

APRIL
12
2020



Easter
Sunday



He has been raised from the dead,
and he is going before you to Galilee.

MATTHEW 28:7

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April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Collection for weekend of March 28 & 29, 2020:
Income: Plate = \$1,708.00 + AWC = \$82.00 = \$1,790.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$7,538.87)
Total = (\$5,748.87)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

"Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen and you are overthrown. Christ has risen and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen and life reigns. Christ has risen and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ, having risen from the dead, became the first-fruits of them that slept. To Him be glory and majesty to ages of ages. Amen." - Byzantine Pentekostarion

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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:

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Gloria Angelozzi, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Maryann Baranek, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr./Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Robert Costello, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna Del Vecchio and Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Frank Filippello, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Anna Philipp, Sophie Philipp, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Mr./Mrs. Robert Reed, 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, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Matt Watson, the military disabled, home-bound, and their families.



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners,

Relatives and Friends:

RONALD DI GIOVANNANTONIO
ANTOINETTE PALESANO

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 12, 2020

Sunday - April 12 (Easter Sunday)

8:00 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris
10:30 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Monday - April 13

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - April 14

8:00 + Domenico Campese and Sons

Wednesday - April 15

8:00 + Jennie and John Dunn

Thursday - April 16

8:00 + Dennis Romolini and Michael Gangemi

Friday - April 17

8:00 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Saturday - April 18

8:00 + Katie Gatto
5PM + Rose and John Zambrano

Sunday - April 19 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli
10:30 + Frank & Theresa Pagnotto

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Nicholas Bozzi and Cosmo & Lisa Innaurato

Requested by
Maria Bozzi



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
Margie Savarese

Requested by
Daughters,
Andrea Cardella & Renee Savarese

2) For the Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Stella Maris



Bread & Wine

In Honor of the
Anniversary of Joe & Anna Gajewski

Requested by
Joe Gajewski



PASCHAL CANDLE

In Memory of the
Deceased Members of
The Kubicky and Monteith Families

Donated by
Robert and Donna Kubicky



Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Easter! Today sort of reminds me of what William Clark (of Lewis and Clark fame), wrote in his journal as he and the expedition members first saw the Pacific Ocean in the early 1800's. It had been an extremely long and difficult journey, especially trudging over the seemingly never-ending Rocky Mountains. The team expected an easier journey than they actually encountered. The expedition was one treacherous range after another. When at last, William Clark saw the majestic Pacific Ocean he wrote three little words: "O the joy." Yes, "O the joy!" That is how we should feel today. It's Easter. Jesus is Risen, Alleluia! The tomb is empty, Alleluia! Easter is a time of ecstasy and a time of savoring the mystery and magnitude of truth that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again!

When Clark wrote, "O the joy" in his journal, he was expressing his own joy, of course. But he also was telling centuries of historians and everyday readers something thrilling. He told us that all the sacrifices made during this expedition were worth the misery, pain and perseverance. Today's Easter celebration asks us to do the same. It shows us that great sacrifice can bring great joy. For all of us this Easter is different. Because of this pandemic, we are unable to celebrate it with our parish family or even with our own families. Yet, it should not diminish in any way the promise of the Risen Christ, which gives us joy because Jesus gives life: "Life to the full," eternal life. And yet, before every resurrection, there is always great sacrifice and challenge. Jesus' very life serves as a model for our lives: to give life to others, to bring Easter joy, "Easter life," to others – all of this despite the personal sacrifice and challenge required.

Today we follow Mary of Magdala, Peter and John to the tomb where we find the stone rolled away. Sharing their amazement, we find that the tomb is empty! That empty tomb stands as an everlasting sign of hope. Hope for a world free from fear, free from sin, free from death. Even though we are uncertain of what tomorrow holds for us, let us be free from fear, sin and death. Let us bring to our Easter celebration our real selves, including our imperfections, distractions, and sometimes less-than-perfect faith. Rather than denying them, far better to turn them over to the risen Lord who died and rose to redeem us. Let us be filled with joy and gladness this Easter day!

I thank all those who helped to make Holy Week somewhat normal.

