



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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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 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 17 & January 18

Income: Plate = \$3,949.00+ AWC= \$85.00 = \$ 4,034.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$ 25,332.45)

Total = (\$ 21,298.45)

Living Stewardship: "Come, so that you will be able to see." This is how the Apostles' adventure began, as an encounter of people who are open to one another. For the disciples, it was the beginning of a direct acquaintance with the Teacher, seeing where He was staying and starting to get to know Him. Indeed, they were not to proclaim an idea, but to witness to a person. Before being sent out to preach, they had to "be" with Jesus, establishing a personal relationship with Him, ... an invitation to enter into the mystery of communion with Christ."
— 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 Goreni, Margie Gurbuz, Charles Haron, 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 Quieti, 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:

**Barbara DiLetto, Stephanie A. DeJesse,
Olimpia McNulty**

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 25, 2026*

Saturday - January 24

5:00 + John and Yolanda Nazzario

Sunday - January 25

8:00 + Deceased Members of Bull Family

10:30 + Helen and John Centola

Monday - January 26

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - January 27

8:00 + Weinhardt, Mc Lauchlan and Mullen Families

Wednesday - January 28

8:00 + Christopher Myers

Thursday - January 29

8:00 + Jenny Kelly and Husband

Friday - January 30

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Saturday - January 31

8:00 + Louis Decarlo

5:00 + Robert and Marie Maffei

Sunday - February 1

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Cianciarulo Family

10:30 + Vinod Ashan



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Jack O'Donnell
Requested by
Anonymous



Altar Bread and Wine

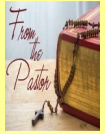
For the Intentions of
Carmella DeSimone
Requested by
Anonymous



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
Carmine T. Petrella
Requested by
Carol Ann Greco
2) In Memory of
Enrico (Ricky) Belfi
Requested by
M. Joyce





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Jesus' long awaited public moment has finally arrived. Jesus' first words are calling everyone to admit their sinfulness and appeal to God's mercy. It is a genuine call for change. Jesus wants a radical conversion, the shedding of nonbelief and structuring of every heart in a deep-rooted acceptance of faith. This is the new manna from heaven, which God the Father sent Him to preach. "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand," inaugurates a new era leading to salvation. Jesus understands that this conversion He offers is ongoing. This change of heart needed to follow Him takes time and has challenges. Jesus is really thinking of the cross He will bear. He wants His disciples to be ready. Jesus' recommendation is to remain loyal and steadfast, and to trust in His promises when the time comes to stand up for Christ. What exactly is a disciple? How do we recognize one? A disciple is someone who is curious, someone who investigates, who hears and believe, but most importantly acts. Discipleship is a call to growth. Baptized followers need to feed their faith with prayer, timely strengthening and periodic reviews. A disciple does something physical. He drops his nets and follows. He picks up his cross and carries it. He actually takes food to the hungry. He speaks out for those who cannot speak for themselves. Discipleship is a physical act, an animation of the converted heart. St. Paul says it best in his letter to the Corinthians. He strongly encourages Christ followers to adhere to the cross for inspiration, knowledge and courage. It may be a "stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles" (1Cor 1:23), but for followers of Jesus, it is the wisdom of our Christian life.

Next weekend, January 31st and February 1st, in honor of St. Blaise, throats will be blessed after all the Masses.

Be assured of my prayers. I ask you to please remember me in your prayers.
God bless,
Father Di Orio

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 2026

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on **Saturday, February 21st at 11:00 AM**. We invite all parishioners who need this sacramental action of God's healing and love to attend. If you know someone who is ill and wants to come to the Mass to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please call Lorinda Fina @ 267-250--0186 or Dolores Garadetsky @ 215-465-2831. Also, volunteer drivers are needed to transport some of our homebound parishioners. If you can help, please call Lorinda or Dolores to offer your services.



Sr. Veronica's New Address

Sr. Veronica Maier
St. Joseph Villa
110 West Wissahickon Ave.
Flourtown, PA 19031

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**

**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

**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

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!



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.

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. Whether you are divorced and want to marry in the Catholic Church or are remarried outside the Church, please visit our website:

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 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.payingforseniorcare.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.

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:

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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