



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2026

STELLA MARIS PARISH
2901 S. 10TH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19148

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Your Church Contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please go to stellamarisphila.com and click on [Parish Giving](#) (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll. Thank you.

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

Collection for weekend of March 28 & March 29
Income: Plate = \$5,388.00 + AWC= \$65.00 = \$5,453.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$21,497.61)
Total = (\$ 21,432.61)
Collection for weekend of April 4 & April 5
Income: Plate = \$2946.00 + AWC= \$81.25 = \$3,027.25
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$26,422.08)
Total= (\$23,394.83)



"I am Love and Mercy Itself"

-- Jesus to St. Faustina

"For the sake of His sorrowful

Passion, have mercy on us and the whole world."

Please Pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Emilio Colella, 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 Matthew 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 Flugaliski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goren, 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, Missy McGrath, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecilia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petrizzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Heather Russino, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, 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, 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:

Arman Santorsola

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, 2026**

Saturday April 11

5:00 + Danny, Rapp and Michael Gangemi

Sunday April 12

8:00 + Luigi Pintarelli

10:30 + Joseph and Dolores Crusco

Monday April 13

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday April 14

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of Saint Joseph

Wednesday April 15

8:00 + Jennie and Raymond Moffo

Thursday April 16

8:00 + Dennis Romolini Jr. and Frankie Romolini

Friday April 17

8:00 + For the Intentions of the Andrews Family

Saturday April 18

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

5:00 + James Botti

Sunday April 19

8:00 + Michael Pizzo

10:30 + Catherine Kramer

Church Sanctuary Lamp

**Intentions of
Joseph and Anna Gajewski
on their anniversary
Requested by
Her Husband**



Altar Bread and Wine

**In Memory of
Libby and Lenny Tierno
Requested by
Crusco Family**



Adoration Chapel Candles

**1) In Memory of
Bobby Gatto**

**Requested By
Mary Gatto**



**2) For the Living
and Deceased
Members of Stella
Maris**

Paschal Candle

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



Letter from OUR PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We, like Thomas in today's Gospel, have our doubts about the truth of Jesus. Thank God for His mercy!

In today's Gospel from St. John, Thomas makes his profession of faith, "My Lord and my God!" Just what is faith, anyway? St. Augustine says, "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of faith is to see what you believe." Our culture and turmoil in our Church pose challenges to faith and provoke questions that begin with: "How can God allow...", "Why should we believe anything they say...", and "What difference does it make? You don't have to believe anything to be a good person." Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that the gift of faith comes from God's infinite mercy. Pope Francis said, "No one 'deserves' faith. No one can buy it. It is a gift. Through praise we prove our faith and belief that Jesus was sent to forgive sins."

Christ's teaching was about forgiveness, compassion, and mercy – the very things that seem so lacking today. But these are not dead. The cross could not defeat Christ; therefore, hope cannot be crushed. Thankfully, before Jesus told us to be different from everyone else, He breathed on His disciples: "He breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" Before Jesus asked us to do the hard things, to live the challenging path, He gave us the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we must breathe in the mercy of God. We must breathe in Jesus Christ who is mercy. We must do what Jesus told us to do. We have been given peace, and we have been sent by Jesus to pass on this breath of fresh air. Jesus entered the locked room with the greeting "Peace." The peace He wishes to give us is the sense of well-being that comes from believing that God is with us. This peace that Jesus gives us is not a freedom from upsetting things in our lives. This peace enables us to live with upsetting things. This peace, this unity with God, this reconciliation with God, is what Jesus had to offer. Like the Apostles, we too are given this peace and the mission to continue to bring Jesus' love and mercy to all we encounter. Being reconciled with the Father is so important to the life of Jesus, that He consistently expressed God's willingness not to hold our sins - our unbelief - against us. We don't often give people who hurt us second chances, but Jesus gives us all the chances we need to fully trust Him - and this forgiveness is Divine Mercy. It is this gift of Faith that helps us to be compassionate, loving, forgiving people. This Faith is a gift, and it requires our active cooperation.

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

STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on Saturday 5/2/26, from 9:00AM to 12 Noon, to benefit St. Vincent DePaul. Look for the Thrifty Irishman Truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be able to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing/ shoes in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as linens, kitchenware, small appliances in good working condition, sporting goods, games, toys, bikes, tools and jewelry are also accepted. We cannot accept furniture, large appliances, TV's, computers or computer monitors.

Below is a list of donations that have been made to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed on, but will not be forgotten.

In Memory of:

Judy Cerrone

Anna Tosti

Vittorio Gallelli

Donors:

Barbara Capozzi

Lou and Sue Tosti
Bud and Kit Tosti
Mike and Rose Wallace
Michael and Florence Marra

Barbara Capozzi
Liliya Batruina
Shaun Boivert
Pasquale Gallelli
Pat Gallelli
Vestina Mikoliunaite
Denise Pimpinella
Sandra Roussey



Stella Maris Events

2026

Saturday, April 25th – P & S - Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our Annual Night of Delicious
P & S Spaghetti and Meatballs, Esposito's Porchetta,
Great Music and Fabulous Prizes!

Spring 2026 – \$50 Grand Raffle

\$50 Raffle tickets will be sold beginning in May 2026
for a drawing of 6 prizes which will be held after each
Mass the weekend of Nov. 22/23.
More information to follow.

Facts about Divine Mercy Sunday

It is celebrated the second Sunday of Easter and is based on the revelations of a Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska.

She was Canonized in 2000 by
Pope John Paul II.

St Faustina's encounters were with Jesus, The Blessed Mother, Angels, Demons and Satan.

St Faustina kept a diary of the visions and the messages she received. These diaries were written between 1934-1938. In the diary, Christ spoke to Sister about His love for the world and His desire for the world to know His unending merciful love.

The diary was published after her death and is one of the most widely read religious works in the world.

Besides saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the faithful can earn a plenary Indulgence by taking part in any devotions and prayers in honor of Divine Mercy, by going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist and praying for the Pope on that Divine Mercy Sunday.

“Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy.” (Diary, p. 300)

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Sr. Veronica and Sr. Claire Lesher's New Address

Sr. Veronica Maier / Sr. Claire Lesher
St. Joseph Villa
110 West Wissahickon Ave.
Flourtown, PA 19031

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of abortion-no matter how much time has passed-please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgiveable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

To contact our team to register or for questions:

Susan-610-716-4795; Georgeann-484-955-4278

STELLA MARIS PARISH FUNDRAISER & SOCIAL NIGHT

APRIL 25, 2026

Main Menu:

P&S SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

includes salad, rolls, and cake
Featuring P&S Ravioli Co.

BRICK OVEN BONELESS ROASTED PIG

Featuring Esposito's Porchetta



DOOR PRIZES - RAFFLE BASKETS - 50/50



WHAT'S INCLUDED

TICKET INCLUDES:
🍴 DELICIOUS FOOD
🍷 WATER, SODA, COFFEE, & TEA
🎫 RAFFLE SHEET FOR EXCITING PRIZES

BYOB - BRING YOUR FAVORITE DRINKS! 🍷🍹

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

📍 2901 S 10TH ST. PHILADELPHIA, PA 19148

FOR TICKET SALES, CALL STELLA MARIS RECTORY AT 215-465-2336

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

**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 feel free to 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.

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 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.

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.

Contact Maria at 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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