

*March 5, 2023*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*



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**THIS IS MY  
BELOVED SON**

*With whom I am well  
pleased; listen to him.*

MATTHEW 17:5

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*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*  
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**God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life**

**Collection for weekend of February 25 & February 26**

**Income: Plate = \$4,379.00 + AWC = \$72.50 = \$4,451.50**

**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$11,777.32)**

**Total = (\$7,325.82)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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:***

“During Lent, let us improve our spirit of prayer and recollection. Let us free our minds from all that is not Jesus.”

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta



***Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:***

Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, 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, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio & Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Deborah Dolce, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, 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, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, 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, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



***We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:*** ANTOINETTE BRESSI ESOPIA MANIACI

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 5, 2023*

**Sunday - March 5**

8:00 + Margaret and Michael DeSanto  
10:30 + Ronald Lalli

**Monday - March 6**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - March 7**

8:00 + Wanda Johnson

**Wednesday - March 8**

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

**Thursday - March 9**

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

**Friday - March 10**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
7:00 + Stations of the Cross

**Saturday - March 11**

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald  
5:00 + Olga Onorato

**Sunday - March 12**

8:00 + Anthony (Tony) Tangi  
10:30 + Deceased Members of the Pandelakes Family



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

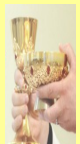
In Memory of  
Adelina and Joseph Bianchini

Requested by  
Rose Giovanelli

**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Joseph P. Fragala Jr.

Requested by  
Joe and Donna Fragala and Family



**Adoration Chapel Candles**

1) In Memory of  
Rev. Joseph L. DiGregorio  
Requested by  
Mary Gatto

2) In Memory of  
Carmen Potito  
Requested by  
The Potito Family



**GO FORTH: DEEPEN YOUR DISCIPLESHP. GROW IN MISSION**

Archbishop Perez wants to text you! Join Archbishop Perez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Through the **Go Forth** initiative, you can subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others.

There are two ways to subscribe to receive the texts: (1) use your phone to **text *goforth* to the number 84576**, or (2) visit the website [phillydisciples.org/goforth](http://phillydisciples.org/goforth).

Texts will continue weekly for one year.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's readings we see a transformation of Abram to Abraham and Jesus' transfiguration is a glorious vision. Lent invites us to be transformed by a journey of faith.

Our journey through Lent is not easy, but St. Paul encourages us to "bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel." God calls Abram to "go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Anyone who immigrates to foreign lands knows the uncertainty and risks that are involved in such a move. Jesus had warned the disciples that He was going to suffer and die, and that they were called to follow Him.

However, we don't "go it alone." St. Paul speaks of "the strength that comes from God... and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus." God promised Abram protection, a new home, and many blessings for himself and many descendants. Jesus showed Peter, James, and John the glory that awaited Him at the end of His journey. Therefore, we are encouraged to look forward to Easter as the goal to which Lent is leading us.

We can complete our journey successfully if we have faith. Abram is our model of faith. "Abram went as the Lord directed him." He left the security of his homeland and set out, trusting that the Lord would bring him to a new way of life. St. Paul, too, went on many journeys and suffered many hardships. His zeal for bringing Jesus to others kept him going. Jesus had to walk the Way of the Cross and die on Calvary. Thus, He "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel." We are asked to do penance during Lent, to "take up our cross daily," trusting that God's grace will get us to the end of our journey.

Transformation awaits us at the end of the road. Abram got a new name along the way, Abraham. He grew in faith as he faced one challenge after another. God was faithful to His promises. Paul, too, got a new name along the way. Saul became Paul. From a persecutor of Christians, he became a great hero of the Church. Jesus rose from the dead, which is the greatest transformation for all. We get a preview of Easter today and of the glory that awaits us in heaven.

The journey of Lent can transform/change us if we let it, just as Abram was transformed by his journey to the Promised Land, St. Paul was transformed from a life of persecuting the faith to one of defending the faith, and as Jesus was transformed by His journey to the Father. If we allow God, He gives us faith, trust and patience, and the ability to muddle through amid the dark.

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

Happy Lent!

Fr. Di Orio

**IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) FOR YOU?**

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you curious about the Catholic faith, but not sure you want to make a commitment? Are you married to a Catholic spouse, raising the children Catholic, and interested in knowing more to be able to share with them? Are you a Catholic who desires to complete the initiation process by receiving Eucharist and/or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the R.C.I.A. may be for you.

**The R.C.I.A. is designed to assist youth and adults who:**

- \*Have never been baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church
- \*Have been baptized in another Christian Tradition (Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) and wish to become Catholic
- \*Were baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation

There's no time like the present to begin your inquiry in the faith. If you are interested in learning more about R.C.I.A., please contact Mrs. Marie Milano at 215-465-2336, ext. 5.

