

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 07, 2024



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

Collection for weekend of March 23 & March 24

Income: Plate = \$5,101.00 + AWC= \$68.00 = \$5,169.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$13,472.43)

Total = (\$8,303.43)

Collection for weekend of March 30 & March 31

Income: Plate = \$3,831.00 + AWC= \$85.00 = \$3,916.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$23,683.12)

Total = (\$19,767.12)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "Father of the only-begotten Son, send your Spirit upon us that we might know more deeply the truth of your Son's resurrection and allow it to penetrate our lives. Deepen our faith, hope, and love so the world will know us even now as children of the Resurrection." -Renewed by God's Word



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, Al Caruso, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Deborah Dolce, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goreni, Keith Green, 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, Lillian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, 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, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, 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, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends: SUSANNE R. McCANN

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 07, 2024

Saturday - April 6

5:00 + William Saraullo – 10th Anniversary

Sunday - April 7

8:00 + Jennie and Raymond Moffo

10:30 + Barbara and Robert Glynn

Monday - April 8

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - April 9

8:00 + Living and Deceased members of Stella Maris

Wednesday- April 10

8:00 + Concetta Salmieri

Thursday - April 11

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli and Family

Friday - March April 12

8:00 + Al Crivillaro

Saturday - April 13

8:00 + Guido Iaconangelo

5:00 + Fernando Marques

Sunday - April 14

8:00 + Margaret and Michael DeSanto

10:30 + Joe and Philomena Feehan



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Don Cahill

Requested by
Charles Brett

Altar Bread and Wine

For the Intentions of
Anthony Gentile

Requested by
Anonymous



Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of
Carmina Borda

Requested by
Anthony Corosante



Paschal Candle

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Congratulation to Kayla Vilaysangh, our newly initiated member of our Church on receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. May God continue to bless her as she begins her journey as Jesus' disciple.

Three elements make up today's Gospel. **First**, in His post-resurrection appearance story, Jesus makes Himself known to the disciples. Because Jesus had been killed, His disciples, fearing for their lives, have barricaded themselves behind locked doors. Suddenly Jesus appears in their midst, wishing them peace. So amazed and afraid are the disciples that they do not respond until Jesus shows them His wounds. With this gesture the disciples recognize Him and rejoice. This is not a ghost. It is the real Jesus in the form of the Risen Lord. Do we recognize the Risen Lord in those we encounter? **Second**, it contains a commissioning by the Risen Lord to His disciples to carry on the work He was doing while here on earth. Jesus wastes no time in idle chatter. No sooner had He offered the disciples His peace, than He immediately commissions them to take up and carry on the work He has been doing. He further empowers them to do this by giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift comes in the form of Jesus breathing upon the disciples giving them new life as God did to Adam in Genesis 2:7. This gift includes the power to forgive and retain sins. Do you use the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we received in Baptism and Confirmation, to continue Jesus works here on earth? **Third**, Jesus' appearance to Thomas, who had been absent for Jesus' first appearance. When told about the first appearance, Thomas is skeptical because he had not seen what the other disciples saw. Jesus seems to have no problem giving Thomas what he needs. Seeing the Risen Lord is enough for Thomas. He does not touch the wounds of Jesus. Instead, he professes a profound faith in his Lord and God. The Lord gives us what we need so that we might believe in Him. Is our faith enough to believe in Christ or do we need more proof?

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, what keeps us behind locked doors? If we are to continue the Lord's work, since we have been commissioned by virtue of our Baptism to conquer the world with God's love and mercy, we must unlock the doors of our fears and share the good news of what we have been given. We must recognize Christ in all those we encounter and believe that the Lord is with us.

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.

After 19 years as Sexton/Maintenance Man of Stella Maris, Salvatore Sergi retired on March 31, 2024. It is with heavy hearts that we saw him leave. But it is with great joy that we wish him much relaxation and happiness as he begins a new chapter in his life. May God bless Sal in his retirement. It's just farewell, not goodbye.

Please note, our annual May Procession in honor of Our Blessed Mother will be held on Wednesday, May 1st 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

WEEKLY WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Fulton Sheen via Zoom. To join in the Monday evening Live Rosary, please visit the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/494480541>. 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!

