

*March 17, 2024*  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*



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*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*  
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**God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life**  
**Collection for weekend of March 09 & March 10**  
**Income: Plate = \$5,375.00 + AWC = \$68.00 = \$5,443.00**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$23,031.07)**  
**Total = (\$17,588.07)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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:** "Loving God, give us a new heart in these final days of Lent, a heart that carries within it your loving imprint, that we may always know your will and yield to it, even when it calls for a dying of some kind. In such dying, may we trust that you will bring forth new life."  
-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: Renee Pontuti**

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 17, 2024**

**Saturday - March 16**

5:00 + Vincent and Jennie Moffo

**Sunday - March 17**

8:00 + Marie De Marzio

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

**Monday - March 18**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - March 19**

8:00 + Sisters of St. Joseph

**Wednesday - March 20**

8:00 + Marie De Marzio

**Thursday - March 21**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

7:00 + Parish Penance Service

**Friday - March 22**

8:00 + Mildred Pomarici and Jenny Goffredi

7:00 + Stations of the Cross

**Saturday - March 23**

8:00 + Elizabeth Sandoli

5:00 + Dominick J. Verdi, Jr.

**Sunday - March 24 ( Palm Sunday)**

8:00 + Luisa Piccarreta and the will of God

10:30 + Joseph Crusco – 50th Anniversary



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Joseph Fasulo

Requested by  
Donna Glynn

**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Josephine Caroline Rubbo

Requested by  
Her Loving Family



**Adoration Chapel Candles**

1) For the Intentions of  
Fr. John Di Orio

Requested by  
Theresa Capocci



**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.



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, 1:00pm at Epiphany of Our Lord parish. Bishop John J. McIntyre, 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:

Carolina **Teresa** Aguila  
Lisette **Rose** Aguila  
Brian **Jude** Carballido  
Brayden **Joseph** Cianfrani  
Mia **Theresa** Giunta  
Aiyden **Martin** Gonzales  
Ariyana **Rita** Gonzales  
Alyssa **Brianna** Ioquinto  
Cassidy **Cecilia** Jack  
Evelyn **Maria** Manzanarez

Jocelyn **Yalemiy** Manzanarez  
Evan **Anthony** Miller  
Eloy **Nathaniel** Moreno  
Hector **Moreno** Moreno  
Oscar **Joseph** Nolasco-Medina  
Izabella **Marie** Perekupka  
Nicholas **Anthony** Richmond  
Samuel **Augustine** Salamone  
Vincent **Anthony** Santosusso  
Melanei **Judith** Sebastian

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph; at the 8:00 A.M. Mass the sisters of St. Joseph will renew their vows. We extend to our sisters a happy feast day.

Today’s Gospel provides us with some beautiful imagery on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and how we are called to live out our discipleship. That imagery is the **“grain of wheat”** Jesus speaks about in the Gospel story. Jesus tells us that the grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die for it to produce fruit. On the surface, we know that Jesus is speaking about Himself, but the image applies to each of us who calls himself a disciple of Jesus. Each of us must set aside our wants and surrender ourselves to Christ. We must let go of the “worldly” things that keep us from experiencing the fullness of our relationship with God.

At the beginning of the Lenten Season, we heard how Jesus emptied himself during his 40 days in the desert. We too must empty ourselves if we wish to be free to respond fully to the call to discipleship. Letting go is not always easy. Change can be very difficult, as it forces us out of our comfort zone. We cling fast to our many securities and wants that give us a false sense of comfort. We don’t want to suffer or experience hardship. The easy route would be preferred. We don’t want to give up control. We want to be appreciated. We don’t want to be taken advantage of by others. We want to have our own way. It is so hard to concede to the wishes of others. Yet Lent and Holy Week are powerful reminders that there is no escaping this. Our call to discipleship may be a difficult route to take. We will have to give up control and concede to the will of God (i.e., “fall to the ground and die”). If we do, we will produce great fruit with Christ by our side, and we will be all the better for it.

Lent is all about surrendering ourselves to God, dying unto ourselves by ridding ourselves of life’s clutter and the sin that keeps us from God, and rising to new life with Christ Jesus. What is our motivation? Love, Jesus modeled for us the way to love which leads us to God. He demonstrated how we are to love God and he showed us the depth of God’s love for us. Now we are faced with a choice. Will we love God as intently in return and place our faith and trust in Him allowing Him to change our lives, or are we going to cling to our life and the things of this world and make an attempt at doing things our way?

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

Happy Lent!  
Fr. Di Orio

### **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 today Sunday, 03/17/24.**



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

**In Memory of**  
Sandra DiSipio  
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**Donor**  
Michael & Annmarie Fazzolari  
Basil L. Merenda  
Maiellano Family



**STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR  
WINNING NUMBERS WEEK OF  
MARCH 4th THROUGH MARCH 10th**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>#136-\$45</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>#074-\$45</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>#050-\$45</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>#282-\$45</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>#901-\$45</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>#519-\$45</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>#461-\$50</b>

**Winning numbers will be posted weekly!**

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



**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.**

**BE ENCOURAGED**  
**CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing.

In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools, and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at:

**[www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support)**

**Stations of the Cross**

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



**+PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE+**

This **Thursday, 03/21/24 at 7:00PM**, we are having a parish celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). After a prayer service, visiting priests will be available to help with individual confessions.

**+STATIONS OF THE CROSS+**

Stations of the Cross will be held this **Friday, 03/22/24 at 7:00PM**. Everyone is welcome.

**+PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION+**

Palm will be blessed and distributed at all Masses:

**Saturday, (03/23/24): Vigil Mass at 5:00PM**

**Sunday, (03/24/24): 8:00AM and 10:30AM**

A Solemn procession will begin the 10:30 am Mass.

The procession will form in the parking lot at 10:25am

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

**+HOLY THURSDAY (03/28/24)+**

No morning Mass on this day.

**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM**

**Adoration** at the Repository following Mass, until **10:00PM**

**Night Prayer** celebrated at **9:45PM**

**+GOOD FRIDAY (03/29/24)+**

No morning Mass on this day.

**Morning Prayer** celebrated at **9:00AM**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00PM**

**+HOLY SATURDAY (03/30/24)+**

No morning Mass on this day.

**Morning Prayer** celebrated at **9:00AM**

**Confessions: 4:00PM to 5:00PM**

No 5:00PM Vigil Mass on this day.

**Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30PM**

**+ EASTER SUNDAY (03/31/24)+**

**Masses at 8:00AM and 10:30AM**

**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**

**WEEKLY WORLD MISSION ROSARY**

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Fulton Sheen via Zoom. To join in the Monday evening Live Rosary, please visit the Zoom link: **<https://zoom.us/j/494480541>**. 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 worldwide!

Sponsored by the Pontifical Missions Society

**[phillymissions.org](http://phillymissions.org)**

**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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