

*April 6, 2025*  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*



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

#### Collection for weekend of March 29 & March 30

**Income: Plate = \$4,107.00 + AWC = \$68.00 = \$4,175.00**

**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$13,849.96)**

**Total = (\$9,674.96)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please go to [stellamarisphila.com](http://stellamarisphila.com) and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for Information and/or to enroll.

Thank you.

**Living Stewardship:** "God, who became a lamb, tells us that the world is saved by the Crucified One, not by those who crucified Him. The world is redeemed by the patience of God. It is destroyed by the impatience of man."

-Pope Benedict XVI



#### **Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, 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, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, 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, Matthe 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 Fiugalski, 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, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petruzzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Thomas Palagruto, Theresa Quieti, Angela Ruffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Erica Siderio, 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:**

### HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

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 6, 2025*

### **Saturday - April 5**

5:00 + Concetta Salmieri

### **Sunday - April 6**

8:00 + For the Intention of Vy Trinh - Nguyen

10:30 + Mr. and Mrs. J. Juliano

### **Monday - April 7**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

### **Tuesday - April 8**

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli and Family

### **Wednesday - April 9**

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

### **Thursday - April 10**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

### **Friday - April 11**

8:00 + Guido Iconangelo

7:00 + Stations of the Cross

### **Saturday - April 12**

8:00 + Chickie Rocca

5:00 + Sandra DiSipio

### **Sunday - April 13 (Palm Sunday)**

8:00 + Frank and Ilda Colelli

10:30 + Len Ranieri



### **Church Sanctuary Lamp**

For the Intention of  
SR. Maureen Donati, IHM



### **Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Joseph Italiano  
Requested by  
Marie Italiano

### **Adoration Chapel Candles**



1) In Memory of  
Mom and Dad Greco

Requested by  
Carol Greco

2) For the Living and Deceased  
Members of Stella Maris





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our reading today demonstrates the mercy of God. This mercy seeks to heal what has been broken by sin and therefore, restores all things in harmony with God. St. John's Gospel today highlights Jesus' power to forgive sins, which causes the most controversy for Jesus. At first glance, this scene of Jesus with the woman caught in adultery seems like a simple act of compassion. While Jesus' compassion is authentic, His words demonstrate His real power over sin. Jesus knows sin's control and its destructive force on holiness and perseverance. Forgiveness brings grace, which fills in the needed strength. Jesus forgives rather than punishes. Forgiveness opens the way for the forgiven to use their gifts to build God's kingdom.

Forgiveness continues to be at the core of Jesus' teaching. He demonstrates here that He is the incarnation of God's loving mercy and compassion. This act of mercy demonstrates God's divine justice, for it seeks to bring life and healing, for that is precisely God's will. This is how God generously loves us beyond anything we deserve or could ever earn. For all the significant power that God has, God shows His greatness best when He forgives sins. No matter what our faults or sins, God's willingness to forgive is guaranteed. This begs for two questions. 1. How do we see God's love as present right here, right now in our midst? 2. How do we respond to that love as individuals and as a community? As Easter approaches, let us seek God's forgiveness and mercy.

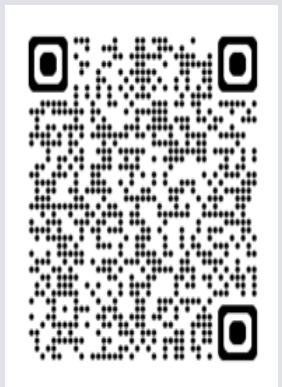
Lent is a season of spiritual renewal as well as a season of repentance and forgiveness. This Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have an opportunity as a parish to seek God's continued love and mercy as we will have a celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. There will be several priests to help with this celebration. This will take place in our Church at 7:00 PM. Take this time for you! Invite a friend to come back home.

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

Happy Lent!  
Fr. Di Orio

Please Join us for a Memorial Mass  
In honor of  
Sr. Lawrence Elizabeth SSJ  
On  
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:00PM  
At  
Stella Maris Church

Archbishop Perez has extended to all peoples of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, an invitation to join him in a conversation regarding the future of the Archdiocese. The invitation can be found at, [www.trustandhope.org](http://www.trustandhope.org) or by scanning the code



**PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM**

Our *Parish Frozen Food Program* is in need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that meals you prepare 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.

