



*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 \$15.00 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.

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

**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.

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please go to [stellamarisphila.com](http://stellamarisphila.com) and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for Information and/or to enroll. Thank you.

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

**Collection for weekend of January 10 & January 11**

**Income: Plate = \$5,914.00+ AWC= \$85.00 = \$5,999.00**

**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$27,620.49)**

**Total = (\$21,6621.49)**

**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:***

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Emilio Colella, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Daniel DiCarlo, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D’Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Vera Dolan, Dolore Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Dalonzo SR., Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goren, 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, George McGehrin, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, 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 Quiet, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Heather Russino, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Erica Siderio, Joe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Karen Specht, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Caroyln Young, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



***We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:***

**LUCILLE MAGLIOCCO**

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 18, 2026**

**Saturday - January 17**

5:00 + Sandra Rita DiSipio

**Sunday - January 18**

8:00 + Deceased Members of Donnelly Family

10:30 + Askold (OZ) Zagers

**Monday - January 19**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - January 20**

8:00 + Anthony Nardy, Sr.

**Wednesday - January 21**

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli and Family

**Thursday - January 22**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Friday - January 23**

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

**Saturday - January 24**

8:00 + Sammy Nanfo

5:00 + John and Yolanda Nazzario

**Sunday - January 25**

8:00 + Deceased Members of Bull Family

10:30 + Helen and John Centola



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

For the Intentions of  
Marcella Wojdylak

Requested by  
Anonymous



**Altar Bread and Wine**

For the Intentions of  
Carmel Brabazon

Requested by  
Anonymous



**Adoration Chapel Candles**

1) In Memory of  
Easery Bowen (10th Anniversary)

Requested by  
Robert and Victoria Pardo

2) For the Living and Deceased  
Members of Stella Maris





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.

Speaking of doing things extraordinarily; I am happy to announce that one of our Catechists, Ms. Helen (Lorrie) Murray, an ordinary person who teaches in our PREP/CCD Program, was honored on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul by Archbishop Perez for her dedicated service in teaching the Faith. Lorrie, received the St. Charles Borromeo Award. This award is presented to catechists for 25 years of dedicated service, which she has done extraordinarily well. Again Congratulations!!!

To all who gave their time and energy last Sunday afternoon, to help put our Christmas decorations away, thank you, thank you, thank you.

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.

Today we say farewell to Sr. Veronica as she prepares to leave Stella Maris after 30 years of faithful and dedicated service. We wish Sister well and we promise to pray for her. Remember it's just farewell and not goodbye. Godspeed.

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

God bless,  
Fr. Di Orio

**WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR PARISH FOOD PROGRAMS!**

Our *Parish Frozen Food Program* is in need of diners: 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!**

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**

Cosmo Campanella

**Donor**

John Costa and Family

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## Stella Maris Events

**2026**

### Saturday, February 28th—Bingo Night

Join us for a fun night of Cash Bingo! More information to follow.

### Saturday, April 25th—P & S - Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our Annual Night of Delicious P & S Spaghetti and Meatballs, Esposito's Porchetta, Great Music and Fabulous Prizes!

### Spring 2026—\$50 Grand Raffle

\$50 Raffle tickets will be sold beginning in May 2026 for a drawing of 6 prizes which will be held after each Mass the weekend of Nov.22/23.

More information to follow.

### RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

The next program begins the weekend of February 6 - 8, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. PA.



## Hope for a Better Marriage

Helping marriages heal and grow.  
Over 100,000 marriages helped.

**MARRIAGE WEEKEND  
PROGRAMS HELD AT THE  
MALVERN RETREAT CENTER**

Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley

**Call 215-766-3944**

[marriagehelpdelval.org](http://marriagehelpdelval.org)

### 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](http://www.archphila.org/support)

## CHURCH BINGO NIGHT!

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and prizes!

**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2026

**Time:** Doors open at 6 PM and Bingo starts at 7 PM

**Location:** Stella Maris Church  
2901 S. 10th St. Phila., PA 19148

#### What to Expect:

- Multiple bingo rounds
- Cash prizes
- Refreshments and snacks available for purchase
- A BYOB event

#### Admission:

- **\$30 per person**, includes 10 bingo games
- Additional cards available for purchase on site
- Special games
- This is an adult event. Participants must be 18 to play.

**All proceeds support Stella Maris Church**

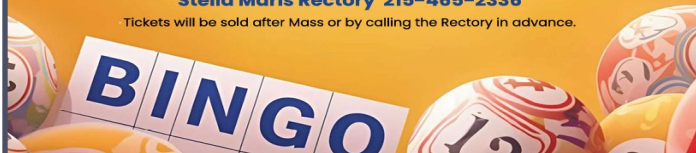
**Come enjoy a fun night for a great cause!**

Everyone is welcome — bring your friends and family!

For more information, contact:

**Stella Maris Rectory 215-465-2336**

Tickets will be sold after Mass or by calling the Rectory in advance.



### 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, **up to and including Friday, 03/04/26.**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS  
5:00PM EST ON MARCH 4, 2026**

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Whether a Catholic marriage or a marriage between two non-Catholics was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding, or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances. For information, please visit our website:

[archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal](http://archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal)

**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](http://archphila.org/hope) for details and postings.

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**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](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

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**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](http://www.payingforseniorcare.com). This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

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**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](http://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.

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**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 Thursday 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.



**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:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**PHONE #**

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**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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