

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 11, 2021



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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of 03/27/21 & 03/28/21:
Income = Plate \$4,746.00 + AWC \$72.50= \$4,818.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$9,621.67)
Total = (\$4,803.17)
Collection for weekend of 04/03/21 & 04/04/21:
Income = Plate \$4,321.00 + AWC \$72.50= \$4,393.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$16,513.11)
Total = (\$12,119.61)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please visit us at stellamarisphila.com and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll.

Living Stewardship: "No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it."

Sick Relatives & Friend—Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted: Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr & Mrs Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, Brian Capuano, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Eric Farrell, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Lucille Labate, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Julia Lynch, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Mildred Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Philipp, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Baby Rocco Santangelo, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, military disabled, 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 April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 11
8:00 + Frank, Anna and Antoinette Palesano
10:30 + Donald Varley

Monday - April 12
7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - April 13
8:00 + Marie Marino-1st Anniversary

Wednesday - April 14
8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the DeSimone and Pagnotto Families

Thursday - April 15
8:00 + Chickie Rocca

Friday - April 16
8:00 + Katie Gatto

Saturday - April 17
8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
5:00 + Joseph Italiano

Sunday - April 18
8:00 + Mary Pizzo
10:30 + Vecchiolli Family

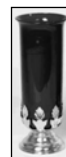
Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Helen and John Neill
Requested by
Rose Giovanelli



Adoration Chapel Lamp

- 1) In Memory of
Baby Christopher Nash
Requested by
His Grandmother, Millie Cantor
- 2) For the Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Stella Maris



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Anna Gajewski
Requested by
Her Husband, Joseph



Paschal Candle

In Memory of the
Deceased Members of
The Kubicky and Monteith Families
Donated by
Robert and Donna Kubicky





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Three elements make up today's Gospel. **First**, in His post-resurrection appearance story, Jesus makes Himself known to the disciples. Because Jesus had been killed, His disciples, fearing for their lives, have barricaded themselves behind locked doors. Suddenly Jesus appears in their midst, wishing them peace. So amazed and afraid are the disciples, that they do not respond until Jesus shows them His wounds. With this gesture, the disciples recognize Him and rejoice. This is no ghost. It is the real Jesus in the form of the Risen Lord. Do we recognize the Risen Lord in those we encounter? **Second**, it contains a commissioning by the Risen Lord to His disciples to carry on the work He was doing while here on earth. Jesus wastes no time in idle chatter. No sooner had He offered the disciples His peace, than He immediately commissions them to take up and carry on the work He had been doing. He further empowers them to do this by giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift comes in the form of Jesus breathing upon the disciples giving them new life as God did to Adam in Genesis 2:7. This gift includes the power to forgive and retain sins. Do we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we received in Baptism and Confirmation, to continue Jesus works here on earth? **Third**, Jesus appears to Thomas, who had been absent for Jesus' first appearance. When told about the first appearance, Thomas is skeptical because he had not seen what the other disciples saw. Jesus seems to have no problem giving Thomas what he needs. Seeing the Risen Lord is enough for Thomas. He does not touch the wounds of Jesus. Instead, he professes a profound faith in his Lord and God. The Lord gives us what we need that we might believe in Him. Is our faith enough to believe in Christ or do we need more proof?

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, what still keeps us behind locked doors? If we are to continue the Lord's work, since we have been commissioned by virtue of our Baptism to conquer the world with God's love and mercy, we must unlock the doors of our fears and share the good news of what we have been given. We must recognize Christ in all those we encounter and believe that the Lord is with us.

To all who made our Holy Week services and liturgies so beautiful and prayerful, I extend my thank you. To all who participated in some or all these prayer opportunities, I say thank you, thank you, thank you. May we all continue to keep the spirit of Jesus alive in us.

On a personal note, please accept my sincere thanks to all who sent Easter cards, spiritual enrollments, gifts, and goodies to the Rectory; be assured of my sincere gratefulness for your goodness and

thoughtfulness.

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

Happy Easter!
Father Di Orio



LIVING FAITH

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas' lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.



STELLA MARIS HELPING HANDS CLOTHING DRIVE



It's that time of year to put away the cold weather gear and get ready for the warm sunshine! It's time to clean out those closets and drawers of items you can no longer use. Please consider donating those items as well as small appliances and household items to the **Stella Maris Helping Hands Clothing Drive**, which is being held on **Saturday, May 1, 2021**. The "Green Drop" truck will be in the parking lot from **9AM to 12NOON**.

Thank you for helping those less fortunate.