**Please do not put individual leftover items in the freezer. We kindly ask, when the church is open before or during Mass times, that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).**

**May God bless you for helping those in need!**

**+PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE+**

This **Thursday, 04/10/25 at 7:00PM**, we are having a parish celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). After a prayer service, visiting priests will be available to help with individual confessions.

**+STATIONS OF THE CROSS+**

Stations of the Cross will be held this **Friday, 04/11/25 at 7:00PM**. Everyone is welcome.

**+PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION+**

Palm will be distributed at all Masses:

**Saturday, (04/12/25): Vigil Mass at 5:00PM**

**Sunday, (04/13/25): 8:00AM and 10:30AM**

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

**+HOLY THURSDAY (04/17/25)+**

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 (04/18/25)+**

No morning Mass on this day.

**Morning Prayer** celebrated at **9:00AM**

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

**+HOLY SATURDAY (04/19/25)+**

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 (04/20/25)+**

**Masses at 8:00AM and 10:30AM**

**PARISH OUTREACH FOR EASTER**

We would like to assist some families who are in need of food this Easter. Through your generosity, we are asking for donations of hams, canned yams, canned vegetables, boxed instant potatoes, canned pineapple, and sweet treats (jelly beans, candy, cookies, etc.)

**Please deliver food when the church is open before or during Mass times. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please take all food donations to the outreach room in the Church vestibule.**

**Deadline for this outreach is today, 04/06/2025**

**STELLA MARIS PARISH FUNDRAISER**

**P&S SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025**

**Tickets:** \$40 per person (No tickets will be sold at the door)

**Tickets Include:** -Delicious Food  
-Water, Soda, Coffee, & Tea  
-Raffle Sheet for Exciting prizes

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

BYOB – Bring your Favorite Drinks!

For Ticket sales, please call Stella Maris Rectory @ 215-465-2336

**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS**

**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025**

Tomaseello Winery & Resorts Casino

**INCLUDES:**

**Tomaseello Winery Tasting & Sit-Down Plated Luncheon**

An entree, Vintner's House Salad, Artisan Rolls with Butter, Chef's selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetable, Rice & Chef's Dessert, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, & Selection of Hot Teas.

**-Resorts Casino Bonus: \$20 slots**

**-Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation Via JC Tours**

**-All Taxes & Gratuities**

**-Cost: \$95 per person**

**- Make Checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors**

**Mail payments to: ATTN: Marge Varley or Fran Giaquinto @ Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 S. 10th St. Philadelphia, PA 19148**

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL**

**Marge Varley 215-463-3386 or 267-882-7717**

**Fran Giaquinto 215-284-4686**

**Departure: 9:45 am @ Stella Maris Church, 10th & Bigler St. Philadelphia, PA 19148**

**STELLA MARIS PARISH**  
**Spring**  
**CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR**

**SATURDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**TIME: 9AM - 3PM**  
**2901 S 10TH ST, PHILA PA, 19148**

**RAIN DATE: MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**DJ & FOOD**

**Craft/Vendor Spaces:**

Two 10x18 spots for **\$50**  
if reserved by **4/26/25**. \$75 after.

**TWO**  
**10 18**  
**SPACES**  
**\$50**

To apply to be a vendor, please email:  
**StellaMarisParish@comcast.net**

For more information, call:  
**(215) 465-2336**

**CHICKIE'S & PETE'S**

will be hosting a  
**St. Vincent de Paul Night**

on  
**Monday, April 21st 4-9pm**

**Chickie's and Pete's South Philadelphia**  
**1526 Packer Ave**  
**Phila, PA 19145**

Mention St. Vincent de Paul Society to your server or by phone.  
**10% of dine-in and take-out orders by phone only will benefit our neighbors in need.**

Come grab a bite with your friends and family.

**THANK YOU** in advance for your support!

St. Richard of Chichester Church  
3010 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St. Phila. PA 19145



**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](http://archphila.org/hope) for details and postings.

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**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](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

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**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](http://www.payingforseniorcare.com). This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

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**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](http://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.

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**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.

Email Maria at [mariamalone@mmredeemer.org](mailto: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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