



Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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Perpetual Adoration: Come adore our Eucharistic Lord in the 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 at the Rectory.

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; 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

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 Pre-Jordan, please call the Rectory. Baptisms may be held any Sunday—once Pre-Jordan 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.

January 19, 2020
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Mass Intentions For
The Week of January 19, 2020

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life:	
Collection for weekend of January 11 and January 12	
Income: Plate	= \$5,179.00 + AWC = \$ 102.50 = \$5,281.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$40,681.86)
Total	= (\$35,400.36)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

“Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love that they crave.”

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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

Jeanette Albanese, Rosario Allia, Blaise Ambrosini, Gloria Angelozzi, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Maryann Baranek, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr./Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Robert Costello, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna Del Vecchio and the Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Frank Filippello, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Renate Nardy, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Mr./Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, 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, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Sunday—January 19

8:00 + Dominick and Millie Scirrotto
 10:30 + Camilo and Concetta Turchi

Monday—January 20

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday—January 21

8:00 + Deceased Members of the DePrince and Pagnotto Families

Wednesday—January 22

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

Thursday—January 23

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday—January 24

8:00 + Rosemary Viola

Saturday—January 25

8:00 + Anthony Vivone
 5:00 + John and Yolanda Nazzario

Sunday—January 26

8:00 + Father Antonio and Father Griffin
 10:30 + Karen Sheppard-Naylor

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Barbara Lalli

Requested by
 The DiLisi Family



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Barbara Lalli

Requested by
 Steve and Tina Faulkner and Noah Curry



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
 Barbara Lalli
 Requested by
 The DiLisi Family

2) In Memory of
 Barbara Lalli
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 The DiLisi Family



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

FLORENCE NOTTO

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.



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
 Alessandra Trimarco

Donor
 Robert and Josephine Paskevicius

rom the Pastor's Desk

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 have 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 sins 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 goes against the tide, not giving in to what is popular and so forth. 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.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask you to pray for me.

God Bless!
Father Di Orio

PRAYER FOR AN END TO INFANTICIDE

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act-legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join in prayer for an end to infanticide:

"Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life."
AMEN.



2020 MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2020 March for Life will take place this **Friday, 01/24/2020.**

You are invited to march together with our Saint Charles Borromeo Seminarians who will be leading the way! Prior to the March, Archbishop Chaput will celebrate Mass at 10AM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC with the Seminarians and the Philadelphia pilgrims. For more information, please call the Office for Life and Family at **215-587-0500** or visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org.



NINE DAYS FOR LIFE

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., encourages the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to pray with the Bishops of the United States to end abortion. On January 22, 2020, our nation marks the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States. Since that date, millions of children's lives have been lost to abortion. Our prayers and sacrifices make a difference in the face of the culture of death with our real hope for a culture of life.

Information on the "Nine Days for Life" is posted on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website at www.9daysforlife.com. On this site, you will find the prayers, programmatic and promotional resources to encourage this nationwide prayer effort.

The centerpiece of this prayer effort is simple: novena with different intercessions, brief reflections and suggested acts of reparation that can be received directly each day through a variety of electronic forms. The "Nine Days for Life" allows for a wide number of ways for people of all ages to participate. The novena spans the March for Life and can be a way to participate spiritually with the thousands of pilgrims from the Archdiocese who will travel to Washington, DC, this January 24, 2020.

For additional information for the "Nine Days for Life" and the January 22, 2020 Day of Prayer and Penance, please visit:

<https://www.respectlife.org/january>.

TOMASELLO WINERY AND CASINO TRIP



Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Tomasello Winery and Resorts Casino on Tuesday, 02/11/20. Cost is \$55 per person and includes: Wine Tasting, sit-down luncheon at the winery (choice of chicken piccata or almond encrusted tilapia), Resorts Casino with \$25 slots, round-trip transportation, all taxes and gratuities-except for the driver. Itinerary: Please be in the Rectory parking lot by 9:30AM as bus leaves promptly at 9:45; 11AM-Wine Tasting and Luncheon; 1:15PM-Depart for Casino; 2PM-Resorts Casino; 7PM-Depart for Home; 8:30PM-approx. arrival home. **Full payment is due no later than this Tuesday, 01/21/20.** For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386. Make checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors; Mail payment to: Stella Maris Church, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148.



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO LANCASTER

Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the brand new show, **“Queen Esther”**, on **Thursday, 03/19/20.** Cost is **\$135 per person** and includes: Theater matinee show, buffet meal at Millers Restaurant, free time at Kitchen Kettle Village, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except driver). **Full payment is now due.**

For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386. Make checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors; Mail payments to: Attention: Rose Giovanelli
Stella Maris Rectory
2901 South 10th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19148



COME AND SEE WEEKENDS AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

Come and See Weekends are designed to let young men who are discerning the priesthood see what a typical Seminary weekend looks like. Between Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and fellowship with the seminarians, it is an unmatched opportunity for a young man to see if he has a vocation to the priesthood.

