

Pentecost

SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021



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Jesus breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained.”


John 20:22-23

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May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of 05/15/21 & 05/16/21
Income = Plate \$5,302.00 + AWC \$58.00 = \$5,360.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$20,038.30)
Total = (\$14,678.30)

 Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please visit us at stellamarisphila.com and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll.

Living Stewardship:

“Come Holy Spirit!...As You descended upon Mary that the Word might become flesh, work in us through grace as You worked in her through nature and grace. Come! Consume in us whatever prevents us from being consumed in You.” -St. Mary Magdalene De Pazzi

Sick Relatives & Friend—Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr & Mrs Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Mildred Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Philipp, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Baby Rocco Santangelo, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, military disabled, home-bound, and their families.

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

VINCENT MIRARCHI RONALD PALUMBO

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 May 23, 2021

Sunday-May 23

8:00 + Frank, Anna, Antoinette and Sam Palesano
10:30 + Marian Danese

Monday-May 24

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday-May 25

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Wednesday-May 26

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Thursday-May 27

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday-May 28

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Saturday-May 29

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the
Francis Polisano and McGlinn Families
5:00 + Rita Giunta

Sunday-May 30

8:00 + Gerald Palestini II-5th Anniversary
10:30 + Veteran's Mass

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Jeanette Colozzi McAllister
Requested by
Donna Glynn



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Henry Barone
Requested
Lorinda Fina

Adoration Chapel Lamp

- 1) In Memory of
Gloria Angelozzi
Requested by
Victoria and Robert Pardo
- 2) For the Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Stella Maris



Paschal Candle

In Memory of the
Deceased Members of
The Kubicky and Monteith Families
Donated by
Robert and Donna Kubicky



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rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church. Jesus' mission takes on a new life as the Holy Spirit fills the faithful with gifts needed to continue Jesus' work in the world. Now it is up to us, the Church, to be the presence of Christ in the world.

Pentecost culminates our 50-day celebration of the Easter Mystery. The first Sundays of the Easter season focused on the risen Jesus as the embodiment of the paschal mystery. These last Sundays move the focus from Jesus to ourselves as His disciples. All that Jesus was and did, the Holy Spirit empowers us to become and do.

Pentecost celebrates the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to the church to act as teacher, counselor, advocate, and helper – the one who will show us how to speak. The image of the disciples locked in the upper room out of fear is well known. Into that fearful situation, the Holy Spirit comes and touches the disciples so profoundly that they go out from their locked room, into the world, to proclaim Jesus Christ with courage and strength. They are no longer a slave to fear. The mighty wind and tongues of fire at Pentecost were outward signs of the change the Holy Spirit brought about in the disciples. They were the same women and men as before, but they suddenly had the courage of their convictions. They were suddenly able to draw on their memories of Jesus. The Holy Spirit does not transform our personalities or fill us with new information. Rather, the Holy Spirit enables us to be ourselves, and to reflect on what we have experienced from the Lord. We are courageous and confident because of this Gift we were sealed with in Confirmation.

The varied gifts of the Holy Spirit come to our communities in different ways, but they all turn us into one Church with a mission to share the strength and peace of Christ with others. Because of the gifts of the Spirit, we can say that Jesus continues to live in us, enlightening our minds, strengthening our faith, and aiding our efforts to live and proclaim the Gospel.

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.”

Now that we are nearing the end of the Easter Season, I believe that all the Easter donations have been made by now. Our Easter collection total is \$19,785.00. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your generosity and support to the Parish in our recent Easter Collection.

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio



NOTHING WILL STAND IN THE WAY

The Jewish people who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost came from every corner of the world. They spoke many languages and yet were drawn to hear the message of Christ from the disciples who had just experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They were astonished by what they heard—not only the message, but the way in which it was conveyed, in their own language, and by the messengers, people whom they would have considered ordinary and unremarkable, rather than the acknowledged religious leaders of their time. We, too, are called to share the love and mercy of Christ through word and action, even when we feel small and insignificant. We need only to look at the witness and experience of those first disciples and all the saints who have preceded us to know that we are capable of much when we place our lives in God's hands. Nothing can stand in the way of the incredible love of God when we are filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit!



IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) FOR YOU?



RCIA

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you curious about the Catholic faith, but not sure you want to make a commitment? Are you married to a Catholic spouse, raising the children Catholic, and interested in knowing more to be able to share with them? Are you a Catholic who desires to complete the initiation process by receiving Eucharist and/or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the R.C.I.A. may be for you.

The R.C.I.A. is designed to assist youth and adults who:

- *Have never been baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church
- *Have been baptized in another Christian Tradition (Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) and wish to become Catholic
- *Were baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation

There's no time like the present to begin your inquiry in the faith. If you are interested in learning more about R.C.I.A., please contact Mrs. Marie Milano at 215-465-2336, ext. 5.



