


THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 19, 2017



*Jesus said,
“Whoever drinks the
water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give
will become in them a
spring of water welling
up to eternal life.”*

John 4:14

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of March 19, 2017

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

Collections for the Weekend of March 11 & March 12, 2017
Income: Plate = \$ 5,368.00 + AWC = \$106.25 = \$5,474.25
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$27,511.74)
Total = (\$22,037.49)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

"Believing in Christ means letting oneself be enveloped by the light of his truth, which gives full significance, value, and meaning to our lives, for precisely by revealing to us the mystery of the Father and his love for man, he also fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his most high calling."

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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 SSI, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Baby Matthew D'Imperio, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlari, Trish Ezzie, Isabelle Fabrizio, 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, 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.

Rest in Peace We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

ANTHONY CAMPELLONE
ELVIRA DE SUMMA VINCENZO SAMA

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.

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

Monday—March 20

8:00 + Sisters of Saint Joseph (Living)

Tuesday—March 21

8:00 + Angelo, Anna and Iolanda Mattioli

Wednesday—March 22

8:00 + Marie DeMarzio

Thursday—March 23

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
 4:00 + The Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday—March 24

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano
 7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday—March 25

8:00 + George Filippello
 5:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Sunday—March 26

8:00 + Elizabeth Sandoli
 9:30 + Orlando Bravo and Angelo Mattioli
 11:00 + Robert and Barbara Glynn

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Anna and Charles St. Joseph
 At the Request of
 Tom and Rosemarye St. Joseph



Below is a 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/Honor Of

Rose D'Urso
 Rose D'Urso
 John "Jack" Gallagher
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 John "Jack" Gallagher
 Anna Rita Lauer
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Donor

Jennifer Raksnis
 Patty Terway & Jon Raksnis
 Anonymous
 Joseph & Alessandra Franceschini
 Antonia & John Hochreiter
 Anna Mancini
 1492 Society
 P. Agnes, Inc.
 Annamaria & Nicholas Catania
 Marie Martino
 Gloria Menna
 Alfred Ponticelli



PLEASE NOTE:
RECTORY OFFICE SCHEDULE

Stella Maris Rectory will be closing at 12:00PM (NOON) this Thursday, March 23, 2017, to prepare for Bishop Michael Fitzgerald's arrival for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please make note of this rectory office closing time.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

One of the main reasons for our season of Lent is for us, the people of God (the Church), to prepare ourselves to renew our own Baptismal promises and renew our profession of faith at Easter. In our midst, we are happy to have our catechumens, **Christian Austin, Alexa Capella and Salvatore Fugarino**. These catechumens are non-Baptized persons who are journeying toward the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Christian, Alexa, and Salvatore have been meeting weekly with different members of the R.C.I.A. team. During one Mass at the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Church celebrates what is called 'scrutinies.' These are rites for our catechumens, for self-searching and repentance. All of us should scrutinize ourselves, with the help of God, during the season of Lent. As we journey toward Easter, let us remember to repent and believe in the Gospel. Also, I ask you to remember Christian, Alexa and Salvatore in your prayers as they continue their journey to become fully initiated Roman Catholics on April 15th at our Easter Vigil.

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 23 young parishioners who will be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, March 23rd. We welcome Auxiliary Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald who will confer the Sacrament on our young parishioners. All of us should keep these young men and women in our prayers.

We congratulate these candidates, for the Sacrament of Confirmation, along with their families and sponsors:

Jessica Brunetti	Giuseppe Mollo
Madeline Cattai	Nicholas Monaco
Kathleen Coppolino	Jason Musial
Lily Coppolino	Andeo Novelli
Maria Elena DeLuca	Frank Pescatore
Nicholas Fortunato	Natalia Pontuti
John Gambacorta	Antonio Rossi
Sasha Iovino	Anthony Siderio
Matthew Kline	Brielle Singley
Jaiden McCuen	Zoe Tabilio
Frederick Micali	Vy Trinh Nguyen

Luca Troilo

On March 19th the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Since March 19th is on a Sunday this year, the feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Monday, March 20th. We extend to our Sisters of St. Joseph, a very happy and blessed feast day.

In today's Gospel from St. John, 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 shocks her by demonstrating knowledge of her past husbands and present partner. Slowly, she begins to understand until she leaves her water jar at the well and goes to her village to proclaim she has encountered the Messiah. As the woman gradually comes to some degree of understanding, she becomes a missionary as she returned to the town to tell others about the prophet she has met.

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. The woman finally comes to faith and is open to the working of Jesus in her life. Are we open to the working of Jesus in our lives? Do we see Jesus as living water who can satisfy all of our spiritual and deep human desires? Or do we cry out in fear, forgetting the marvelous works of God already present in our lives?

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

Happy Lent!
Fr. Di Orio



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Catholic Relief Services invites you to participate in **CRS Rice Bowl**. This faith formation program highlights the beauty of the traditional Lenten practices of *prayer, fasting and almsgiving* and encourages us to live out the spirit of Lent fully. Your contribution, no matter what amount you are able to give to CRS Rice Bowl, will help feed many in our area who do not have enough to eat.

The collection for CRS Rice Bowl will be taken up in our parish next weekend, March 25th and March 26th.

Thank you for making CRS Rice Bowl part of your Lenten sacrifices.

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!

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.

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

This special Mass is being held on **Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 10:30AM** at the **Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul** at 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. All are welcome. Please **RSVP by 03/24/17** at www.opdarchphilly.org, or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at **215-587-3530.**



FLAME OF LOVE LENTEN RETREAT

This retreat is being held on Saturday, 03/25/17, at Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA. Retreat begins at the 8:30AM Parish Mass and concludes after Benediction at 2:15PM. The guest speaker is Msgr. John A. Esseff, the former spiritual director of Mother Teresa. The theme of the retreat is "Mary the first one to know the Trinity; talks will be on "Mary, the Mother of God" and "Mary, the Spouse of the Spirit". The retreat is free, but you are asked to please bring your own lunch. Everyone is welcome.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

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
Sunday, 04/02/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
Tuesday, 04/04/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.



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 this **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.**



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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!



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 3rd and Reed Streets, at **6PM, on the first Friday of each month.**

Everyone is most welcome!

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.

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** at www.opdarchphilly.org, or call 215-587-3530; visit migrantsandrefugeesphilly.org.

DESIGNER BAG BINGO

St. Monica's 8th Grade is sponsoring a Designer Bag Bingo on Saturday, March 25th at 7:00PM in the Senior School Gym at 16th and Shunk Streets. Doors will open at 6:30PM and the games will begin at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door if available. Cost includes 8 game cards. Extra game sheets, specials, raffles, 50/50, and dabbers will be available for purchase on game night. For information or tickets please call 267-709-9169 or 215-760-2015.



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:

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!



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.

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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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