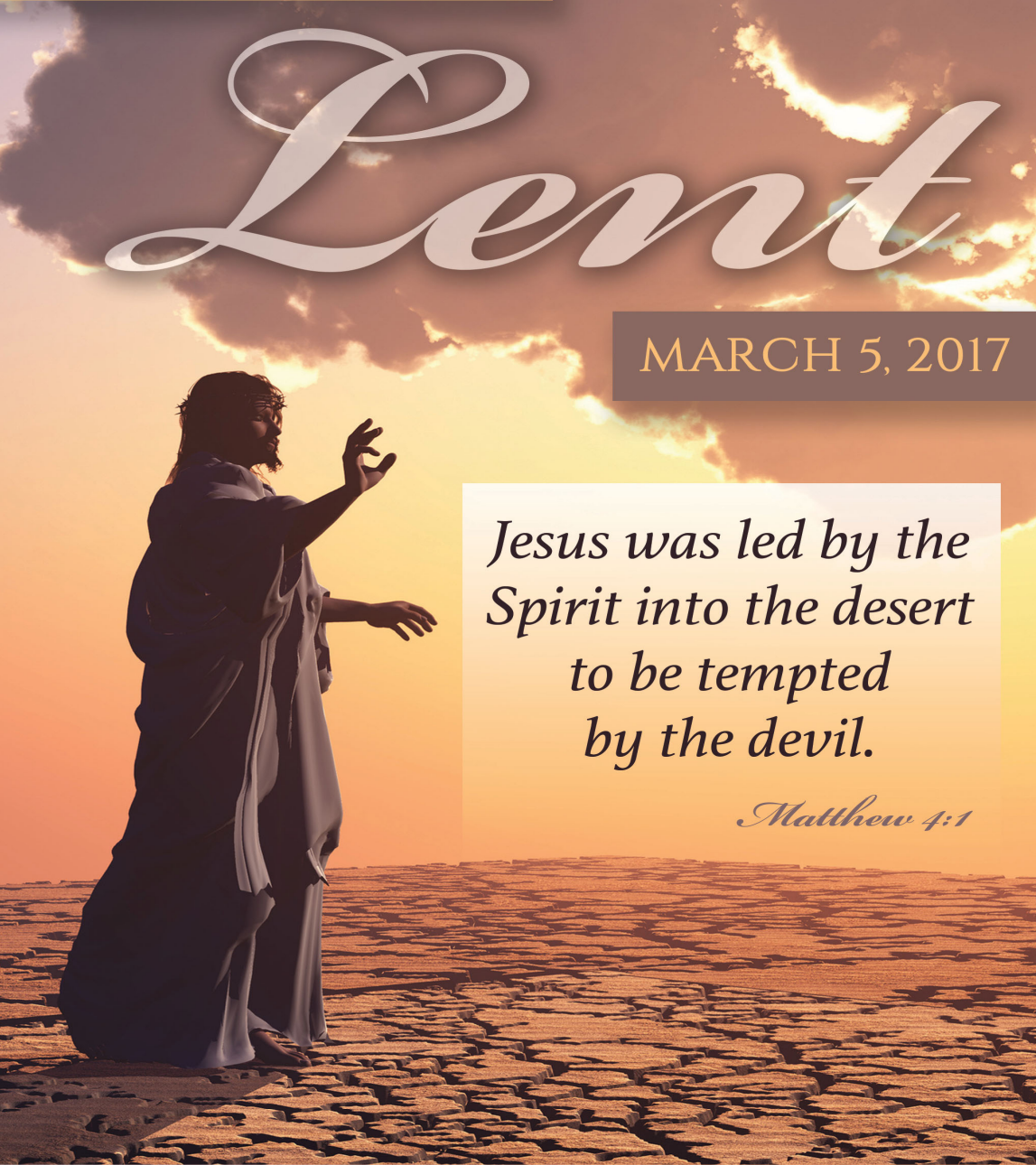


FIRST SUNDAY OF

# Lent

MARCH 5, 2017



*Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.*

*Matthew 4:1*

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**March 5, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of March 5 2017**

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

Collections for the Weekend of February 25 & February 26, 2017  
**Income: Plate = \$5,762.25+ AWC = \$106.25 = \$5,868.50**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$11,791.38)**  
**Total = (\$5,922.88)**

**Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:**

*"Believers, moreover, know well that the Gospel is in an intrinsic harmony with the values engraved in human nature. Thus, God's image is deeply impressed in the soul of the human being, the voice of whose conscience it is far from easy to silence."*

**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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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, Elvira DeSumma, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlori, Trish Ezzie, 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 Homer 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, 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, John Renzulli, Sr., 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 homebound, and their families.

