

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

APRIL 2, 2017

*Jesus cried out
in a loud voice,
“Lazarus,
come out!”*

John 11:43

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of April 2, 2017

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

Collections for the Weekend of March 18 & March 19, 2017
Income: Plate = \$6,443.00. + AWC = \$106.25 = \$6,549.25
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$20,453.80)
Total = (\$13,904.55)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

"...Friendship with Christ guarantees profound peace and serenity to the soul even in the dark moments and in the most arduous trials. When faith meets with dark nights in which the presence of God is no longer "felt" or "seen", friendship with Jesus guarantees that in reality nothing can ever separate us from his love."

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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

Rosario Allia, Ed Alioto, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSI, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Baby Matthew D'Imperio, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlari, Trish Ezzie, Isabelle Fabrizio, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Maribel Guerrero, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Lucy Intelisano, Ann & Anthony Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, John Knight, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Frederick Walter Lampe III, Petronella MacCarter, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Carmela Martini, Joe & Tina Martino, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Ernest Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Lenny Olivieri, Marie Ordine, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Lauren Poppa, Madeline Porsia, Angela Raffa, M/M Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Philomena Salvatore, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Carmen Sipia, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Caila Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Robin Twaddell, Christine Upchurch, Christopher Vacante, Mike Vicario, Michael Valardi, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Rest in Peace **We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**

GEORGE LONG

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.

Sunday—April 2

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 9:30 + Olivia Martino
 11:00 + Michael Del Buono

Monday—April 3

8:00 + Procopio Family

Tuesday—April 4

8:00 + Mario and Jennie LaPergola

Wednesday—April 5

8:00 + Agapito Viray

Thursday—April 6

8:00 + Al Crivellaro
 7:00 + Parish Lenten Penance Service

Friday—April 7

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph
 7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday—April 8

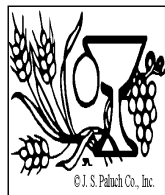
8:00 + Frank D. Pagnotto and Family
 5:00 + Catherine Cianguilio

Sunday—April 9

8:00 + Luigi Pintarelli
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 11:00 + Rosemary Ciasullo-(D) and Tom Ciasullo-(L)

Church Sanctuary Lamp

For the Intentions of
 Ronald Curro
 Requested by
 His Mother



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Olivia Martino
 Requested by
 Lorinda Fina

PARISH EASTER OUTREACH

We are hoping to assist some families who are in need of food this Easter. Therefore, we are asking for donations of hams, canned yams, canned vegetables, boxed instant potatoes, canned pineapple, and sweet treats (jelly beans, candy, cookies, etc.). All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please take all food donations to the room across from the trophy case in the Church vestibule. **The deadline for outreach item donations is this Thursday, April 6th.**



SURVEY ON POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING AN ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS PUBLICATION

The Archdiocese is considering resuming a print publication containing local Church news that would come out every other week. The subscription rate would be \$40 to \$50 annually. If you think you would subscribe to a regular archdiocesan publication, please call or email the rectory to say that you are interested in a print publication. Your input is greatly appreciated!

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel from St. John, we read about the raising of Lazarus from the dead. When Jesus commands Lazarus to "Come out!", Lazarus, the dead man, came out tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. Jesus then, commands them to untie him and let him go. We, too, must come out of whatever grave it is that keeps us from understanding who Jesus is. We must let go of whatever binds us and keeps us from believing deeply. What binds us from following Jesus? What keeps us from using our hands, feet, eyes, ears, and mouth for the glory of God? Let us take this time to reflect in our lives and ask the Lord to help us to rid ourselves of the things that bind us and keep us from living the Gospel.

Lent is a season of spiritual renewal as well as a season of repentance and forgiveness. When we have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and have received absolution from a priest, our sins are gone. There is no longer a need to look back at them. It is a time for us to move forward, hold our head high, welcoming the good and graced things to come.

This Thursday, April 06, 2017 we will have an opportunity as a parish to seek God's continued love and mercy, as we celebrate our Lenten Penance (Reconciliation) Service. There will be a number of visiting priests to help with individual confessions. This will take place in our Church at 7:00 PM. Invite a friend and take this time for you!

