



Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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Perpetual Adoration: Come adore our Eucharistic Lord in our Little Flower Perpetual Adoration Chapel located in the basement of the Rectory. The Chapel is available for prayer at all times, however, a key fob is necessary to gain entrance. Key fobs are available in the Rectory, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. (A \$5.00 donation is requested for each key fob.)

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass:

Sundays: 5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
8:00am and 10:30am
Weekdays: 8:00am (Tuesday - Saturday)
Holy Days: 5:00pm Vigil; 8:00am and 7:00pm

Confessions: 4:00PM - 4:45pm Saturday in Church

Miraculous Medal Novena: Each Saturday immediately following the 8am Mass. Veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Laboure concludes the service.

Bible Study: Bible Study is held in the classroom in the Church Vestibule every Saturday after the 8:00am Mass. (**Please note:** No Bible Study on Sodality Meeting Saturdays, and July and August.)

Baptism: Anyone who plans to have their child baptized is asked to call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents are required by Canon Law to attend a Pre-Jordan Class prior to the Baptism. These classes will take place at the Rectory by appointment only. To register for a Pre-Jordan Class, please call the Rectory during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm). Baptisms may be held on any Sunday once the Pre-Jordan Class is completed.

Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation: Anyone asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor should contact the Rectory regarding their Letter of Eligibility.


Matrimony: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. All couples are required to attend pre-marital instructions in preparation for marriage.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Collection for weekend of December 31 & January 1	
Income: Plate = \$4,325.00 + AWC= \$58.00	= \$4,383.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$3,030.86)
Total	= \$1,352.14
Collection for weekend of January 7 & January 8	
Income: Plate = \$4,350.00 + AWC= \$58.00	= \$4,408.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$29,696.02)
Total	= (\$25,288.02)

 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:

“Faith, hope and charity go together. Hope is practiced through the virtue of patience, which continues to do good even in the face of apparent failure, and through the virtue of humility, which accepts God’s mystery and trusts him even at times of darkness.” -Pope Benedict XVI



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borges, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Anna DelVecchio & Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D’Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Deborah Dolce, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quiet, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, 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, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends: **THOMAS B. O’DONNELL**

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 January 15, 2023

Sunday - January 15

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald
10:30 + Campese Family

Monday - January 16

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - January 17

8:00 + Florence and Anthony Martinicchio

Wednesday - January 18

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday - January 19

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Fasano and Sandoli Families

Friday - January 20

8:00 + Betty Livewell

Saturday - January 21

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph
5:00 + Edith and William Saraullo

Sunday - January 22

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald
10:30 + Frank and Rita Giunta

Church Sanctuary Lamp



For the Intentions of
Debbie Dolce

Requested by
Gerry Dolce

Adoration Chapel Candles



1) In Memory of
Danny Vitalli

Requested by
Sis Prisco, Estelle & Ron Nighswander,
Bea Ferullo and Arlene Gavaghan



2) For the Living and Deceased
Members of Stella Maris

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Ann Novelli

Requested by
Rose and Dan Giovanelli



Below is a donation that has been made to honor the memory of a loved one who has passed on, but will never be forgotten.

In Memory of
Joseph Gatto

Donor
Stella Maris Helping Hands

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here we are in the Ordinary time of the Church year. A great reminder, at this time of the year, is to try to do all the ordinary things that we learned and been taught as Catholics, extraordinarily well.

To all who gave of their time and energy last Sunday afternoon, to put Christmas away, thank you, thank you, thank you. I am grateful to all who were here to clean up and tidy up the Church.