Sponsored by the Pontifical Missions Society

[\(\[phillymissions.org\]\(https://phillymissions.org\)\)](https://phillymissions.org).

STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday 5/25/24**, 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.

**STELLA MARIS/EPIPHANY
CCD REGISTRATIONS 2024-2025**

**Registration for our Religious Education Program for the
2024-2025 school year is now open!**

Requirements:

- 1) Students must be 6 years or older by 09/01/24
- 2) Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- 3) Completed Registration form by 09/01/24
- 4) Registration Fee of \$175 (\$ 75 Deposit) by 09/01/24

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

Email us: stellamarisdre@comcast.net

Or

Phone 215-465-2336

For more information and forms

Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.

NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Nazareth Academy High School will be hosting its Spring Open House on Wednesday, **April 24, 2024**. Any prospective students and their families are welcome to attend! Our Open House provides parents and students with an opportunity to get to know everything about Nazareth and all we have to offer while taking a tour of the school and hearing a variety of presentations from faculty, staff, and administrators. Pre-registration is required. Tours will be offered between 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM. To register for this or any other upcoming events, please visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/admission/visit-us. For any questions, please contact Ashley Figaniak in the Admissions Office at **215-268-1026**.

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR PARISH FOOD PROGRAMS!

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. **Please do not put individual leftover items in the freezer. We ask that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).**

**We are very grateful to those who bring pantry items
on a regular basis.**

May God bless you for helping those in need!

**BE ENCOURAGED
CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing.

In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools, and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at:

www.archphila.org/support

STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR

**WINNING NUMBERS OF
March 18th THROUGH April 1st**

03/18/2024	— <u>334</u>	\$45
03/19/2024	— <u>676</u>	\$55
03/20/2024	— <u>589</u>	\$45
03/21/2024	— <u>223</u>	\$75
03/22/2024	— <u>416</u>	\$45
03/23/2024	— <u>316</u>	\$45
03/24/2024	— <u>430</u>	\$60
03/25/2024	— <u>546</u>	\$55
03/26/2024	— <u>589</u>	\$45
03/27/2024	— <u>803</u>	\$45
03/28/2024	— <u>428</u>	\$60
03/29/2024	— <u>543</u>	\$60
03/30/2024	— <u>630</u>	\$60
03/31/2024	— <u>975</u>	\$300
04/01/2024	— <u>524</u>	\$50

St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Hall

St. Mary Magdalen Sons of Italy Lodge 2787 is having a Bingo Game on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 2:00 pm, at St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Hall, 714 Montrose Street. \$35 per person; \$15 food buffet package.

To purchase tickets call or text Frank **267-582-1685**

**SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD
ADOPT A PHILADELPHIA PRIEST TODAY!**

With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our model, we seek to provide each priest with a Spiritual Mother, who will commit to anonymously adopt him and pray for him and his vocation as long as she lives. In the spirit of holy detachment, the spiritual mother knows who her priest son is; however, he will not know her identity until her death. The spiritual mother will have a hidden, spiritual connection with her priestly son, as Mary had with Jesus. The Philadelphia Commitment Form can be found at:

<https://stmariagoretti.net/spiritual-motherhood/>

Complete the form and submit it for Spiritual Adoption.

If you have any questions, please contact

Rosemary Doyle at rdoylerd@comcast.net or **215-368-5875**

Maria Richardson at marichar@comcast.net or **215-721-6559**

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES OF SS. JOHN
NEUMANN-MARIA GORETTI HIGH SCHOOL**

The Millay Club Alumni Association invites you to join your fellow Alumni at the All Class Reunion 2024.

Sunday, April 28, 2024 from 1pm to 5 pm

Admission - \$ 40 * No door sales

(Includes Buffet - DJ & Dancing - Cash bar)

CHICKIE'S & PETE'S 1526 Packer Ave. Phila, PA 19145

Must be 21 to attend

Tickets can be purchased via PayPal, check, or debit/
credit cards.

Visit www.millayclub.org by April 13th.

**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 Thursdays 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 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 #



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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