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Sr. Catherine McConnell will be leaving our parish this Tuesday, April 04, 2017. Sister will now be residing at St. Joseph Villa Resident in Flourtown. Sr. Catherine first came to Stella Maris in 1975 where she taught in our Parish elementary school until 1980. Then in 2000, Sister returned to Stella Maris in residence where she was missioned to work at St. Maria Goretti High School for 4 years, and then SS. John Neumann and Maria Goretti, until her retirement in 2009. After retiring, Sister continued to live at Stella Maris Convent where she helped in school and the parish. I want to take this opportunity to thank Sr. Catherine for her vocation to the religious life, and for all that she had done for our parish. Sister volunteered in the Rectory. She also was a member of the Fund Raising Committee and was always willing to help out whenever she could in any capacity, which she did. So on behalf of Stella Maris Parish, we say to you Sister Catherine, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask for a remembrance in yours.

Happy Lent!

Fr. Di Orio



PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

This **Thursday, April 6th at 7:00PM**, we are having a **parish celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession). After a prayer service, many visiting priests will be available to help with individual confessions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held this Friday, April 7th at 7PM. Everyone is welcome.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Sunday, 04/09/17

Palm will be distributed at all Masses:
Saturday, (04/08) : Vigil Mass at 5:00PM
Sunday, (04/09): 8:00AM, 9:30AM, and 11:00AM



CELEBRATION OF THE CROSS

Our parish Celebration of the Cross will be held on **Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00PM**. During this prayer service, we will use our Lenten "wood chips" to construct the Cross for the Good Friday services.



THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY (April 13th)

No morning Mass on this day.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM.

Adoration at the Repository following Mass, until 10:00PM.

Night Prayer celebrated at 9:45PM



GOOD FRIDAY (April 14th)

No morning Mass on this day.

Morning Prayer celebrated at 9:00AM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY (April 15th)

No morning Mass on this day.

Morning Prayer celebrated at 9:00AM.

Confessions: 4:00PM to 5:00PM

No 5:00PM Vigil Mass on this day.

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30PM



EASTER SUNDAY (April 16th)

Masses at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, and 11:00AM



CCD NEWS

CCD Classes for the 2017-2018 school year will take place on Sunday mornings. **Registration** for current and new students for CCD Classes for the 2017-2018 school year will take place in the Church Vestibule after all Masses on the weekend of May 6/May 7, 2017.

The following is required for Registration:

- 1) Completed Registration Form
- 2) Signed copy of "Appendix A" from the Handbook
- 3) Baptismal certificate for all **new** registrations (only if your child was **not baptized** at Stella Maris)
- 4) Signed letter of permission from your pastor (only if you are **not** a member of Stella Maris Parish)
- 5) Registration fee of \$175 per child for parishioners and \$200 per child for non-parishioners of Stella Maris

We are offering an "Early Bird" Special discount of \$25 per child to those who **register before May 21, 2017**. You may also register at the Rectory, Monday-Friday, beginning April 3, 2017.

HELLO DOLLY STARRING BETTE MIDLER



The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to New York to see the Broadway Musical "Hello Dolly" with Bette Midler on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017. **Due to the popularity of this show, we are currently sold out; however we are accepting names for a waiting list.** The cost is **\$300/\$340 per person**, which includes the show, dinner at Carmine's, and round trip motor coach. **A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is now due.** The remaining balance of \$150/\$190 is to be paid in two payments as follows: First payment of \$75/\$95 is due on or before May 10, 2017 and the final payment of \$75/\$95 is due on or before August 1, 2017.

For more information or reservations, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.

BLESSING OF THE WATERS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City for the Blessing of the Waters on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017.** The cost of **\$70 per person is non-refundable and is now due.** Cost includes Mass at Saint Damien's, sit-down lunch at the Tuckahoe Inn, and a visit to the Resorts Casino (with a \$25 Bonus). Please make checks payable to: **Stella Maris Sodality, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148.** For reservations or information, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.

