

*March 23, 2025  
Third Sunday of Lent*



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

#### Collection for weekend of March 15 & March 16

**Income: Plate = \$5,774.00 + AWC = \$68.00 = \$5,842.00**

**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$22,218.09)**

**Total = (\$16,376.09)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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:** "...This is the true and central program of the Lenten Season: to listen anew to the Gospel, the Word of the Lord. The word of truth, so that in every Christian, in every one of us, the understanding of the truth given to him, given to us, may be strengthened, so that we may live it and witness to it."

-Pope Benedict XVI



**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 Borges, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Daniel DiCarlo, Louis DiBruno, Matthe D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Vera Dolan, Dolore Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Dalonzo SR., Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goren, 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, Harooz Morrall, 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, Thomas Palagruto, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, 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, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Carolyn Young, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



**We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:  
HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

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 23, 2025

### Saturday - March 22

5:00 + Deceased Members of the Saraullo and Carlucci Families

### Sunday - March 23

8:00 + Carmen Palella

10:30 + Florence Fragala

### Monday - March 24

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

### Tuesday - March 25

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday - March 26

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

### Thursday - March 27

8:00 + Elizabeth Sandoli

### Friday - March 28

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

7:00 + Stations of the Cross

### Saturday - March 29

8:00 + James Botti

5:00 + Ron DiGiovannantonio

### Sunday - March 30

8:00 + Natalie Palella

10:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Glynn and Ingrassia Families



### Church Sanctuary Lamp

For the Intentions of  
Charles Brett



### Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of  
Esther Bowe

Requested by  
De Cero Family



### Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of  
Frank And Margie Savarese  
Requested by  
Andrea and Renee

2) For the Living and Deceased  
Members of Stella Maris





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In our first reading, we witness how God encounters Moses and calls him by name to come forth to be a leader and mediator. Moses will carry God's message to the Israelites and then lead them out of bondage. Moses asks God, "Who do I say has sent me to come to you and remand that you free the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt?" God responds, "**I AM** has sent me". God calls us by name for a definite purpose. We are called to serve Him in the vocation we are called to live, whether we are single, married, religious, or ordained we are all called to serve. Moses played an important part in salvation when he says yes to the great "**I AM.**" How willing are you to play a part in God's plan of salvation? Are you willing to spread the word of God to God's people so that they may encounter Jesus, the Word of God? Moses was the face of God; we, too, are called to be the face of God to family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc.

In Luke's Gospel, we encounter the parable of the barren fig tree. This parable is about repentance and mercy. In loving mercy, God gives opportunities to repent and bear good fruit. Jesus warns us not to compare ourselves to others because salvation is based on repentance - reformation - and not on self-satisfaction, that we know everything we should know. Self-satisfaction is a sure path to destruction. We must not allow ourselves to be satisfied. We must grow, mature and bear fruit for God who calls us by name to be His face to the world.

Next Friday, April 04, 2025, our Stations of the Cross Service at 7:00pm, will be enacted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Level PREP/CCD children.

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

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.)

**Please deliver food when the church is open before or during Mass times. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please take all food donations to the outreach room in the Church vestibule.**

**Deadline for this outreach is Sunday, 04/06/2025**

Archbishop Perez has extended to all peoples of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, an invitation to join him in a conversation regarding the future of the Archdiocese. The invitation can be found at, [www.trustandhope.org](http://www.trustandhope.org) or by scanning the code



### LENTEEN SOUP NIGHTS

Our Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting two **Lenten Soup Nights**, which will take place on **Tuesday, 03/25/2025** and **Tuesday 04/8/2025** beginning at **5:30 pm** in the Convent Chapel. The 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 freewill 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.

### STELLA MARIS PARISH FUNDRAISER P&S SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT **SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025**

**Tickets:** \$40 per person (No tickets will be sold at the door)

**Tickets Include:** -Delicious Food  
-Water, Soda, Coffee, & Tea  
-Raffle Sheet for Exciting prizes

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

BYOB – Bring your Favorite Drinks!

**For Ticket sales, please call Stella Maris Rectory @ 215-465-2336**

**STELLA MARIS PARISH**

**Spring**

**CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR**

**SATURDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**TIME: 9AM - 3PM**  
**2901 S 10TH ST, PHILA PA, 19148**  
**RAIN DATE: MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**DJ & FOOD**

**Craft/Vendor Spaces:**  
 Two 10x18 spots for \$50  
 if reserved by **4/26/25**. \$75 after.

**TWO 10 18 SPACES \$50**

To apply to be a vendor, please email:  
**StellaMarisParish@comcast.net**

For more information, call:  
**(215) 465-2336**

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD**  
**MARCH 28-30, 2025**

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of abortion-no matter how much time has passed-please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgiveable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

**To contact our team to register or for questions:**  
**Susan-610-716-4795; Georgeann-484-955-4278**

**2025 WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

**MARRIED COUPLES** — When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! "Live your best life in love" The next in-person experiences are **March 28-30** in the Daylesford Abbey, Paoli and **June 20-22** at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson.

**For more information visit:**  
**<https://www.wwme-philly.org>**

**PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM**

Our *Parish Frozen Food Program* is in need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that 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 kindly ask, when the church is open before or during Mass times, that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).**

**May God bless you for helping those in need!**

**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025**

**Tomasello Winery & Resorts Casino**

**INCLUDES:**  
**Tomasello Winery Tasting & Sit-Down Plated Luncheon**  
 An entree, Vintner's House Salad, Artisan Rolls with Butter, Chef's selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetable, Rice & Chef's Dessert, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, & Selection of Hot Teas.  
**-Resorts Casino Bonus: \$20 slots**  
**-Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation Via JC Tours**  
**-All Taxes & Gratuities**  
**-Cost: \$95 per person**  
**- Make Checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors**  
**Mail payments to: ATTN: Marge Varley or Fran Giaquinto @ Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 S. 10th St. Philadelphia, PA 19148**  
**FULL PAYMENT IS DUE BY MARCH 23, 2025**  
**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL**  
**Marge Varley 215-463-3386 or 267-882-7717**  
**Fran Giaquinto 215-284-4686**

**Departure: 9:45 am @ Stella Maris Church, 10th & Bigler St. Philadelphia, PA 19148**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Fundraisers**

**CHICKIE'S & PETE'S**

**On**  
**Monday, April 21st 4-9pm**  
**1526 Packer Ave**

**AND**

**Charlie Zham**  
**<https://charliezham.com/>**  
 Irish singer accompanied by fiddler Tad Marks  
**on**  
**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm**  
**St. Richard's Church**  
**More info to follow**

**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 Thursday 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:**

REQUESTED BY:

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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