

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2020



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

Collection for weekend of April 4 & 5, 2020:

Income: Plate = \$4,130.00 + AWC = \$102.50 = \$4,232.50

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$11,370.76)

Total = (\$7,138.26)

Living Stewardship - Living God's Word: We Walk By Faith:

The early Christian community could only trust the words of the apostles, the ones Thomas couldn't believe, when they preached Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Who could believe what they said? The Holy Spirit, breathed upon the disciples in that first encounter, emanated so powerfully from them that they were able to convene seemingly utopian communities of faith. Filled with "divine mercy," their lives became an evangelization to the world.

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, 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 Quiet, 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 Santaguada, 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:**

MARIE MARINO

ROCCO RIZZO

PATRICIA VICCARELLI

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 19, 2020**

Sunday - April 19 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

10:30 + Frank & Theresa Pagnotto

Monday - April 20

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - April 21

8:00 + Rachel LaRocca

Wednesday - April 22

8:00 + Ann and Al Morrone

Thursday - April 23

8:00 + Mildred Pomarci

Friday - April 24

8:00 + Theresa (Teri) Di Orio

Saturday - April 25

8:00 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris

5:00 + Frank and Ilda Colelli

Sunday - April 26

8:00 + Joseph and Francis Badolato

10:30 + Those Preparing to Receive

First Holy Communion at Stella Maris

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Honor of
The St. Joseph Family

Requested by
Mom and Dad



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Lorenzo Trimarco

Requested by
Alessandra Trimarco and
Robert and Josephine Paskevicius



PASCAL CANDLE

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

Donated by
Robert and Donna Kubicky



Parish Giving: 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.

rom the Pastor's Desk

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, and 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 way, be it virtually from home, or those who were able to physically participate: the cantors, the readers, the videographers, and our Sisters who live in our convent, 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 greetings through Facebook, email, web-page, Easter cards, spiritual enrollments, gifts and goodies to the Rectory. You can be certain of my sincere gratefulness for your goodness and thoughtfulness.

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

Happy Easter!
Father Di Orio



YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE!

Most of us have had the misfortune of missing something important simply by being absent, and then hearing about what happened. In today's reading, unique to John's Gospel, Thomas is the only apostle who was not around when Jesus appeared to his friends for the first time after his death and resurrection. They were frightened and grieving, not knowing what would happen to them. Remember, they found themselves to be fugitives, seemingly guilty by association with a criminal executed by government officials. Suddenly, Jesus was with them, beaming peace and mercy to his fragile followers. What joy! What a shock, too!

We will never know why Thomas had left their hiding place. All we know is that he returned to wild stories about Jesus being alive after dying a brutal death. He must have thought that the other apostles in their grief had a shared delusion of what they wished were true. When Thomas finally saw Jesus, he gave what is considered the most profound profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" In his tender mercy, Jesus ministered to Thomas by helping him to see for himself.



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.

YOU CAN WATCH STELLA MARIS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS!

Please Note: You do not need Facebook to view the video of the Liturgical Celebrations. Just 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.



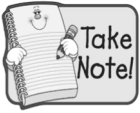
STELLA MARIS RECTORY SCHEDULE

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 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: 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**.

PARISH BREAKFAST!

Our Parish Breakfast, originally scheduled for **Sunday, 05/17/20**, has been postponed for the safety of all during this Covid-19 pandemic. We will provide all important information for this event as soon as it is re-scheduled. If anyone has purchased a ticket for the Parish Breakfast, please be assured that all tickets will be honored for the new date.

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

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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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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