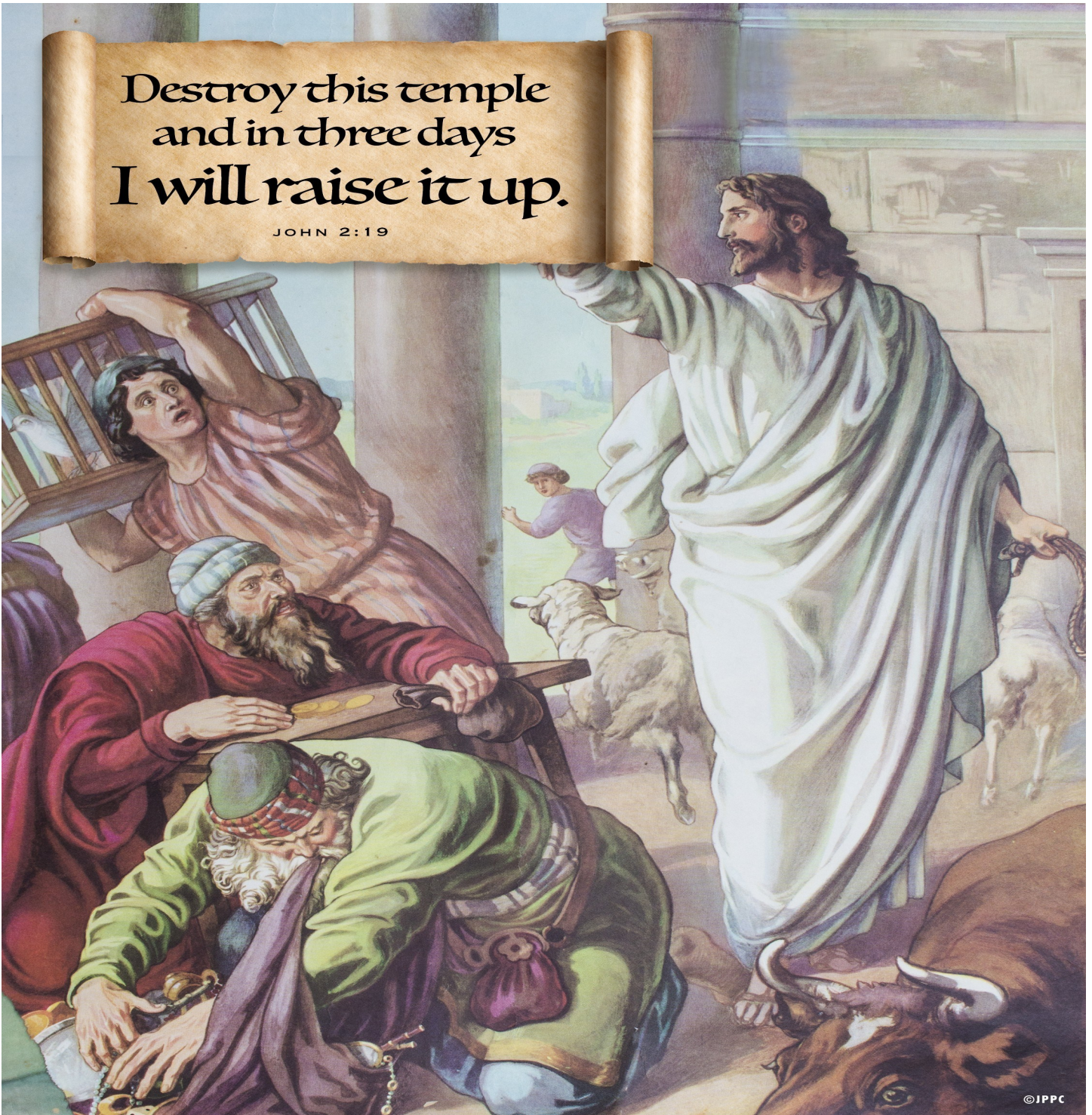


*March 03, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent*

*Destroy this temple
and in three days
I will raise it up.*

JOHN 2:19



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

Collection for weekend of February 24 & February 25

Income: Plate = \$4,777.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$4,862.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$13,984.17)

Total = (\$9,122.17)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "As much as we may want the temples of our lives cleared, we also *like* much of what takes up our lives. Still, God does come and does clear our temples in unsuspecting ways. Children grow up; friendships melt into memories. What is God asking us to clear away today?"

-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, 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 home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends: Barbara D. Earlori

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 03, 2024**

Saturday - March 02

5:00 + Anthony and Mary Pizzo

Sunday - March 03

8:00 + Luigi Pintarelli

10:30 + Renate Nardy and Anthony Nardy

Monday - March 04

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - March 05

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Wednesday - March 06

8:00 + Carmen Potito

Thursday - March 07

8:00 + Wanda Johnson

Friday - March 08

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli and Family

7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday - March 09

8:00 + Evelyn Sonsini

5:00 + The Deceased members of Carlucci and Saraullo families

Sunday - March 10

8:00 + Cosimo Salomone and Nicholas Bozzi

10:30 + Flavio Plestini



Church Sanctuary Lamp

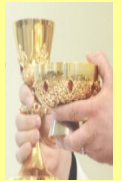
In Memory of
Anna Gajewski

Requested by
Husband Joseph Gajewski

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Sandy DiSipio

Requested by
Maria and Anthony Angelastro



Adoration Chapel Candles

Prayers for Baby Morgan

Requested by
Gigi



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 Sunday, 03/17/24.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We might imagine Lent as an interior spring cleaning, a communal sanctification of the People of God. The attention to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the prayers for those to be welcomed into full communion at the Easter Vigil, and the attention to our own baptismal promises all point to a renewal of our hearts. Our prayer and fasting are meant to point to our conversion. If we wanted to see what this might look like, it is closer to replacing the foundation of our spiritual house where the Holy Spirit has come to dwell than an addition or, still less, a redecoration of the old homestead. What better place to dig this new foundation than an encounter with the Ten Commandments, (Decalogue).