Come and see weekends come in two varieties: an overnight stay from Saturday into Sunday for high school men, and a Friday night to Sunday for post-high school men. The upcoming weekends are as follows:

High School Men: 01/25/20-01/26/20
02/22/20-02/23/20
03/14/20-03/15/20

Post High School Men: 02/28/20-03/01/20
04/24/20-04/26/20

If you know anyone who would benefit from a weekend of discernment, send them this information! Post-high school men and parents of high schoolers can register by emailing Sue Matour, Associate Director at smatour@archphila or by visiting the website at heedthecall.org/comeandsee.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

Catholic Charities Appeal Night with the 76ers is set for **Thursday, 02/20/20, at 8:00PM!** Join us to watch the Philadelphia 76ers take on the Brooklyn Nets. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal programs. If we reach our goal of 150 tickets sold, Jim Amato, Secretary for Catholic Social Services, will be honored on court before the start of the game. For more information, contact Gina DeColli at: gdecoll@catholicfoundation.org. To purchase tickets, please visit: <https://fevo.me/cca76>.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN OUR CHURCH

Our church is so important to us as a community of faith, and we need your help to keep it looking beautiful and clean for all to enjoy worshipping the Lord here at Stella Maris. We are asking for volunteers, both men and women, to help keep our newly renovated church in tip-top shape. If you would like to volunteer for this most important ministry, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM). We truly appreciate all those who will give of their time and talents to help us keep our sacred space looking lovely for our Lord and His people!

School OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL NEWS



There are two scholarship opportunities that have opened for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- 1) **Children’s Scholarship of Philadelphia** is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are available through their website: www.csphiladelphia.org. **Deadline is March 1, 2020.**
- 1) **FACTS Financial Aid Application** replaces the SmartAid Financial Application. Financial Aid through FACTS requires an **application fee of \$30**. Financial aid **deadline is March 15, 2020.**

Tours of the School are available by calling **215-467-5385** to make an appointment or to learn more about school programs. For more information, you can also email Ms. Cody, the Principal, at: pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com.

Please note: Registrations for the 2020-2021 school year have begun. Please call 215-467-5385 for information.

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.
- 5) 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, February 28, 2020 to determine eligibility and for the web address. **Applications will be accepted online only.**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2020!

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUPS

Looking to connect with area Catholic moms? The Office for the New Evangelization has created a new webpage where you can find local Catholic moms groups and resources. Check out the site at phillyevang.org/moms. If you are a leader of a Catholic moms' group that is not listed on this site, please email salbanese@archphila.org. Stay tuned for upcoming events. You can check this out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram [@phillyevang](https://www.instagram.com/phillyevang).

RETRouvaille FOR STRESSED OR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope-that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. The next program is being held from Friday to Sunday, **02/21-02/23, 2020**, at Malvern Retreat House in the Family Life Center, 315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern, PA 19355. For more information or to register for the retreat weekend, please call **215-766-3944** or **800-470-2230**. All inquiries are confidential. You can also visit the website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

PENN VET FREE DOG AND CAT VACCINATION CLINIC

The clinic is being held at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital, 3900 Spruce St, Phila., PA.

Vaccinations will be available for approximately 200 dogs and cats, but there is a 2 pet limit per household for the clinic. This clinic is run by appointment only, so please call **215-898-4680, between 8am and 10am** in the morning to schedule an appointment.

Appointments times being scheduled starting at 9AM, **this Monday, 01/20/20**. If you have any further questions, please call 215-898-6678.

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The cost of home heating has a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This **Fuel Assistance Program** is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, **individuals** with a monthly income less than **\$1,591**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,133** qualify for the grant. Call **United Social Services** at **215-923-1900**, Monday through Friday between 10AM and 4PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. **The filing deadline is Friday, 04/10/20. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are confidential.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, 01/20/20-Helping Hands-7:00PM,
Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
Tuesday, 01/21/20-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Saturday, 01/25/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Sunday, 01/26/20-CCD-9:00am, School/Church
Saturday, 02/01/20-Sodality-8:00AM, Church/Vestibule
Sunday, 02/02/20-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church
Tuesday, 02/04/20-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg.
Saturday, 02/08/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Sunday, 02/09/20-CCD (First Communion Parent Meeting)-
9:00AM, School/Church
Saturday, 02/15/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

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. Thank you!

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