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Jesus I Trust In You

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

Collection for weekend of April 1 & April 2

Income: Plate = \$6,151.00 + AWC= \$58.00 = \$6,209.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$18,082.62)

Total = (\$11,873.62)

Collection for weekend of April 8 & April 9

Income: Plate = \$5,355.00 + AWC= \$58.00 = \$5,413.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$24,279.21)

Total = (\$18,866.21)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

Living Stewardship: "Love must not simply abide by earthly laws but must let itself be illumined by the truth which is God, and must be expressed in that superior measure of justice which is mercy."
-Pope Benedict XVI



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: ROSE CAPPETTO JOHN DePRINCE
LOUISE EVERS

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 16, 2023

Sunday - April 16

8:00 + Little Dennis Romolini
10:30 + Joseph Crusco

Monday - April 17

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - April 18

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday - April 19

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday - April 20

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Friday - April 21

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday - April 22

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 + Joseph and Rita Graziano

Sunday - April 23

8:00 + Anthony and Mary Pizzo
10:30 + Theresa (Teri) Di Orio



Church Sanctuary Lamp

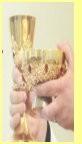
In Memory of
Anna Gajewski

Requested by
Her husband, Joseph

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Joseph Crusco

Requested by
The Crusco Family



Paschal Candle

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

KEY FOBS FOR ADORATION CHAPEL

Due to a significant increase in cost, the donation for a Key Fob for the Adoration Chapel is now \$15. If you lose your Key Fob, the replacement cost will be \$25.00.

Key Fobs can be obtained at the Rectory during regular business hours, (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM).



Below are donations that have been made to honor the memory of a loved one who have passed on, but will never be forgotten.

In Memory of

Esopia (Lina) Maniaci
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Donor

Robert Bongiovanni & Diane Ricci-Bongiovanni
Salvatore & Mary Louise Mele (and Portaro)
Diane and Aniello Pennetti



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. In a sermon on January 15, 2016, 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 of 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.

Please note, our annual May Procession in honor of Our Blessed Mother will be held on Thursday, May 4th at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to be a part of this annual devotion. Please mark your calendars.

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

Happy Easter!

Father Di Orio

OUR LADY OF HOPE 2023-2024 REGISTRATION

Registration for new students entering Grades Pre-K 3 through Grade 7 for the 2023-2024 is now open.

Documents needed for Registration

- *Original Birth Certificate
- *Baptismal Certificate
- *Social Security Card
- *Immunization Records
- *Report Card and Standardized Testing Results for students entering Grades 2 through 7.

Our Lady of Hope School has financial aid available for all families who are seeking a quality Catholic education for their children. Please contact the school office at **215-467-5385** to make an appointment to register or to schedule a school tour.

BROTHERS OF BORROMEIO VOCATION CAMP

Calling all young men in grades 6, 7, and 8! The Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood and Philadelphia seminarians are hosting this awesome one-day camp on Saturday, 04/22/2023, from 9AM to 4:30PM. Held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, the day includes great activities, talks, opportunity for confession, prayer, and lunch. With our theme, ***Dearest God, Give Me Holiness***, young men are invited to learn about the life of Saint John Neumann and what it means to be holy. We will also explore other saints and how their lives can inspire us to get to heaven!

For more information or to sign up for the Vocation Camp please call the **Vocation Office** at **610-667-5778**.

STELLA MARIS/EPIPHANY CCD REGISTRATION 2023-2024

Registration for our Religious Education Program for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!

Requirements:

- 1) Students must be 6 years or older by 09/01/23
- 2) Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- 3) Completed Registration Form by 09/01/23
- 4) Registration Fee of \$175 (\$75 Deposit) by 09/01/23

***Early Bird Special-Registration Fee of \$140*
Registration Form and \$40 deposit by June 30th**

Email: stellamarisdre@comcast.net

or

**Phone 215-465-2336
For information and forms**

Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.

CARE PARTNERS NEEDED

St. Monica Eldercare Program is currently interviewing for paid substitutes as care partners. If you enjoy working with seniors, are able to vacuum, change bed linens, assist with laundry, and do local errands, you would be an ideal candidate. The care partner visits the senior for two hours and helps as needed. Hours/days can be flexible.

If you are interested, please **contact Sister Ruth** at **215-334-0285** or **rhennessy@chs-adphila.org**

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.

“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. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email:

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.

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.



STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday, 05/06/23**, from **9:00AM to 12Noon**, to benefit the **Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation**. Look for the **Green Drop 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.

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.wwme-philly.org/>

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.

Texts continue weekly through February 2024.

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 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!

ST. MARY MAGDALEN SOI BINGO

St. Mary Magdalen dePazzi Sons of Italy is having Bingo on Saturday, 04/22/23, at 3PM (doors open at 2PM), in dePazzi Hall, located at 714 Montrose St., Phila., PA. Cost for a package is \$35 and includes specials, dessert and coffee; for an extra \$15, you can also purchase a buffet food package (roast pork, meatball, sausage 7 peppers, baked ziti and wine). There will be 7 \$100 lap games, 2 \$200 specials, and 1 coverall jackpot for \$1000 in 42 numbers or less. To reserve your spot, call **Frank at 267-582-1685** or call **Ann at 267-259-3674**.

PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR YOUNG MEN

The Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program (PCSP) is a 10-day residential, college-accredited program which will be held **July 5 through July 14, 2023**, at **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**. This program offers high school men (juniors and seniors) in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, a robust introduction to the great intellectual and spiritual heritage of the Church. Discussion-based seminars are led by seminary and university professors, and successful completion of the program earns attendees 3 college credits. This year’s theme is **Faith & Reason**. Participants will combine their study with daily prayer, cultural excursions, activities, and fellowship.

Applications are being accepted now through May 15, 2023.

To learn more, please contact Sue Matour, Associate Director, at **610-667-5778** or smatour@archphila.org.

To apply online, please visit:
PhiladelphiaCatholicScholars.org.

**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.pavingforseniorcare.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.

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.

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 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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