To be free from bondage of slavery is to live in God's freedom, a covenant with the Most High, who wants our good above all. Indeed, these precepts are not arbitrary statues but commands for loving relationships with God, neighbor and ourselves. The First Commandment suggests the overall intention of the Ten Commandments: Idolatry will never prioritize the image of God because a strange god is an invention of the self, outside of the gift of self-gift: It is a portrait of what St. Augustine would call sin, something that causes us to be curved in on ourselves.

The Ten Commandments order what is most important in our lives and realign our inclination to act in what is not for our good or betterment of the community of love. The words of today's responsorial psalm come to mind at once: "Lord you have the words of everlasting life." The Gospel poses an apt metaphor since John links the Temple with Jesus' own body. His own actions of cleansing the Temple reorient us to the good zeal that necessarily guides the Christian disciple toward the way of purification from sin that leads to the resurrection, our faith in the new temple of Christ. Jesus marks the turning point of worship where we do not barter for God's love in the marketplace but discover a place inside the divine covenant. With Christ, our house is in order and free from what is not of God. Let this year's Lenten "spring cleaning" be fruitful.

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 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been taken up as a sign of solidarity between the Church in the United States and the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean as well our concern for our sisters and brothers in those places.

The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are—not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. This collection also supports other important issues such as human trafficking and the abuse of children and vulnerable people, two serious violations of human dignity that require urgent and comprehensive responses from the Church, governments, and human rights organizations.

In South America, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders to discuss a variety of themes, including social pastoral ministry and the vision of Pope Francis. In addition, Peruvian missionaries working in the Amazon brought the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of about 60,000 people.

In the Peruvian Prelature of Chuquibambilla the Collection for the Church in Latin America helped to fund and implement a program to prevent abuse of children and vulnerable people through a training for Church leaders. It consisted of alliance-building initiatives with healthcare and law enforcement organizations and the creation of protocols to address reported incidents of abuse.

Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America is vital to these efforts aimed at evangelization, the protection of the most at risk, and so much more.

Our local Church will take up this collection during the weekend of **March 9 and 10, 2024**. Please take this opportunity to be generous in supporting the families of Latin America and the Caribbean. Be assured that you are remembered in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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.**



STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNING NUMBERS WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19th THROUGH FEBRUARY 25th

MONDAY	#948-\$55
TUESDAY	#786-\$45
WEDNESDAY	#712-\$45
THURSDAY	#886-\$50
FRIDAY	#508-\$45
SATURDAY	#999-\$45
SUNDAY	#588-\$50

Winning numbers will be posted weekly!

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



NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Nazareth Academy High School will be hosting its 6th & 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 7:45 AM to 12 PM. The Practice Test serves as a beneficial opportunity for students to practice the skills needed to prepare for the 8th Grade Entrance Exam. To register your daughter for our Practice Test or any other upcoming events, please visit

NazarethAcademyhs.org/admissions/visit-us.

For any questions, please contact Ashley Figaniak in the Admissions Office at **215-268-1026**.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. Whether you are divorced and want to marry in the Catholic Church or are remarried outside the Church, please visit our website:

archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal

CatholicPhilly.com

CatholicPhilly.com is the online successor to the Catholic Standard and Times. Read local and world Catholic news every day. Sign up for their free, weekly email newsletter!

LENTEN SOUP NIGHT

Our Sisters of St. Joseph will be hosting their 2nd **Lenten Soup Night**, on **Tuesday 03/12/24** 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.

STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS

The seniors are sponsoring a trip to The Sight & Sound Theatre on **Tuesday May 07, 2024**
Departure 10:30 AM 10th & Bigler @ Stella Maris Church.
Approx. arrival home 8:00 pm

For Reservations Call:

Marge Varley 215-463-3386 or 267-882-7717
Fran Giaquinto 215-284-4686

INCLUDES:

- Sight & Sound Theatre production of "Daniel"
- Buffet Lunch @ Miller's Restaurant
- Round trip Motorcoach Transportation
- All Taxes and Gratuities (Includes Driver)

Cost is \$185 per person.

- Full Payment is due by 03/06/2024.
- Make checks Payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors
- Mail payments to: Star of the Sea Seniors
Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 S 10th St. Phila. PA , 19148

Save the date: Sat., April 27, 2024 P & S Spaghetti Dinner Night

Fundraiser

Information Regarding Ticket Sales to Follow

- Good Food
- Raffle Baskets
- 50/50 & Fun



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).

Stations of the Cross

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



**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.

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.

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 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:

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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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