**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 room across from the trophy case in the Church vestibule.

**Deadline for this outreach is Sunday, 03/26/23.**

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

All are welcome to attend this Annual Mass which is being held on **Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 3:00PM (please arrive by 2:30PM)**, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, located at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Archbishop Nelson Perez will be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. The liturgical choir will be the Philadelphia Catholic Mass Gospel Choir. There is a reception immediately following the Mass.

Please **RSVP by calling 215-587-3530** or by email at **[opd@archphila.org](mailto:opd@archphila.org)** with the number of attendees and accommodations needed. Accessible parking is available. **Address to use for Paratransit is 222 North 17th Street/Phila, PA 19103.**



**ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY**

Please join us on **Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 12Noon**, for our Annual Rosary Rally in honor of St. Joseph as we pray the Rosary for peace in our families and in our world. Please gather at 10th and Bigler Streets by the gate in front of the alcove with the image of our Blessed Mother.

Everyone is welcome!

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the USA, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit: [phillyeucharisticrevival.org](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org).

#### *"Prayer for the Revival"*

**My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (three times)**

**Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.**

### PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Vocation Office invites you to the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA, to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, on **Thursdays between the hours of 9AM to 5PM**, praying that more young people generously respond to the Lord's invitation to serve Him as priests and religious. To sign up to spend time with our Lord, visit: [Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores](http://Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores). If you have any questions or would like more information, please email: [Phillyadoration@gmail.com](mailto:Phillyadoration@gmail.com)

### SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

As we pray for vocations to the priesthood, a good way to get to know our seminarians studying for ordination in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is by listening to their vocation stories by visiting: [Heedthecall.org/poster](http://Heedthecall.org/poster).

### VOCATION PRAYER PARTNERS

Each day, numerous men and women in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pray a rosary for the specific intention of an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Prayer is the foundation of all that we do, and these faith-filled and supportive individuals are spiritual prayer-warriors, praying specifically for the men to whom God is calling to follow Him as His priests, and that they listen and heed His voice. On the **first Saturday of each month**, this group gathers online to pray as a community and in support of each other. If you wish to join this dynamic and growing community of Prayer Partners, please contact:

Sue Matour at **610-667-5778** or [smatour@archphila.org](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).

### COME AND SEE WEEKENDS

Come and see weekends offer men (high school and above) who are discerning a call to the priesthood a chance to get away, meet other men on a similar journey, and find a place of quiet to listen to God speak. Held throughout the year, these weekends include Mass, praying the Liturgy of the Hours with the seminarians, Holy Hours, talks on discernment and vocations, and time for recreation with the seminarians. There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals. For more information and to register for a particular weekend, please visit [Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee](http://Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee).

Upcoming Come and See Weekend:

**Post-High School Men**  
March 10-12, 2023

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married couples, resolve to "Live your best life in love"! Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend?

The next encounter weekend is scheduled for April 21-23, 2023 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. For more information, please visit: <https://www.wvme-philly.org/>

### Lenten Day of Recollection

On **Saturday, 03/18/23, from 9AM to 3:30PM**, a Lenten Day of Recollection is being held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in the Cathedral Chapel and Drexel Hall (which is the hall located below the Cathedral). The speaker is Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

The day's schedule is as follows:

9:00AM-Sign-In/Coffee & donuts

10:00AM-Morning Conference

11:00AM-Quiet Time/Confessions

12:05PM-Holy Mass followed by Lunch (which is provided)

1:45M-Afternoon Conference

2:30PM-Holy Hour with Exposition

3:30PM-Reposition with Benediction

This Day of Recollection is free but **you must RSVP** to Sr. Gabrielle Mary Braccio, RSM at: [sr.gbraccio@archphila.org](mailto:sr.gbraccio@archphila.org) or by calling **215-587-3795**  
All are welcome!

### WEEKLY ARCHDIOCESAN WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the rosary via Zoom or phone on the Archdiocesan LIVE World Mission Rosary. To join in this live rosary, visit [phillymissions.org](http://phillymissions.org) for the Zoom link, or type in <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>.

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 world-wide!

### BROTHERS OF BORROMEO VOCATION CAMP

This event is being held on **Saturday, April 22, 2023** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA. Young men in grades 6th through 8th are invited to gather at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a day of fun, food and fellowship. **Cost is \$25** per person and includes lunch and a T-Shirt.

**Registration deadline is March 30, 2023.**

For more information or to register, please contact Jillian Minnich at [jminnich@archphila.org](mailto:jminnich@archphila.org) or visit [heedthecall.org/bbvc](http://heedthecall.org/bbvc).

### ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TELEVISED 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.



**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.pavingforseniorcare.com](http://www.pavingforseniorcare.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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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE**

The Center provides an authentically Catholic approach to women's reproductive healthcare and follows Catholic medical ethics. The providers treat women in various age groups-from teen to seniors-and offer gynecologic care, yearly women's check-ups and natural family planning instruction in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. Services are available in English and Spanish. The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is located in East Norriton (very close to the Plymouth Meeting Mall). For more information, call the center at 844-204-0005 or visit [phgiannacenter.org](http://phgiannacenter.org).

**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 HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**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.

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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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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