**Sunday—March 5**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
 9:30 + In Honor and Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother  
 11:00 + Domenico and Rosa Lanciano

**Monday—March 6**

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

**Tuesday—March 7**

8:00 + Wanda Johnson

**Wednesday—March 8**

8:00 + Carmen Potito

**Thursday—March 9**

8:00 + Cindy Smith

**Friday—March 10**

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald  
 7:00 + Stations of the Cross

**Saturday—March 11**

8:00 + Millie Martino  
 5:00 + Saverio Greco

**Sunday—March 12**

8:00 + Mary D'Ambrosio  
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
 11:00 + Deceased Members of the Primerano Family

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
 Cindy Smith  
 At the Request of  
 Lucille and Marge



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
 Robert P. Brady, Jr.

Requested by  
 His Mother Marie and Daughter Madison



**3rd ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY**  
**In honor of Saint Joseph's Day**

Please join us on Saturday, March 18th at 12Noon, for our 3rd Annual Rosary Rally for families in honor of St. Joseph's Day. We will meet at 10th and Bigler Streets to begin praying the rosary at 12Noon sharp. Hope you can participate as we pray for families around the world.

**Everyone is welcome!**



**LENTEN TALK AND SOUP NIGHTS**

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**We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**

**ANTHONY TRAMA**

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.

# rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have begun our Lenten journey. Let us all pray for one another and make our intention the words we heard on Ash Wednesday to "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Now that we are at the beginning of March and in the Lenten Season, I believe that all the Christmas donations have been made by now. Our Christmas collection total is \$24,155.00. Thank you for your generosity and support of the parish in our recent Christmas collection.

Next weekend, the Second Collection will be taken up for Church in Latin America.

This Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 7:00PM, Fr. Michael Reilly, Pastor of St. Richard's, will celebrate a Teaching Mass. This is a valid Mass and will include explanations for all the actions that occur during Mass.

Today's readings tell us something about temptation and sin. Why is sin so alluring? Usually, we all have good intentions to do our best and to accept the will of God, but oftentimes we fail, because we are inclined to follow our passions and let pride get in the way. In our first reading from Genesis, we learn that sin looks pleasing to the eyes and desirable for gaining wisdom; "the woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom". So the devil tempts Eve into believing that if she ate from the tree she would be like God. What the devil didn't tell Eve is that if she sins (disobeys God) she will die. The serpent (devil) distracts Adam and Eve's attention away from the hurtful consequences of the tree's fruit and instead, entices them with the prospect that its fruit will open their eyes to new wonders. As soon as they eat from it, their eyes are opened; they realize they are naked and seek to hide from God. Later, they learn from God that their future includes hardships and eventually death. Genesis reminds us that the first sin of our parents was failing to listen to God. Adam and Eve allowed worldly pleasure and selfish ambition to encroach upon their perfect relationship with God. Temptation became too much for them, and when they turned away from God's plan, they came to know what sin is: separation from God and his love for us.

Thankfully, God does not leave us in our sin, and he never abandons those whom he loves. The Father sent his Son to save us. Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross allowed the sin of Adam and Eve to be reversed. Through Christ, we now have the opportunity to know our great dignity as God's own beloved sons and daughters.

In our Gospel, the devil tempts Jesus. However, Jesus does not fall into the devil's traps, and in rebuking his attempts, he presents himself as the perfect servant of the Father. It is his obedience to his Father that allows him to demonstrate how we are to trust in God who loves us deeply.

During this Lent, we too, are to be tempted, not just to keep our Lenten resolutions but also in becoming more willing to follow God's lead. There are so many things in this world-addiction, anger, judgment, suffering, sickness, abandonment, loneliness – that prohibits us from seeing God as he is, a loving and provident Father.

Can we, like Jesus, reject the lies and deception of the world around us? Are we willing to trust in God and follow wherever he leads?