QUO VADIS DAYS 2017

Quo Vadis is a 4 day retreat for young men who will be graduating from 8th grade and those men in 9th through 12th grades. Gather with the Philadelphia Seminarians and other high school men for 4 days of dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment, including a ropes course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, and more. The retreat is being held from **June 26th through June 29th** at the **Black Rock Retreat Center.** **Registration is \$35 per person.** For more information:

call **610-667-5778** or visit www.heedthecall.org.

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STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday, 04/04/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

Thursday, 04/06/17-Parish Lenten Penance Service-7:00PM,
Church

Saturday, 04/08/17-Helping Hands Easter Outreach-8:30AM
Vestibule

Sunday, 04/09/17-CCD-9:15 AM, Class First; 11AM Mass,
School/Church

Sunday, 04/16/17-NO CCD Classes-Easter Sunday

Tuesday, 04/18/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

Sunday, 04/23/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School



STELLA MARIS FLEA MARKET



Stella Maris Fund Raising Committee will host a Flea Market on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 9AM to 3PM (Rain or Shine). If you would like to reserve a spot, the non-refundable donation is \$30. You may come to set up your spot at 8AM on Saturday, May 13th. **PLEASE NOTE: NO TABLES WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Spring is a great time to clear out the extra and unwanted items in your house. If you have any items that you would like to donate to the Stella Maris "White Elephant" Table, we will gratefully accept your donations of books, clothing, jewelry, accessories, and household items to be sold at our table. You may leave these items in the Outreach Room (across from the trophy case) in the church vestibule, **before Vigil/Sunday Mass times ONLY, beginning the weekend of April 8/9 and ending the weekend of April 29/30.**

The Committee will also have a **bake sale table** at the Flea Market. We kindly ask if anyone wants to donate cakes, cookies, sweet treats (homemade or store bought are fine) to please bring your sweet treat donations to Stella Maris Parking Lot on Saturday, May 13th at 8AM, and ask for MaryAnn Jones. Hot dogs, pretzels, water, and soda will also be available to purchase.

We are also asking for volunteers to help with set-up in the morning and clean up at 3PM on Saturday.

If you would like to reserve a spot, donate a cake/sweet treat, volunteer to help with set up/clean up, and/or have any questions, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 3rd and Reed Streets, at 6PM, on the first Friday of each month.

Everyone is most welcome!

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Maintenance Position-Candidate should be reliable, self-motivated and possess an attention to detail. This is a 12-month, full-time position. For complete description, send resume to avassallo@romancatholicshs.com.

7th Grade Practice Test-7th Grade Practice Test will be held on Saturday, April 8th, from 9:00AM to 12Noon. This is an opportunity for 7th graders to prepare for the Scholarship Entrance Test required in the Fall of 2017. Online registration is available at RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional information or questions regarding Roman Catholic High School's admissions process, call 215-627-1270 ext. 146 or email admissions@romancatholicshs.com.



EUCCHARISTIC SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Eucharistic Shrine Pilgrimage to Hanceville, Alabama, from 06/03/17 to 06/09/17, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, "Mother Angelica's", Tour of EWTN, and Overnight in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Includes 6 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners, 2 Lunches, Snacks, 2 Shows, and a tour of the Smokey Mountains. All taxes, gratuities and donations are included. Cost is \$950 per person double occupancy. Bus leaves from Our Lady of Peace Parish in Williamstown. For information, please contact Mary Ricci at 215-969-5002.



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. All names and information will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:



**ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
TO FATIMA AND LOURDES**



As part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Fr. Dennis Gill will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes on June 5 through June 12, 2017. This pilgrimage promises to be a deeply spiritual event in communion with the Mother of the Lord, with prayers for peace and healing for all of us, especially for the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Cost per person is \$3,395 (double occupancy); add \$395 more for a single. For more information on our 100th Anniversary of Fatima celebration, visit: <http://archphila.org/fatima/>



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. All names and information 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, complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. All names will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly. Thank you!

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