

*March 30, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Lent*



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

### Collection for weekend of March 22 & March 23

**Income: Plate = \$5,500.00 + AWC = \$68.00 = \$5,568.00**

**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$18,773.61)**

**Total = (\$13,056.61)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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:** “The proclamation of the Kingdom of God goes hand in hand with the need for conversion and love that encourages, that with God’s grace even what seems impossible is possible.”

-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 Ciarabella, 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 Goreni, 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 Ralfa, 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, Erica Siderio, 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:

**Sr. Lawrence Elizabeth, SSJ, Rita De Julius**

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 30, 2025

### **Saturday - March 29**

5:00 + Ron DiGiovannantonio

### **Sunday - March 30**

8:00 + Natalie Palella

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

### **Monday - March 31**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

### **Tuesday - April 1**

8:00 + Danny Rapp and Michael Gangemi

### **Wednesday - April 2**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

### **Thursday - April 3**

8:00 + Linda Sammin

### **Friday - April 4**

8:00 + Al Crivallero

7:00 + Stations of the Cross (Living)

### **Saturday - April 5**

8:00 + Margaret and Edward Zoller

5:00 + Concetta Salmieri

### **Sunday - April 6**

8:00 + For the Intention of Vy Trinh - Nguyen

10:30 + Mr. and Mrs. J. Juliano



### **Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Mary Cosgrove

Requested by  
John Zoller



### **Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Thomas A. Greco, Jr.

Requested by  
Carol Greco

### **Adoration Chapel Candles**

1) In Memory of  
Mom and Dad Petrella

Requested by  
Carol Greco

2) For the Living and Deceased  
Members of Stella Maris





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is traditionally known as *Laetare* Sunday, which means rejoice. God loves us. In today's Gospel reading from Luke, He tells us why we should rejoice.

Today's Gospel is about the prodigal son. Jesus teaches us about the immensity of the Father's love and of the Father's desire to have us return to Paradise to be with Him. God will wait for us if we decide to leave and will love us just the same when we return. This was very evident in the way the father treated the son who had squandered his inheritance and then decided to return to his father's house.

The second message of the parable is found in the person of the second son. Jesus gives no definitive answer. We are left to wonder with the Pharisees whether the elder son joins in the celebration, forgiving his younger brother, or whether he remains angry, self-righteous and bitter. Does the older son make peace and, like his brother, come to understand that the father's love isn't earned? Jesus seems, in effect, to say. "You tell me!" Is the second son a mirror in which Jesus wants us to see ourselves? Does Jesus want us to recognize how our anger and resentment keep us out of the Father's house? God reaches out to us as the father did to the two sons – whether we are lost in rebellion or in compliance with God. No matter how much we sin against God, He is never outdone in His forgiveness. The Lord forgives those who trust in His forgiveness, those who overcome their independence and denial, surrendering to His love.

The fun-loving, sinful younger son won the favors of the father even before he admitted his sins. This is something the older son could not do. We have all strayed in one way or another – even if just a little – and we have all had to come back and say "I'm sorry" to God and others. We have all hungered for forgiveness as the younger son hungered for something to eat. If we are humble enough to know our faults, we will not be quick to judge; and we will realize that what keeps us from having the stubborn attitude of the older son is our willingness to be honest about our own shortcomings.

Lent lets us focus upon the importance of coming home to be reconciled with God. God, who is rich in mercy, through His Only Begotten Son, has delivered us from darkness and given us eternal life. Therefore, we rejoice.

Speaking of coming home to be reconciled, next Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have an opportunity as a parish to seek God's continued love and mercy as we celebrate our Lenten Penance (Reconciliation) Service. There will be several visiting priests to help with individual confessions. This will take place in our Church at 7:00 PM. Take this time for you! How about asking someone to come home for Easter and bring them with you.

This 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**

### 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!

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



### ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TELEVISION 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.

**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**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025**  
**Our God Reigns**

“ Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer” (Romans 12:12)

\$45.00 Per Person, includes Lunch! Age 16 and under is free.  
 Scholarships available, if needed.  
 9:30Am to 5:00 PM Vigil Mass  
 With The Most Reverend Efren V. Esmilla  
 Epiphany of Our Lord Church  
 3050 Walton Rd., Ply. Mtg., PA 19462  
 Keynote Speaker: Fr. James Blount

More info and to register: <https://archphilaccr.org>

**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 experience is **June 20-22** at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson.

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

**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

**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**

**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**

**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](http://archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal)**

**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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