In today's Gospel from St. John, John the Baptist points to Jesus as the "Lamb of God". After calling Jesus the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," John admirably proclaims his new rank and place alongside Jesus. "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." John will decrease as Jesus, God's Son, increases, taking His superior role as the Messiah, a role that comes with much suffering and agony. The sacrifice, (dying on the cross), made of the Lamb of God, was a perfect sacrifice. As the Lamb of God, Jesus uniquely relates God and human beings. Human beings look at Jesus and see the kind and loving face of God. God, the Almighty Father, Creator of the universe, looks at Jesus, His Son, and sees a human face, (humanity). Jesus puts the universe back together, taking away the sins of the world. When we echo the love of Jesus, who came down from heaven to reach out to us, then we can reach out to others and become a light for those around us. We cannot lead people to Christ if we are not demonstrating Christian values in our own lives. Christianity demands many sacrifices of us. Mainly, we are asked to be faithful, knowing that "God has reconciled (us) in the flesh and body of Christ through His death, to present you, without blemish." Our required sacrifice, believing in Jesus, demands a new martyrdom and this is to go against the tide, not giving in to what is popular and so forth. We are called to be holy. Like Paul, we are each "called by the will of God." And Paul was specifically, (dramatically), called by Jesus while persecuting believers. Thus, no one is beyond God's reach. While our own conversion may not be as sudden and dramatic as St. Paul's, we are all "called to be holy." We are to follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Therefore, being a model of virtue is key. When we demonstrate Christian values and live virtuously, we become a light for those around us and like John, we can point others to Jesus who is the Lamb of God. Accepting and responding to the grace and the peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, we can accomplish anything.

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

God bless,

Father Di Orio



MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life in Washington, DC, is being held this Friday, on January 20, 2023, and is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capital Hill. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest...**TOGETHER WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.** We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

For more information, visit <https://marchforlife.org/>

To inquire about buses leaving from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, contact: **the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.**

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

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).** **God bless all you do!!**

NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO ATTEND COLLEGE? APPLY FOR A STELLA MARIS SCHOLARSHIP!

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates who are registered parishioners of Stella Maris Parish, Philadelphia, PA
- 2) Applicants must be active, participating members of Stella Maris Parish, recommended by the Pastor.
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is desired.
- 4) Applicants must plan to attend or be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university located in the United States.

Please note: This scholarship is for one year only; current recipients may reapply to be considered for additional funding along with the new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time.

Please call Stella Maris Parish Rectory at **215-465-2336**, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 4PM, **starting on Wednesday, 01/04/23 up to and including Friday, 02/24/23.**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2023!

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the USA, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit: phillyeucharisticrevival.org.

“Prayer for the Revival”

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Vocation Office invites you to the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA, to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, on **Thursdays between the hours of 9AM to 5PM**, praying that more young people generously respond to the Lord's invitation to serve Him as priests and religious. To sign up to spend time with our Lord, visit: Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email:

Phillyadoration@gmail.com

SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

As we pray for vocations to the priesthood, a good way to get to know our seminarians studying for ordination in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is by listening to their vocation stories by visiting: Heedthecall.org/poster.

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.

COME AND SEE WEEKENDS

Come and see weekends offer men (high school and above) who are discerning a call to the priesthood a chance to get away, meet other men on a similar journey, and find a place of quiet to listen to God speak. Held throughout the year, these weekends include Mass, praying the Liturgy of the Hours with the seminarians, Holy Hours, talks on discernment and vocations, and time for recreation with the seminarians. There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals. For more information and to register for a particular weekend, please visit Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee. Upcoming Come and See Weekends:

High School Men

January 28-29, 2023
February 25-26, 2023

Post-High School Men

February 10-12, 2023
March 10-12, 2023

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

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.

WEEKLY ARCHDIOCESAN WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the rosary via Zoom or phone on the Archdiocesan LIVE World Mission Rosary. To join in this live rosary, visit phillymissions.org for the Zoom link, or type in <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>.

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!



GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

During this beautiful Christmas Season, 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:

Jan. 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot
Jan. 20 - St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Jan. 21 - St. Agnes

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

SAFE SLEEP PHILLY CRIB PROGRAM*

Do you need a safe place for your baby to sleep? If you live in Philadelphia and are currently pregnant or have a baby under one year of age, we can provide a crib/Pack 'n Play. Visit us at Whitman Plaza Resource Hub, (in the plaza between GNC & Rainbow), Monday through Friday, 10AM to 5PM. For questions, you can contact **Michelle Crooks** at 215-585-5080 or email Michelle at michelle.crooks@phila.gov.

Sponsored by the Department of Public Health for the City of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Healthy Start

**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.pavingforseniorcare.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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

The Center provides an authentically Catholic approach to women's reproductive healthcare and follows Catholic medical ethics. The providers treat women in various age groups-from teen to seniors-and offer gynecologic care, yearly women's check-ups and natural family planning instruction in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. Services are available in English and Spanish. The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is located in East Norriton (very close to the Plymouth Meeting Mall). For more information, call the center at 844-204-0005 or visit phgiannacenter.org.

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 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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