

Lent



Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

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Collection for weekend of February 19 & February 20

Income: Plate = \$5,074.00 + AWC = \$72.50 = \$5,146.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$12,731.87)
Total = (\$7,585.37)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "Human life is a relationship. It is only in a relationship, and not closed in on ourselves, that we can have life. And the fundamental relationship is the relationship with the Creator, or else other relations are fragile. Hence, it is essential to choose God. A world empty of God, a world that has forgotten God, loses life and relapses into a culture of death."
 -Pope Benedict XVI, 03/02/06



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Susan Benco-Castle, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, KellyAnn Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. and Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Debra and Louis DiBruno, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, 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, Rose Pagano, William Parrish, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Barbara Polce, 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, Baby Rocco Santangelo, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Joe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, 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:

ANTHONY SALVAGGIO

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 13, 2022*

Sunday - March 13

8:00 + Mary D'Ambrosio
 10:30 + Rita Diogenia and Rebecca Battaglia

Monday - March 14

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - March 15

8:00 + Msgr. Edward J. McLaughlin

Wednesday - March 16

8:00 + Frank, Vincent and Joseph D'Ambrosio

Thursday - March 17

8:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris

Friday - March 18

8:00 + Carol Norris
 7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday - March 19

8:00 + Sisters of St. Joseph
 5:00 + Fr. Griffin, Fr. Esposito and Fr. Amalfortano

Sunday - March 20

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald
 10:30 + Marie DeMarzio



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Rosetta Melaragni

Requested by
 Gerry Dolce and Family

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
 Theresa Carrado

Requested by
 Lorinda Fina



Lenten Day of Recollection

On **Saturday, 03/26/22, 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 theme is ***The Two Hearts: Experiencing the Passion of Christ with the Immaculate and Sacred Hearts***. The speaker is Jenn Settle, a consecrated virgin in the Diocese of Orlando, who was consecrated by Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, 02/02/2017 in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She currently serves as a spiritual director as well as assisting women in discernment for consecrated life throughout the country. 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)
- 1:30PM-Afternoon Conference
- 2:30PM-Holy Hour

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!



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Lent purifies our lives and allows us to listen to the word of God in preparation to be transformed by the power of God's love in Easter.

All three readings are about communication. First, God reassures Abram, who is challenged and confused, about the fulfillment of God's promises when nothing seems to indicate that's happening. Second, Paul certainly must have been wondering how God meant for him to spread the Gospel while he languished in jail. He was worried about the Philippians, the ones who were following him and the ones who took advantage of his imprisonment. Third, Peter's response to the Transfiguration is, "It is good for us to be here." The voice from heaven overrides Peter and says, "This is my chosen Son. Listen to him."

Our own preconceived ideas often prevent us from seeing how God's covenant with us, with all its promises, will be fulfilled. Abram is long gone before his promises are fulfilled. Paul writes from prison, unable to see how his ministry to the Gospel will continue to the ends of the earth. Jesus is transfigured before His disciples, but then a cloud casts a shadow over them, and they become frightened. After they hear a voice from heaven, they find Jesus alone.

The scripture readings suggest suffering as well as fulfillment of God's promises. We must be open to changing our expectations in light of hearing God's will for us.

Jesus invited Peter, James, and John up the mountain to pray, to communicate with God. Prayer can affect us in many ways. It frightened the three apostles who joined Jesus. We must not forget how awesome God is. God's actions in our lives often surprise and amaze us, disrupting a sense that we are in control.

Through Baptism we became adopted sons and daughters of God our Father. There are many voices in our world today. To which ones do we listen? Are they bringing us to new and everlasting life? Allowing God to transform us means moving from doubt to faith, from fear to love, from stony heart to a fleshy heart. Lent is a reminder to this call to communicate with God. We need to wake up from spiritual slumber through the pillars of Lent (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) in order to hear what Jesus is calling us to become. This wonderful season of Lent enables us to be stripped of everything that is stopping us from becoming the new creation into which God is calling us, to become the people God has made us to be.

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 13, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than 50 years, the *Collection for the Church in Latin America* has been a concrete expression of unity and solidarity between Catholics in the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through their contributions, Catholics from across the United States have supported the formation of priests and religious, the training of catechists and other pastoral ministries, the education of children and young people, and relief efforts in the wake of natural disasters.

In Haiti, for instance, the Diocese of Jacmel formed more than 600 youths from its 31 parishes in reading, praying, and living the Gospel over the course of a 21-day program. This same spirit of outreach was also at work across Haiti during the COVID-19 outbreak when the Haitian Episcopal Conference initiated a communication and pastoral ministry formation campaign to inform people, especially those in remote or marginalized areas, about the nature of the coronavirus pandemic and how to stop its spread.

By supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, you help local parishes address the immediate pastoral and material needs for these vulnerable families.

Our archdiocese is taking up this Collection this weekend, March 12 and 13, 2022. Please be generous in this Collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with the youth of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez

Archbishop of Philadelphia



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

Please join us on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 12Noon, for our Annual Rosary Rally in honor of St. Joseph's Day, as we pray the Rosary for peace in our families and for 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 most welcome!



PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork, and fish. We kindly ask that the meals you prepare contain meat or fish, a starch (pasta/potatoes/rice) and a vegetable. Those who receive these meals are elderly and it is healthy for them to get a balanced, nutritious meal.

Please do not put individual leftover items in the freezer. We ask that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

OPERATION RICE BOWL

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has participated in the Catholic Relief Services' **Rice Bowl** initiative for 47 consecutive years. All contributions to **Rice Bowl** provide assistance in impoverished communities overseas and locally throughout Philadelphia. The second collection next weekend, **03/19/22-03/20/22**, is for **Operation Rice Bowl**.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL MASS

You are invited to join the Catholic Charities Appeal for a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. This Mass is being celebrated in thanksgiving and gratitude for your commitment to the Appeal and to our faith. If you have any questions, please call **215-587-5650** or email RSVP@thecfcp.org. Your generosity is fundamental to the success of the Catholic Charities Appeal, and we thank you for supporting our vital mission.