I thank Robert and Donna Kubicky for donating the Easter Candle (Paschal Candle), in memory of the deceased members of the Kubicky and Monteith Families. The Easter Candle is to be kept burning at all the Masses throughout the Easter Season, and all Baptisms and Funeral Masses.

I thank you the faithful and good parishioners of Stella Maris for all that you do for our parish throughout the year. Know that you are missed and I can't wait 'til we can celebrate Eucharist together again.

On behalf of Msgr. Connelly, the Parish Staff, our Sisters of St. Joseph, and myself, I extend to you and to your families a very blessed and happy Easter. And may the Risen Christ fill your hearts and drive away the darkness and fear of this time.

Happy Easter!
Father Di Orio



JESUS HAS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Eastertime lasts fifty days: seven weeks of seven days (seven equals Biblical perfection) plus one day: perfection plus! Like an eight-day Jewish wedding, or a child who can't bear to let go of Christmas, birthdays, and school vacation, the Church celebrates the Easter Octave: "the marriage of heaven and earth," as the Vigil calls Jesus' resurrection; our new members' baptismal rebirth; our renewal of baptismal vows; our hearts' "divine vacation" (Latin *vacare*, "to be empty"), newfound time and space for love of God and neighbor. Make home an Easter garden! Adorn the dining table with a pillar candle (your "paschal candle"), a bowl full of water (ideally, from the parish's baptismal font), a vase of flowers or bowl of sprouting grain with Easter eggs. Even non-singers can handle the three-fold Gospel Alleluia! Let that be your grace before meals, perhaps with a prayer recalling Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35): "Be known to us, Risen Lord Jesus, as you were to the first disciples, in your word, in the breaking of bread, and in everyone we meet."

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YOU CAN WATCH STELLA MARIS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS!

Please Note: You do not need Facebook to view the video of the Liturgical Celebrations. You can access the Facebook page on the Parish's Website (stellamarisphila.com). Click the link and it will take you to Facebook, when asked to log in just click "not now" or "x" out of the box. Go to video and click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in need of dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that meals prepared 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. We are grateful to those who take home trays and return them with their leftovers/prepared meals, and/or those who bring pantry items on a regular basis.

May God reward your efforts for feeding those in need.



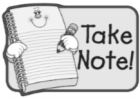
STELLA MARIS RECTORY SCHEDULE

Due to the present Coronavirus situation and for the safety of everyone, Stella Maris Rectory will be closed until further notice.

Have a Blessed Easter!

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

Due to the present situation with the Coronavirus -COVID-19 and the safety of all involved, all Stella Maris events are suspended until further notice. God bless!



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO LANCASTER

Important Notice: The Star of the Sea Seniors trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the brand new show, "Queen Esther", which was scheduled for **Thursday, 03/19/20 has been postponed until Thursday, September 17, 2020**, due to health concerns regarding public gatherings and the safety of those attending this trip. More information to follow as the trip date gets closer. If you have questions, please call Marge Varley at **215-463-3386**.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PARISH BREAKFAST!

On **Sunday, 05/17/20**, Stella Maris Parish is having a **Parish Breakfast** for all of our parishioners - past, present, and for all who wish to be part of our growing family! Breakfast will be in the Church Hall **following the 10:30AM Mass**. Cost for the breakfast is **\$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 10 year old**. There will be a door prize sponsored by P&S Ravioli Company. Catering by Galdo's. Also the trophies that were awarded to Stella Maris School for various activities, and had been on display in the vestibule hallway, will be available to anyone wishing to take them home. **Tickets are now on sale. Please contact Dominic Verdi at 215-416-8239 or the Rectory at 215 465-2336.**



FLAME OF LOVE EVENTS



Many Flame of Love Events and Prayer Cenacles throughout the nation have been suspended due to the Coronavirus. To access Flame of Love Meditations and Prayers, please go to: <https://flameoflove.us/> and click on prayers.

Flame of Love Prayer line: **712-770-4340**;
Access Code #: **331973**.

COME AND SEE WEEKENDS AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY



Come and See Weekends are designed to let young men who are discerning the priesthood see what a typical Seminary weekend looks like. Between Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and fellowship with the seminarians, it is an unmatched opportunity for a young man to see if he has a vocations to the priesthood. There is an upcoming "Come and See" weekend for **post-high school men from Friday, 04/24/20 to Sunday, 04/26/20**.

