



**Mary,
our Mother,
comfort
and
strengthen
all mothers**

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May 14, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of May 14, 2017

Collections for the Weekend of May 6 & May 7, 2017

Income: Plate = \$6,376.00 + AWC = \$131.25 = \$6,507.25
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$10,011.80)
Total = (\$3,504.55)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word: *"If we think and live according to our communion with Christ, then our eyes will be opened. Then we will no longer be content to scrape a living just for ourselves, but we will see where and how we are needed. Living and acting thus, we will soon realize that it is much better to be useful and at the disposal of others than to be concerned only with the comforts that are offered to us."*

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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

Sunday—May 14

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

Monday—May 15

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Tuesday—May 16

8:00 + Eleanor Giordano and Lillian Moffo

Wednesday—May 17

8:00 + Ginny McGowan and Billy Hamilton

Thursday—May 18

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Friday—May 19

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Saturday—May 20

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
 5:00 + Marziale, Vincenzo, and Valeria Mirarchi

Sunday—May 21

8:00 + Henry Barone
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 11:00 + Frank Delia

Church Sanctuary Lamp

For the Intentions of
 Msgr. James F. Connelly

Requested by
 Sr. Lawrence Elizabeth, SSJ and Sr. Veronica Maier, SSJ



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Mary and John Brigandi

Requested by
 Catherine and Grace



PASCHAL CANDLE

In Memory of the
 Deceased Members of

The Kubicky and Monteith Families
 Donated by
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Donna Kubicky



STELLA MARIS MINISTRY

As Christians, we are called to share our time, talents, and treasures. Our Parish is asking you to share some of your time and talents by volunteering to be part of one of our ministries (Lectors, Singers/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 215-465-0336 during regular business hours.

Thank you and God bless.



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

ELIZABETH "BETTY" EDELSTEIN

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.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

To all of our Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers, Godmothers and all those women who fulfill the role of Motherhood, I wish you a happy and peaceful Mother's Day. May our Blessed Mother, Mary, intercede for all her children on this special day.

Next Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the 9:30AM Mass, two of our candidates, Giovanna Russo and Janae Russo, who have been studying in the R.C.I.A. program, will complete their Sacraments of Initiation with reception of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare to receive these sacraments.

In today's Gospel from St. John, Jesus gave answers not expected by the apostles who questioned him. Thomas wanted to know how to get to the place where Jesus was going. Jesus told him that the way, the truth and the life were already available to him, if he believed in Jesus. Jesus is not referring to a particular place or location. In essence, Jesus is telling Thomas as well as us that to know the way, the truth and the life is the same as knowing Him. Do we know Jesus?

Philip also misunderstands Jesus. He wants Jesus to show him the Father. Jesus tells him that he could see the Father when he saw Him. "Have I been with you for so long a time, and you still do not know me, Philip?" Philip is totally unaware that Jesus' entire work and ministry have been precisely doing what Philip requested. Showing him the Father. When we do Jesus' work, we too are showing the Father to others.

Once again, Jesus explains the dynamics of divine mutuality. The Father is in the Son and the Son is in the Father. To see one is to see the other; to hear one is to hear the other. What neither Thomas or Philip understand is that they are being invited into this divine mutuality. This is the sacred unity from which flows the work of salvation. The disciples are being invited through faith to carry on that very same work of revealing God to the world.

We too are disciples, and are being invited into this divine mutuality. We also are called to bring Jesus into the world to others that we encounter. We can waste a lot of time trying to figure out who is going to bring Jesus to the world. Jesus says to us today: "Have I been with you so long, and you don't realize that I mean you?" Are we up to the challenge?

God Bless!
Fr. Di Orio



STAR OF THE SEA SENIOR CLUB ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Star of the Sea Senior Group is holding its Annual Luncheon on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 1:00PM at the Waterfall Room, located at 2015 S. Water Street. The luncheon is free for Members and \$25 per person for guests. Cost includes Good Food, Music, Karaoke and Fun! Please RSVP by May 28th to Rose Giovanelli at 215-913-4297.

CONSCIENCE PROTECTION ACT (CPA)

Passage of the **Conscience Protection Act** is a top priority for the USCCB Committee for Pro Life Activities. It will write into law the core policy of the Weldon Amendment, which protects those who decline to perform, pay for, refer for, or provide coverage for abortion. The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA) has an initiative called **Human Life Action** (HLA), that mobilizes grassroots support for the US Bishops' pro-life legislative agenda. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be participating in **Take Action Sunday** next weekend, May 20-21, 2017, to engage the faithful in proclaiming the Gospel of Life relative to the legislative process. We hope to generate many grassroots messages from the faithful to Congress, urging support for the Conscience Protection Act. You can easily send an email to your legislative leaders through the website www.HumanLifeAction.org.



MANNA FOOD DRIVE

Manna Bags will be distributed at all Masses this weekend, 05/13/17-05/14/17. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag next Saturday, 05/20/17 or Sunday, 05/21/17. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetable, pastas, soups, and pork and beans. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

Manna Prayer

Jesus, many times throughout Your life You fed the hungry and You called others to help. You called the young child with the loaves and fishes to share His gifts. You call each one of us today. Open our eyes to the needs of others. Open our ears to hear Your call to share. Open our hearts to welcome all people to the table of love. AMEN.