ST. MONICA ELDER CARE PROGRAM

St. Monica Elder Care Program is currently interviewing for substitutes as care partners. If you enjoy working with seniors, are able to vacuum, assist with laundry, local errands, and bed linen changes, you would be an ideal candidate. The care partner visits the senior for two hours one day a week and helps as needed. Hours/days can be flexible (Monday to Friday during the day). If you are interested, please contact Sr. Ruth at **215-334-0285** or rhennessy@chs-adphila.org.



COME AND SEE WEEKENDS AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

Come and See Weekends are a perfect opportunity for a man who is discerning the priesthood to come to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a weekend to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood. Held throughout the year, these weekends for high school men and post-high school men include Mass, praying Liturgy of the Hours with the Seminary Community, Holy Hours, talks on discernment and vocations, and the opportunity to spend time with the seminarians in formation. There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals.

For upcoming dates, to register, and for more information, please visit: Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee or contact **Father David Friel**, Vocation Director, at fr.dfriel@archphila.org or you may call the **Vocation Office** at 610-667-5778.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL MEN! Our Annual Quo Vadis Days Camp is going TO THE HEIGHTS!

This 4-day camp, held between **Monday, June 27th and Thursday, June 30th**, is filled with many opportunities for fun and fellowship, and includes dynamic talks, time for prayer, daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and fun activities.

This a great opportunity for young men to grow and remain active in their faith and interact with other young men from diverse backgrounds. Using our theme of To the Heights, this year we will be exploring the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Registration materials are now available. In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Jillian Minnich, Program Coordinator (jminnich@archphila.org) or call 610-667-5778.

BROTHERS OF BORROMEVO VOCATION CAMP

Young men in grades 6th, 7th and 8th are invited to join the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood and the Philadelphia Seminarians for the Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp on **Saturday, April 9, 2022, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, from 9AM to 3PM**. With the theme, *To the Heights*, this one-day camp provides young men a chance for great talks, activities, fellowship, games, and powerful prayer centered around the life and teachings of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The registration fee of \$25 includes a t-shirt, and lunch/snacks.

Register by March 25th at HeedTheCall.org/BBCC.

FROM INCLUSION TO BELONGING WORKSHOP

The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate are sponsoring a workshop entitled "From Inclusion to Belonging" on **Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 9:30AM to 12Noon, at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103**. The presenters will be Bridget Brown, a young woman with Down Syndrome, who is an international presenter on the topic of faith and inclusion, and Nancy Brown, Bridget's mother and Bridget's greatest advocate, is an inclusion specialist who will share practical strategies related to inclusion and parish life.

Please RSVP: by email: OPD@archphila.org or online at: www.opdarchphilly.org.

STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS RESORTS CASINO AND TOMASELLO WINERY TRIP

This trip has been postponed until Monday, April 4, 2022, and the itinerary is as follows: 9:45am - Bus will depart from Stella Maris Church at 10th & Bigler Streets; 11:00am - Tomaselto Winery Tasting and Sit-Down Luncheon; 1:15pm - Depart for Casino; 2:00 pm - Arrive at Resorts Casino; 7:00pm - Depart for home; 8:30pm - Approximate arrival home.

The cost is \$75.00 per person, which includes: 1) Tomaselto Winery Tasting; 2) Tomaselto Winery Luncheon (pre-selected menu, call for details); 3) \$20 Slot Money from Resorts Casino; 4) Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation (via JC Tours); 5) All Taxes & Gratuities (except bus driver tip).

Full Payment of \$75 is due upon reservation. Please make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors and mail payments to Stella Maris Church, 2901 S 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148, Attention: Rose Giovanelli.

For more information and reservations, call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386.

MAN-UP PHILLY MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

Philadelphia's biggest spirituality conference will be held on **Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Immaculata University in Exton, PA**. This conference is a day to inspire, energize and enable men to be better sons, fathers and husbands by living our faith and leading our families by their example. The speakers include Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a globally recognized Catholic speaker and author of *Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality*, Pat Chambers, former head coach for both Boston University and Penn State's NCAA Men's Basketball programs, and Keith Nester of *Down to Earth Ministries* and author of *The Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism*. Back by popular demand, internationally recognized Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will again provide inspirational accompaniment and lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nelson J. Perez (this Mass is not the Sunday Vigil). For more information and to register, please visit: <https://manupphilly.com/>

Please note: Masks are now optional/not required!

SECOND ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Second Annual March for Life, sponsored by the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia, is being held on **Saturday, 03/26/22**, beginning with **Mass at 8:30AM** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**, followed by the march beginning at 10:30AM through the streets with a brief Prayer Service at the Philadelphia Women's Center, and ending with a Freedom Rally at Independence Mall at 12:00Noon. For more information visit: prolifeunion.org/2022-mfl.

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT WITH PHILADELPHIA UNION SOCCER

The Union will be hosting Columbus on **Saturday, 04/09/22**, with the match kicking off at **6PM**. Be sure to stick around after the final whistle to listen to Philadelphia Union players speak about faith and the role it has played on their journey to becoming professional athletes. Tickets start at \$26 for groups of 10 or more and your group's name will be featured on the LED ribbons at halftime! For information, contact:

cloftus@philadelphiaunion.com

**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.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from on-going services such as meals, transportation, a senior companion, or 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, please call 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program.

This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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.Lily'sGift.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.



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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