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 5, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. For people living in these regions, barriers to practicing the faith include lack of resources, shortages of pastoral agents, and poor infrastructures that make relatively simple things like participating in weekly Mass difficult. Your support of the collection helps to share the faith with those who long to experience God's mercy within strong faith communities.

For example, in northern Peru, great distances and deteriorated roads mean that church agents must often travel by foot or mule to rural communities. As a result, some communities are visited by pastoral agents and ministers only once per month, others sometimes just twice per year. The Collection for the Church in Latin America was able to help fund training for 65 pastoral ministers for the communities in this region. Because of your support, these new leaders continue to reach out and serve the rural communities, ensuring that all feel included in our family of faith.

In El Salvador, a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America is funding used for the pastoral ministry for women in El Salvador who have suffered an abortion, to ensure them of the mercy of God and provide the care they and their families need to heal their wounds. Through the generosity of your parishioners, 60 people from nine dioceses have been trained to minister to this vulnerable population and have provided hope and support for women and their families enduring these difficult situations.

Our Archdiocese will take up this Collection the weekend of March 11 and 12, 2017. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with the families of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

## 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!**



## 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.

## 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!

## INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM WORKSHOP



This workshop is being offered on March 11th from 9:30AM to 12Noon at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center located at 222 North 17th St. in Center City, Philadelphia. For information or to RSVP, visit [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org) or email [sr.kshippani@archphila.org](mailto:sr.kshippani@archphila.org) or call 215-587-3530.



## NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO ATTEND COLLEGE? APPLY FOR A STELLA MARIS SCHOLARSHIP!

### Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be parishioners of the Parish Church of Stella Maris, Philadelphia, PA
- 2) Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate traits of high personal character, leadership, and financial need
- 4) Applicants must be an active, participating member of the parish

The number of recipients and scholarship amount will be based upon the market value of the scholarship fund assets each year as determined by Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Trustee. Scholarships may be renewable for up to three years or until a bachelors degree is obtained, whichever is earlier, providing scholarship requirements are met.

Eligible applicants may request an application from the parish office by calling 215-465-2336, Monday thru Friday, from 9am - 4pm.

**DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS IS MARCH 15, 2017!**

## STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday, 03/07/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

Wednesday, 03/08/17-Teaching Mass-7:00PM, Church

Sunday, 03/12/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School

Saturday, 03/18/17-Confirmation Practice-11:00AM, Church/Hall

Sunday, 03/19/17-CCD-9:15AM-Church/School

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.



## 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.

### +Teaching Mass

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### +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.**



## BestLentEver.com

Join Dynamic Catholic for a free email Lenten program, which includes short inspirational videos, practical tips, and a study guide.

Visit: [BestLentEver.com](http://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!**



## Registration for Our Lady of Hope School

Registration for **new students** for the 2017-2018 school year will take place this Monday, March 6th and Tuesday, March 7th, from 9AM to 11AM, 1PM to 2:30PM, and 6PM to 7:30PM. **Please contact the school office at 215-467-5385 for an appointment.** Documents needed for registration include: Original birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Social Security Card, immunization records, and registration fee of \$175. A student transferring to our Lady of Hope in grades 1 through 8 must have a copy of their **most recent report card and standardized test scores.** Financial Aid applications for the 2017-2018 school year are currently available online:

\*Smart Aid for Parents-[www.smartaidforparents.com](http://www.smartaidforparents.com)

There is a \$25 processing fee. The school number is 91025

\*Children's Scholarship-[www.csfphiladelphia.org](http://www.csfphiladelphia.org)

**Deadline** for applying for Children's Scholarship is **03/01/17.**

Tuition assistance questions should be addressed to Ms. Cody at: [pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com](mailto:pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com)



**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:**

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**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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**MARIAN DAY AT**  
**ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY**

The Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Legion of Mary invites all to their annual **MARIAN DAY** on **Saturday, March 11, from 9AM to 4PM**. The day includes a morning and afternoon presentations by Fr. Mark Mary, MFVA, EWTN'S host of "Life on the Rock", Mass, box lunch and Holy Hour. The event will be held at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood. Donation request for the box lunch is \$10. For more information or to RSVP, call 610-785-6270 or visit [www.scs.edu](http://www.scs.edu).

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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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