VETERANS' MASS



Our annual **Memorial Day Mass** will take place on Sunday, May 28th at the 11:00AM Mass. We will remember and celebrate all veterans. Following the Mass, there will be a short ceremony held at the outside monument. A reception with light refreshments will be held in the church vestibule.

All are welcome.



CCD NEWS

Registration for CCD 2017-2018 school year is under way. **We are offering an Early Bird Special discount of \$25 per child for those who register before May 21, 2017.** You may register at the Rectory Monday-Friday, between 9:00AM and 3:00PM.

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

Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.

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 now due**, 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.



ATLANTIC CITY TRIP



Bus
Trip

The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City from September 26th through September 28th. **Due to the popularity of this trip, we are currently sold out; however, we are accepting names for a waiting list.** Cost is \$275 per person for Double/Triple Occupancy; \$390 for Single Occupancy. Cost includes: 2 night stay at **Resorts Casino** with \$25 slot bonus, 2 \$30 meal vouchers (valid at Breadsticks, Eastwind & Capriccio), \$5 meal voucher and Show Revue (based on availability), family style group dinner with meet and greet with show performers, and 5 lucky members of the group will receive a special prize; **Tropicana Casino** visit with \$25 slot bonus and Carmine's meal voucher; **Caesars Casino** visit with \$25 slot bonus, buffet lunch, and Frankie Avalon Show; baggage handling (1 per person); all taxes and gratuities (except for restaurants and bus driver); round-trip motorcoach transportation via JC Tours. **Deposit of \$135 (double/triple occupancy) or \$195 (single occupancy) is due no later than 06/12/17; final payment/balance (\$140/\$195) is due no later than 07/18/17. Make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors,** (mail payments to: Stella Maris Church, c/o Star of the Sea Seniors, 2901 S. 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148). For more information or reservations, contact: Marge Varley at 215-463-3386, or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.



STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, 05/15/17-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM,
Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
Sunday, 05/21/17-CCD (Last Class)-9:15AM, Church/School
Tuesday, 05/23/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Meeting Room
Sunday, 05/28/17-Veterans Mass/Reception-11:00AM,
Church/Hall
Tuesday, 06/06/17-Seniors Luncheon-1:00PM, Off-Site/
Waterfall Room
Monday, 06/19/17-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM,
Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES

will take place at Citizen's Bank Park on Wednesday, 06/14/17 at 7:05PM. A portion of all proceeds directly benefits Catholic Charities. Tickets range from \$20 to \$38. For information on how to purchase tickets, please visit the Phillies website at: www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight.

TRADITION CONFERENCE



Tradition Conference, A Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, will be held on **Monday, June 19, 2017**, from 7:30AM to 5:30PM, at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. This Conference is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and **everyone is invited to attend.** The day features national speakers, including Jeff Cavins (Keynote), Scott Hahn, Matthew Bunsen, Mother Assumpta Long, O.P., Deborah Savage, and Jonathan Reyes, who will focus on the four pillars of the Catechism. **Cost is \$65 per person. Attention Archdiocesan Teachers and Catechists:** Two core credits for Archdiocesan catechetical certification are granted for participation in the entire day.

To register, go to:

www.phillyvocf.org and click on the TRADITION banner.



FLAME OF LOVE EVENT

On Saturday, 06/17/17, the *Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* is having a gathering at Corpus Christi Church in Lansdale, PA, beginning with 8:30AM Mass. After Mass, there will be talks by Fr. William Gaffney, CSsR, and Gloria Anson, who are from the Sacred Heart Apostolate. There is no charge and you can bring your own lunch. The day concludes with Benediction at 2:15PM.

Everyone is welcome-Bring a friend!

ST. MARY MAGDALEN de PAZZI LODGE "Visitation of the Shrines Bus Trip"

St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Lodge is having a bus trip to the following 2 shrines on Saturday, 05/20/17:

- +The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal Shrine
500 E. Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia, PA
- +The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

The cost is \$40. Lunch on your own at Club Diner in Bensalem. There will be three pick-up points;

- 1) 8:15AM on Shunk Street between 21st St. and 22nd St.
- 2) 8:30AM at Baldi Funeral Home on the west side of Broad and Reed Streets
- 3) 8:45AM at 7th and Christian Streets

SAINT PAUL PARISH ANNUAL PROCESSION OF SAINTS

Next Sunday, 05/21/17, the Annual Saint Paul Parish Procession of Saints **begins with the 10AM Mass at St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Church**, located at 714 Montrose St. (between 7th & 8th Streets), with the **procession immediately following Mass.** Be sure to stop at the St. Paul hospitality booth for your 50-50 raffle tickets and other items for sale. Everyone is welcome!



PRE-ARRANGED FUNERAL FINANCING

Pennsylvania Burial Company and Baldi Funeral Home invite you to a complimentary dinner where you will learn about financing your funeral/cremation services! Please join us this Thursday, May 18th at 5PM at TOLLMAN JOE'S Atrium Room, located at 26 East Oregon Avenue. RSVP to Jennifer Close at 215-285-7755 or dtbyjen@gmail.com.



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:



Quo Vadis Days 2017

June 26-29, 2017

Black Rock Retreat Center

Retreat for young men graduating
8th – 12th grade.

\$35.00 / person

Register by Friday, June 9th

Gather with the Philadelphia Seminarians and other high school men for four days of dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a rope course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and more.

To Register, or for more information, visit:

www.heedthecall.org

Questions? Contact the Vocations Office for the Diocesan Priesthood at (610) 667-5778.



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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