday, 05/06/23**, from **9:00AM to 12Noon**, to benefit the **Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation**. Look for the **Green Drop 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.**

DISPENSATION GRANTED FOR ST. PATRICK’S DAY

The memorial of St. Patrick (March 17) falls on a Friday during the Lenten Season this year. In accordance with the Code of Canon Law (canon 87), Archbishop Nelson J. Perez has granted a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on St. Patrick’s Day. However, as on all Fridays of the year, if a Catholic makes the choice not to abstain from meat, then some other penance of choice is to be observed in honor of the passion and death of Our Lord on the cross.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is important to know for what we thirst in our lives. Only then can our thirst be quenched. Today's Gospel from St. John overflows with amusing double-meaning wordplay between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Initially, she just doesn't "get it." By the end of their exchange, however, she has a deeper understanding of *living water*, true worship, the identity of the Messiah, and her own vocation.

The story begins at a well in Samaria, where the Jewish Jesus meets a Samaritan woman. They should not be conversing together, but Jesus starts the conversation. Their conversation is filled with irony and appears to be about water, but it is actually about much more. A misunderstanding quickly develops as the woman speaks on one level while Jesus is speaking on another. Jesus takes the Samaritan woman through a carefully designed process of coming to realize that He is the true "living water." This story is truly about conversion. Jesus takes this pagan woman and moves her to faith. While she is speaking about water that we drink, Jesus is speaking about the water of the spirit, the Holy Spirit, whom He will lavishly give to people who believe. Jesus claims to have access to, indeed, to be, living water. The woman cannot imagine what that would be. Jesus is thirsting for her to come to Him. Jesus shocks her by demonstrating knowledge of her past husbands and present partner. She says, "I can see that you are a prophet." Jesus then enlightens her regarding "authentic worship." Jesus urges her to think about a form of worship free from geographical location. Her understanding of worship needs to move to a different level, one that embraces the idea of worship "in spirit and in truth." By the end of their conversation, the woman has moved beyond the double meanings and now begins to understand Jesus' true identity as well as her own. She sees Him as a Jew, a prophet, and perhaps the coming Messiah. Having come to this knowledge, she leaves her water jar at the well and goes to her village to proclaim the "Good News". By recognizing who Jesus is, the woman has clearly found a new identity for herself. She becomes, in fact, a proclaimer of the Messiah, an evangelist.

Jesus' encounter with the woman led to a deeper understanding of His identity and, ultimately, of her vocation as a bearer of His Good News.

Like the Samaritan woman, do we "get it"? Do we really know Christ? How do we see Him? In baptism we received the living water. The living water that Jesus gives is far more than the physical element that quenches our thirst; it is Good News that cannot be contained but must be spread. What do we thirst for in our lives?

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 12, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our Archdiocese will take up the Annual Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Funds generated from this initiative support diocesan pastoral catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. This collection also helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they would not be able to afford otherwise. Without your help, they would not be able to meet the pastoral and temporal needs of those who count on them.

At the far eastern end of the island of Cuba, the priests in the diocese of Guantanamo-Baracoa traverse bad roads over rough terrain to bring the Sacraments and the Word of God to the faithful living in that remote region. The mountainous territory that makes up 75% of the diocese's total land area makes travel not only difficult but also more expensive for priests due to higher fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, and repair costs when compared to other regions.

Catholics like you who generously contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America help Guantanamo-Baracoa's priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Cuba, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection this weekend, March 11 and 12, 2023. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with the families of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely your in Christ,

Most reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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 room across from the trophy case in the Church vestibule.

Deadline for this outreach is Sunday, 03/26/23.



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

Please join us on **Saturday, March 18, 2023** at **12Noon**, for our Annual Rosary Rally in honor of St. Joseph as we pray the Rosary for peace in our families and in our world. Please gather at 10th and Bigler Streets by the gate in front of the alcove with the image of our Blessed Mother.

