



Palm Sunday

**Blessed is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!**

Matthew 21:9

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2017

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of April 9, 2017

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

Due to Easter Holiday deadlines, our Church Bulletin had to go to press before the weekend collection took place. The collection for the weekend of April 1 & April 2, 2017 will be posted as soon as possible.

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

... "Only by giving life, not by having life and holding on to it, but by giving it, can we find it. This is the ultimate meaning of the cross: not to seek life for oneself, but to give one's own life for the sake of others."

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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

ELVIRA TORTORICI

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 9

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

Monday—April 10

8:00 + Robert and Dolores Coluzzi

Tuesday—April 11

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Wednesday—April 12

8:00 + Katie Gatto
7:00 + Preparation of the Cross

Thursday—April 13 (Holy Thursday)

7:00 + Mass of the Lord's Supper
9:45 + Night Prayer

Friday—April 14 (Good Friday)

9:00 + Morning Prayer
3:00 + Lord's Passion

Saturday—April 15 (Holy Saturday)

9:00 + Morning Prayer
7:30 + Easter Vigil

**Sunday—April 16 (Easter Sunday of
the Resurrection of the Lord)**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
11:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Della Massa McMahon
Requested by
Tom and Tinker



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
Joseph Catinella
Requested by
His Family



2) For the Living and Deceased Members of
the Labate and DeFlavis Families
Requested by
Barbara and Lucille



Bread & Wine

For the Living and Deceased Members of
the Brigandi and Bonafino Families

Requested by
Catherine and Grace



**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!

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

How quickly time flies!!! Here we are, after five weeks of Lent, at the week of the year we call Holy. We are reminded of the words that we heard on Ash Wednesday, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." We all have a great opportunity to make this a truly Holy Week. We enter into these special days asking God to help us deepen our understanding and love of Jesus.

Our five weeks of Lent have led us to the gates of the holy city of Jerusalem. We have our palm branches and join in the festiveness, with all who followed Jesus and acclaimed him as their Messiah. The week begins this way!

The week will lead us along the way of the cross as we share in his passion and death. This will bring us to the Solemn Vigil of Easter, on Saturday. We will renew our baptismal promises on Easter and be sprinkled with the Easter water to remind us of our Baptism.

How do you plan to spend this week? Please try and make your week a Holy Week!

On Wednesday evening, we will gather for the Celebration of the Cross. During this prayer service, we will use our Lenten "wood chips" to construct the Cross for the Good Friday services.

On Thursday evening, we will gather for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, with the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Repository at 7:00PM. The Church will remain open on Thursday evening until 10:00 PM, with Night Prayer being celebrated at 9:45 PM.

On Good Friday, we will have the opportunity for private prayer beginning at 8:00 AM, with Morning Prayer being celebrated at 9:00 AM. The Passion of Our Lord will be celebrated at 3:00 PM.

On Saturday, THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS. Morning Prayer will be celebrated at 9:00 AM. Our Easter Vigil will begin at 7:30 PM.

All of the above can truly help us make this a Holy Week.

May this "Holy Week", truly be a holy one for you and me!

God bless you!
Fr. Di Orio

STELLA MARIS EASTER HOURS

The Rectory will be closed on Good Friday-April 14th, and Easter Monday-April 17th. Regular office hours on all other weekdays (9AM to 4PM).

Thank you and have a Blessed Easter!



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

April 9, 2017

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 14, 2017, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 14, 2017**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



STELLA MARIS CHURCH DECORATORS

We thank all the men and women who help with decorating our church. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Once again, we are asking for your help, along with any men willing to help with the church decorations for the Easter Season.

If you can help, please be in Stella Maris Church on Wednesday, April 12th at 7:30PM, and on Good Friday, April 14th at 4:30PM. Thank you for your consideration. Giving of your time is a tremendous help to us and we pray that God will reward you for your efforts.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER



The Adoration Chapel will be closed from 3:00PM on Holy Thursday and will re-open at 8:AM on Easter Sunday.



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.

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.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR



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
 Wednesday, 04/26/17-1st Communion Practice-1:00PM, Church
 Thursday, 04/27/17-1st Communion Practice-1:00PM, Church
 Saturday, 04/29/17-1st Holy Communion-10:30AM, Church*
 *(Candidates report to Hall by 10:00AM)



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



STELLA MARIS HELPING HANDS CLOTHING DRIVE



Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a **Clothing Drive** on Saturday, May 6, 2017. The "Green Drop" truck will be in the parking lot from **9AM to 2PM** to receive your donations. They will accept usable men's, women's, and children's clothing and shoes, bed and bath linens, pots, pans, dishes, cooking utensils, books, as well as small appliances and household items in good working order. **No baby equipment will be accepted-only baby clothing.** Thank you for helping those less fortunate.



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 Pidgeon 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.

GRACE: GOD'S RICHES AT CHRIST'S EXPENSE

-More Roadside Church Signs Across America



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.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

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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