If you know anyone who would benefit from a weekend of discernment, send them this information! Post-high school men can register by emailing Sue Matour, Associate Director at smatour@archphila or by visiting the website at heedthecall.org/comeandsee.

REGISTRATION FOR OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL



Registration for **new students** for the 2020-2021 continues, and is by appointment only. Appointments can be made and all questions answered by calling the OLH school office at **215-467-5385**.

Documents needed for registration are: Original birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Records, most recent Report Card, standardized testing for students entering grades 1 through 8, Registration fee of \$150 per family (non-refundable), and a \$200 tuition deposit. You may email the principal at: pcody@ourladvofhopephilly.com.



INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM HELP

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese are offering this convenient help line to assist families to connect to the disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To reach the Help-Line please call **484-472-5041** or email: IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.

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 at 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program. This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

MOTHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES RETREAT



"Embracing the Gift"

The annual retreat for Mothers of Children with Disabilities is being held on Tuesday, 05/05/20, from 9:30AM to 2:00PM, at Malvern Retreat House. The presenters of this retreat are David and Mercedes Rizzo, parents of a daughter with autism and author of the book: *Praying For our Special Needs Child*. This retreat welcomes mothers and grandmothers raising children with disabilities and also for those who have adult children with disabilities. Come experience a time set apart just for you. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with moms and grand moms and celebrate Mass. Cost is \$35. For information, call Malvern Retreat House at **610-644-0400**, or Office for Persons with Disabilities at **215-587-3530**. Register online at www.malvernretreat.com.



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.

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World Sodality Mass

Due to the present situation with the Coronavirus (COVID - 19) and the safety of all involved the World Sodality Day Mass on Sunday, April 19, 2020, at St. Richard's has been cancelled.



Please check with organizations, schools, parishes, etc. who have postings in our bulletin to see if their events and/or functions have been cancelled or postponed. Thank you. Be safe. 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.

HEALING MASS FOR ADDICTIONS



On the **THIRD TUESDAYS** of every month there is a Healing Mass for all those in alcohol and drug addiction and families affected by these addictions at 6:00PM at Saint Gabriel's, 29th and Dickinson Streets. The service will include: Mass, prayers, adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; followed by a social and meeting. Join us as we ask God to help us. All are invited.

Prayer for those in Addiction

Oh Lord, I come to You to pray for all who are weighed down with some form of addiction. Lord, You are the One Who came to set the captives free and to release the sinners from chains that bind them-so I lift before Your throne of grace all those addicted to drugs and alcohol. Lord, I know some personally, and others that I know nothing about - but You know everyone that is enchained by the curse of addiction. Look with compassion on all that are ensnared by any form of addiction and send help and freedom to all who would accept help. Lord, I pray so that they may be released from this imprisonment and returned to a life that has dignity and meaning. Give wisdom to their family members and those who care for them that they may be given the help and support to put them back on the road to recovery. Endow them with patience, understanding and perseverance, knowing that this can take time to address. More than anything Lord, I pray for their salvation. You died for every sinner and it was Your love for them that caused You to die on the cross of shame that they might be lifted up and seated with Christ in heavenly places. Amen.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 02, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the **5:15PM Vigil Mass**. This Mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, 1-5 years; those who have been married 25 years or more; or 50 years or more. Friends & family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Registration is required. To register, please visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org or call 215-587-0500.

**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES, AND
OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**



Although the Mass Book for 2020 is full, there are Adoration Chapel Candles and Offerings of Bread and Wine still available in 2020. Each of these are lit or offered for an entire week, seven days. Just like a Mass, you may offer these for a living or deceased person, or special intention. The donations are: \$20 for each Adoration Chapel Candle and \$25 for the offering of Bread and Wine. You may call or come to the Rectory during regular business hours to see which weeks are available, or you may complete one of the forms below, being sure to include your phone number, in case we need to contact you. Attach your donation to the form, and place it in an envelope. You may drop it in the collection basket when you attend Mass, or mail it to our Stella Maris Rectory: 2901 S 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148.



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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