Holy Matrimony

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 1, 2021** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, located at 18th St. & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila., PA 19103, at the **5:15PM Vigil Mass** with Presider, Archbishop Nelson J. Perez. This Mass will be commemorating all married couples who are newlyweds, or celebrating their 5, 10, 25, or 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. Wedding vows will be renewed. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please **RSVP** by calling The Office for Life and Family at **215-587-0500**.

For more information, please visit:

www.phillycatholiclife.org.



LITURGY

ARCHDIOCESAN LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE!

If you have been fully vaccinated and are healthy, we encourage you to return to Church to celebrate Mass with your Stella Maris Parish Family.

For those still unable to attend Mass in person, we invite you to watch the live-streamed Archdiocesan Masses celebrated at the Cathedral, by accessing the Archdiocesan website at: (**<https://vimeo.com/channels/catholicphillymass>**). On the right-hand side, under "Browse this Channel", click on "Videos", then click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.

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.



LIVE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. **The schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern), until further notice.** Click the link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download necessary software. On your computer, go to www.archphila.org; click on "Offices," a list of offices will appear, click on "New Evangelization." Click "Events" tab and find "Nightly at 8PM ET, The Rosary...Coronavirus" and click on "full details." The next screen will show a choice for "Rosary in English" and you can click on the words "Click here to join the Rosary by video." You may want to dial in by phone at **646-558-8656** and enter the Webinar ID: **494 480 541**. Hosted by: Meghan Cokeley, Office of New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



CULTURAL HERITAGE MASS

The Annual Cultural Heritage Mass will be held on **Saturday, 04/24/21 at 2:30PM** in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City, Philadelphia. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist is Archbishop Nelson J. Perez.

The Procession will begin at 2:00PM. Many cultures join in one faith to create one family in Christ! All are welcome to join in this celebration for global solidarity in the alleviation of poverty. This event is sponsored by: The Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees- **215-587-3540** (migrantsandrefugeesphilly.org)

and the

Pontifical Mission Societies- **215-587-3944**
(phillymissions.org).

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION HONORING THE GIFTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, THE DEAF COMMUNITY, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CAREGIVERS

Join Archbishop Nelson Perez, Principal Celebrant and Homilist, in the Celebration of the Eucharist on **Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 3:00PM** for the Annual Celebration honoring the gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family and Friends, held in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway. (For safety there will be mask wearing and social distancing). Accessible parking on the premises. **RSVP online at www.opdarchphilly.org, or call 215-587-3530 or email at opdarchphila.org.**

Address Information for Paratransit is 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.



REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

Tens of thousands of struggling couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program is being held from **04/16 through 04/18/2021, at the Family Life Center at Malvern Retreat House.** For more information call **800-470-2230** or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



"YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 12/08/20, the Holy Father proclaimed the "Year of St. Joseph", which extends to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 12/08/2021. Pope Francis shares his beautiful reflections on St. Joseph in the new Apostolic Letter named, *With a Father's Heart*. He shares his intent with the proclamation: **The aim of this Apostolic letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.**

Ways to Gain a Plenary Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph

*Meditate at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. *Follow St. Joseph's example by performing a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. *Recite the Rosary with your family members and also among engaged couples. *Entrust your daily activities to the protection of St. Joseph and invoke his intercession for those seeking work so they can find dignifying work to support themselves and their families. *Recite the Litany to St. Joseph or any prayer to St. Joseph proper to liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering persecution. *Recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph. *This indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes.

2021 CATHOLIC CHARITIES UPDATE

The 2021 **Catholic Charities Appeal** continues. You should have received a direct mailing about the appeal from the Archdiocese. Our parish goal is \$25,061. As of 03/26/2021, the Archdiocese has received 69 donations from Stella Maris parishioners in the amount of \$6,400, or about 26% of our parish goal.

Please support this wonderful appeal. Thank you.



STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

For the safety of everyone, all those in leadership positions of Stella Maris organizations are asked to call the Rectory before resuming your regular meetings in order to receive instructions for keeping within the safety guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Stay safe and stay well! God bless!



**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.



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:

REQUESTED BY:

Phone# _____



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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

Phone# _____



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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

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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.



**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 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.



IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from on-going services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and short-term services (housekeeping and personal care)? The In-Home Support Program may be able to help you. If you are at least 60 years of age, need assistance or supervision when leaving the home, and are basically homebound, please call **215-732-1140** to learn more about this program.

This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



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 a 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.Lily'sGift.org or call Sister Kathleen Schipani (**215-587-3530**). This information has been provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Office for Life and Family.