Everyone is welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the USA, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit: phillyeucharisticrevival.org.

“Prayer for the Revival”

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Vocation Office invites you to the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA, to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, on **Thursdays between the hours of 9AM to 5PM**, praying that more young people generously respond to the Lord’s invitation to serve Him as priests and religious. To sign up to spend time with our Lord, visit: Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email:

Phillyadoration@gmail.com

SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

As we pray for vocations to the priesthood, a good way to get to know our seminarians studying for ordination in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is by listening to their vocation stories by visiting: Heedthecall.org/poster.

VOCATION PRAYER PARTNERS

Each day, numerous men and women in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pray a rosary for the specific intention of an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Prayer is the foundation of all that we do, and these faith-filled and supportive individuals are spiritual prayer-warriors, praying specifically for the men to whom God is calling to follow Him as His priests, and that they listen and heed His voice. On the **first Saturday of each month**, this group gathers online to pray as a community and in support of each other. If you wish to join this dynamic and growing community of Prayer Partners, please contact:

Sue Matour at 610-667-5778 or smatour@archphila.org.

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN MASS HONORING THE GIFTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, THE DEAF COMMUNITY, FAMILY, FRIENDS & CAREGIVERS

All are welcome to attend this Annual Mass which is being held on **Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 3:00PM (please arrive by 2:30PM)**, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, located at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Archbishop Nelson Perez will be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. The liturgical choir will be the Philadelphia Catholic Mass Gospel Choir. There is a reception immediately following the Mass.

Please **RSVP by calling 215-587-3530** or by email at opd@archphila.org with the number of attendees and accommodations needed. Accessible parking is available. **Address to use for Paratransit is 222 North 17th Street/Phila, PA 19103.**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married couples, resolve to “Live your best life in love”! Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend?

The next encounter weekend is scheduled for April 21-23, 2023 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. For more information, please visit: <https://www.wvme-philly.org/>

Lenten Day of Recollection

On **Saturday, 03/18/23, from 9AM to 3:30PM**, a Lenten Day of Recollection is being held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in the Cathedral Chapel and Drexel Hall (which is the hall located below the Cathedral). The speaker is Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

The day’s schedule is as follows:

9:00AM-Sign-In/Coffee & donuts

10:00AM-Morning Conference

11:00AM-Quiet Time/Confessions

12:05PM-Holy Mass followed by Lunch (which is provided)

1:45M-Afternoon Conference

2:30PM-Holy Hour with Exposition

3:30PM-Reposition with Benediction

This Day of Recollection is free but **you must RSVP** to Sr. Gabrielle Mary Braccio, RSM at:

sr.gbraccio@archphila.org or by calling 215-587-3795

All are welcome!

WEEKLY ARCHDIOCESAN WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the rosary via Zoom or phone on the Archdiocesan LIVE World Mission Rosary. To join in this live rosary, visit phillymissions.org for the Zoom link, or type in <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>.

Join in as we ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Catholic faith, world peace, personal intentions, and for the Missions world-wide!

BROTHERS OF BORROMEO VOCATION CAMP

This event is being held on **Saturday, April 22, 2023** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA. Young men in grades 6th through 8th are invited to gather at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a day of fun, food and fellowship. **Cost is \$25** per person and includes lunch and a T-Shirt.

Registration deadline is March 30, 2023.

For more information or to register, please contact Jillian Minnich at jminnich@archphila.org or visit heedthecall.org/bbvc.

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.

**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.pavingforseniorcare.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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

The Center provides an authentically Catholic approach to women's reproductive healthcare and follows Catholic medical ethics. The providers treat women in various age groups-from teen to seniors-and offer gynecologic care, yearly women's check-ups and natural family planning instruction in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. Services are available in English and Spanish. The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is located in East Norriton (very close to the Plymouth Meeting Mall). For more information, call the center at 844-204-0005 or visit phgiannacenter.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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

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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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