CCD REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2021



Registration for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 school year is now open.

The following is required for Registration:

- 1) Students need to be 6 years or older by 09/01/21
- 2) Completed Registration Form and Fee
 - *Registration fee of **\$175** per child for **Stella Maris Parishioners-\$75 deposit due by July 15, 2021**
 - *Registration fee of **\$200** per child for **Non-Parishioners-\$100 deposit due by July 15, 2021**
- 3) Signed letter of permission from your pastor (only if you are not a member of Stella Maris Parish)
- 4) Baptismal certificate for all **new** registrations (only if your child was **not baptized** at Stella Maris)

Please email stellamarisdre@comcast.net or call **215-465-2336** for more information and a Registration Packet.

Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.



PROPERTY TAX REBATE

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that **Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that **qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year.** Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. **This application must be filed by Wednesday, June 30, 2021.** To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. **Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline.** For more information or an application, call **United Social Services, Monday through Friday, between 10AM and 4PM at 215-923-1900** and a staff member will assist you.



ONLINE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS AND RENEWAL IN CHURCH

“...there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary.” -Sr. Lucia of Fatima

During the month of May, join us anew as we storm Heaven with Mother Mary, St. Joseph and all the saints. Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary, asking the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. **We are also asking Our Lady to obtain a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, bringing about our deeper conversion to the heart of Jesus Christ and institutional renewal at every level. The schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30 PM until December 8, 2021.** Click the link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download necessary software. On your computer, go to www.archphila.org; click on “Offices,” a list of offices will appear, click on “New Evangelization.” Click “Events” tab and find “Nightly at 8PM ET, The Rosary...Coronavirus” and click on “full details.” The next screen will show a choice for “Rosary in English” and you can click on the words “Click here to join the Rosary by video.” You may want to dial in by phone at **646-558-8656** and enter the Webinar ID: **494 480 541.**

Hosted by: Mghan Cokeley,

Office of New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

VOCATION PRAYER PARTNERS

Each day, numerous men and women in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pray a rosary for the specific intention of an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Prayer is the foundation of all that we do, and these faith-filled and supportive individuals are spiritual prayer-warriors, praying specifically for the men to whom God is calling to follow Him as His priests, and that they listen and heed His voice. On the **first Saturday of each month**, this group gathers online to pray as a community and in support of each other. If you wish to join this dynamic and growing community of Prayer Partners, please contact: Sue Matour at **610-667-5778** or smatour@archphila.org.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

For the safety of everyone, those in leadership positions of Stella Maris organizations are asked to call the Rectory before resuming regular meetings in order to receive instructions for keeping within the safety guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Stay safe and stay well! God bless!



“YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH”

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 12/08/20, the Holy Father proclaimed the “Year of St. Joseph”, which extends to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 12/08/2021. Pope Francis shares his beautiful reflections on St. Joseph in the new Apostolic Letter named, *With a Father’s Heart*. He shares his intent with the proclamation: **The aim of this Apostolic letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.”**

Ways to Gain a Plenary Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph

*Meditate at least 30 minutes on the Lord’s Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. *Follow St. Joseph’s example by performing a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. *Recite the Rosary with your family members and also among engaged couples. *Entrust your daily activities to the protection of St. Joseph and invoke his intercession for those seeking work so they can find dignifying work to support themselves and their families. *Recite the Litany to St. Joseph or any prayer to St. Joseph proper to liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering persecution. *Recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph. *This indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes.

GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

As our Easter Season continues, why not take some time to research our Saints? You will find that we have lots of things in common with some of the Saints. This is a great activity for children and their parents, guardians, and/or grandparents to do together. You can start with your favorite Saint, the Saint for whom you are named, the Saint of the day, or the Saint for your birthday. The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

- May 24 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- May 25 - St. Bede; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene De Pazzi
- May 26 - St. Philip Neri
- May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury
- May 29 - St. Paul VI

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!



ARCHDIOCESAN LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE!

If you have been fully vaccinated and are healthy, we encourage you to return to Church to celebrate Mass with your Stella Maris Parish Family.

For those still unable to attend Mass in person, we invite you to watch the live-streamed Archdiocesan Masses celebrated at the Cathedral, by accessing the Archdiocesan website at: (<https://vimeo.com/channels/catholicphillymass>). On the right-hand side, under “Browse this Channel”, click on “Videos”, then click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.



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 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.



IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from on-going services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and short-term services (housekeeping and personal care)? The In-Home Support Program may be able to help you. If you are at least 60 years of age, need assistance or supervision when leaving the home, and are basically homebound, please call 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program.

This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



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 a 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.Lily'sGift.org or call Sister Kathleen Schipani (215-587-3530). This information has been provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Office for Life and Family.

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 HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

Phone# _____

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. 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, 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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