



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.

January 26, 2025
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Collection for weekend of January 18 & January 19

Income: Plate = \$3,897.00.00 + AWC= \$85.00 = \$3,982.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$33,636.33)

Total = (\$29,654.33)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: “The better you know Jesus, the more His mystery attracts you. The more you discover Him, the more you are moved to seek Him.

— Pope Benedict XVI



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, 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, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthe 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 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, 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, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, 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, 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:
HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

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 26, 2025

Saturday - January 25

5:00 + John and Yolanda Nazzario

Sunday - January 26

8:00 + Mr. and Mrs. Pietro Palella

10:30 + Catherine Kempf

Monday - January 27

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - January 28

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Wednesday - January 29

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Thursday - January 30

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday - January 31

8:00 + Cosmo and Mary Di Orio

Saturday - February 1

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the
Moulder, Irving and Welker Families

5:00 + Edith Saraullo

Sunday - February 2

8:00 + Michael, Michael Jr. and Sean Bryan

10:30 + Robert and Maria Maffei

Church Sanctuary Lamp



For the Intentions of
Marcella Wojdylak

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TELEVISED MASS

Every Sunday, at 5:30AM on Channel 6-WPVI TV, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia celebrates Sunday Mass, which is broadcast through the courtesy of Channel 6-WPVI.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In Today's Gospel reading, Jesus makes a fairly astounding claim when he calmly tells the congregation in the synagogue at Nazareth that the prophecy of Isaiah that he has just proclaimed to them is fulfilled in him. Yet, his tone is neither grandiose nor self-congratulatory. Jesus is a surprisingly self-effacing messiah figure. His claim to the title is implicit rather than overt, and he prefers to let the claim be validated through his message and mission.

He does not claim to a political (i.e. kingly) messiah. At least some of the messianic expectation at the time of Jesus centered on the notion of a king from the line of David who would restore Israel's political fortunes.

He does not see his role of messiah as a "one-person job." Jesus makes it clear that his mission is to be a sign of - or a kind of wake-up call to - something bigger than himself: the arrival of God's reign.

Jesus is, above all else, a suffering Messiah - one who saves the world through his passion and death. The end of Jesus' life and ministry represent a shocking reversal of the most prevalent messianic notions of his time.

Our readings truly then do give us an insight to realize our amazing identity that we have in Jesus. As Christians, we are part of the story of salvation. We are to participate in salvation through our lives, our vocation, our work, or the use of our talents that we have received from God. If we are to be followers of Jesus, we cannot ignore this most basic messianic message to help the poor, the imprisoned, the captive, and the physically impaired. Jesus wants us to do these things if we are to follow him. Though Jesus' demands lie heavily upon us, he has given us his Spirit so that we can follow in his footsteps. For example, Saint Teresa of Calcutta showed her undying love and care for the poor. Dr. Thomas Dooley exhibited his devotion to the sick and poor in Cambodia. St. Katherine Drexel evangelized Native and African Americans.

All of us can enter into some part of Jesus' ministry if we cannot personally take part, we certainly can support the efforts of others, not only by prayer, but also by encouraging those who are engaged in these various ministries.

Next weekend February 1st and 2nd, in honor of St. Blaise, throat will be blessed after all the masses.

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

God bless,
Fr. Di Orio

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our *Parish Frozen Food Program* is in need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that meals you prepare contain meat or fish, a starch (pasta/potatoes/rice) and a vegetable. Those who receive these meals are elderly and it is healthy for them to get a balanced, nutritious meal.

Please do not put individual leftover items in the freezer. We kindly ask, when the church is open before or during Mass times, that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).

May God bless you for helping those in need!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There is an 8 week Bereavement Support Group which runs several times each year at TJUH Methodist Hospital. Each week participants will have the opportunity to support one another and learn about different topics within the grieving process. For more information, please call the Department of Pastoral Care at **215-952-9547**.

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

Archbishop Perez has extended to all peoples of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, an invitation to join him in a conversation regarding the future of the Archdiocese. The invitation can be found at, www.trustandhope.org. or by scanning the code



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. Applications will be accepted starting on January 7, 2025 and ending on March 6, 2025.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 6, 2025!

**JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

The Jubilee of 2025 is a Holy year of grace and Pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. The Jubilee occurs every 25 years and is a time for Catholics to come together and grow in their faith. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”

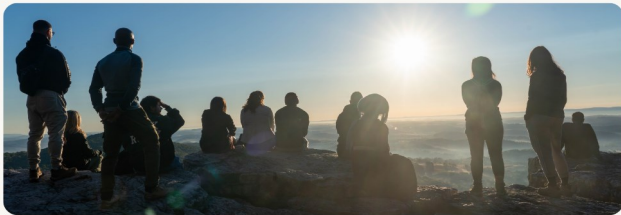
For your desired Pilgrimage, please visit

www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com OR coordinator@catholicpilgrimoffice.com

YAMDI RETREAT

“IT WAS NOT YOU WHO CHOSE ME, BUT I WHO CHOSE YOU.” (JN 15:16)

EXPERIENCE THE KERYGMA!



FEBRUARY 7 - 9, 2025 MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

Retreat leaders: Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Fr. Timothy Tarnacki OSPPE, Andrea Mueller, Marisally Santiago, **MORE to be announced!**



**WHY GOD CHOSE YOU?
WHAT IS YAMDI?**

MORE QUESTIONS? SCAN TO LEARN MORE



**ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY
3rd ANNUAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

St. Mary Polish American Society is accepting applications for the third annual Felicia Jemionek Rzeznik Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,500 scholarship to a qualified student of Polish ancestry residing within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pursuing full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. Full information about the scholarship is included in the QR code. For any questions, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861



RACHEL'S VINEYARD

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of abortion—no matter how much time has passed—please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

**To contact our team to register or for questions:
Susan-610-716-4795; Georgeann-484-955-4278**



**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE
LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **February 14 - 16, 2025** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org Or call 214-766-3944 Or 800-470-2230.

**SAVE THE DATE
MARDI GRAS IS COMING TO SOUTH PHILLY
Bringing Bourbon Street to South Philly**

Get ready for a night to remember as we bring the energy and magic of Bourbon Street right here to South Philly. Enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing, and celebration—all with supporting a great cause.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Be a part of the festivities and showcase your support for St. Monica School.

When: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Where: Woodland String Band's Anderson Hall

**Let the Good Times roll!
Stay tuned for more details!**

**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.

Email Maria at mariamalone@mmredeemer.org to attend in person, to get a virtual meeting link and to get any updates on meeting times and locations.



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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