



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

Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation: Anyone who is 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.

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

Collection for weekend of 10/10/20 and 10/11/20:
Income - Plate: \$4,583.00 + AWC: \$102.50 = \$4,685.50
Bills Paid - Total Disbursements = (\$41,021.68)
Total = (\$36,336.18)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please visit us at stellamarisphila.com and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll.

Living Stewardship: *"How easy it is to be content with the superficial pleasures that daily life offers us; how easy it is to live only for oneself, apparently enjoying life. But sooner or later we realize that this is not true happiness, because true happiness is much deeper: we find it only in Jesus!"*

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine & Enrico Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr./Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, 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, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Philipp, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, 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 & Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, military disabled, home-bound, and their families.

Rest in Peace 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 October 18, 2020**

Sunday - October 18

8:00 + George and Clare Weinhardt
10:30 + Tony Portella and Pete Demchenko
(CONFIRMATION)

Monday - October 19

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - October 20

8:00 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Wednesday - October 21

8:00 + Rita M. Stezzi

Thursday - October 22

8:00 + Anna Bianchini

Friday - October 23

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

Saturday - October 24

8:00 + Judy Jacquindo and Gerry Murphy
5:00 + Umberto Sammarone

Sunday - October 25

8:00 + Paul, Annina, and Vincent Fargione
10:30 + Connie Qualtieri and David Qualtieri

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Alfred Adesso

Requested by
Agnes Alisio



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Robert Madonna
Requested by

Dennis and Rochelle Mongello



MEMORIALS

Below is a list of donations that have been made to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed on, but will never be forgotten.

In Memory of

Agnes Brett
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Mary Ann Jones
Annette Scotese
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Donor

Jim and Patricia Brett
John and Linda Fantom
Kathleen McClain
John Ervin
Jean Galiney
Jennie Matarese



**YOU CAN WATCH STELLA MARIS
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE!**

Please Note: You do not need Facebook to view the video of Liturgical Celebrations. Just access the Facebook page on the Parish's Website (www.stellamarisphila.com). Click the link and it will take you to Facebook. When asked to log in, just click "not now" or "x" out of the box. Go to "Videos" and click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.”

This traditional prayer should be our prayer for the young parishioners who will be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today, at the 10:30am Mass. We welcome Auxiliary Bishop Edward M. Deliman who will confer the Sacrament on our young parishioners. All of us should keep these young men and women in our prayers. We congratulate these candidates on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, along with their families and sponsors.

Thank you to Fr. Michael Mullan for his inspiring homilies during our annual Forty Hours Devotion. It was a grace-filled time for our parish. I was very edified by the attendance of our parishioners. Thanks to the altar servers, the lectors, the ushers, our sextons, Sue and Sal, the cantors, and our Music Director, Mr. Cormac Brady, for making these days special. Again thank you, thank you, thank you!

The Mass book for 2021 will open **this Tuesday, October 20, 2020**. Please see the insert in today's bulletin.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus in some sort of word game over the paying of the Roman poll tax. They asked, “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” They are testing Him, but Jesus never waivers in His dialogue with the Pharisees. Jesus understands that they are testing Him and trying to trick Him. He knows that if He says the tax is lawful, He risks alienating His own people, who hate the tax and the coin used to pay it. But if He answers that the taxes are not lawful, the Romans might arrest Him for sedition. Jesus asked to see the coin. In asking to see the coin, Jesus is forcing the Pharisees to show that they are carrying the offensive coin themselves. Then Jesus asked, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” And they replied, “Caesar's.” At that, Jesus said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” Jesus is very shrewd. He is saying the coin bears the image of the emperor so give it back to the emperor and without saying it, He is implying that we bear the image of God. We are created in God's image and likeness; therefore, we must give back to God, what belongs to God. Jesus acknowledges that Caesar has his own legitimate but limited sphere of authority, without denying that we (made in God's image) belong first and foremost to God.

Jesus challenges us to recognize that nothing in life really belongs to us. The First Commandment is clear: we are to have no gods before our God, that is, no god should be ranked above our God. Today's lesson is about fulfilling our obligations toward God. To know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world, in order to be happy with Him in the next. In order for us to know

what we owe to God, we must first understand what we have been given. God has given us life and He has created us in His image. We belong to Him and should be giving ourselves to Him. Jesus said that we must be as careful about our obligation to God as we are to our obligation to the government. As citizens, we do our best to be good and law abiding. Are we as careful about our obligations to God as we are to the state? Are we as compliant with the laws of God? Are we good citizens of the kingdom of heaven as we are of kingdoms on earth?

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

God bless you,
Fr. Di Orio

IN GOD ALONE



Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that “I am the LORD,” and that “there is none besides me” (Isaiah 45:6). Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

BEATIFICATION OF FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney, is to be beatified on October 31, 2020 in Hartford, Connecticut. The Pennsylvania State Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to foster awareness of this beatification which might in turn help foster prayer among the faithful for his intercession on their behalf. As we celebrate this historic event, please join in asking Blessed Michael McGivney for his intercession and praying for his eventual canonization.

To learn more about Fr. McGivney, visit:

www.fathermcgivney.org



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 ROSARY

Join us every Saturday after our 8:00AM Mass as we pray the Rosary in front of the Blessed Mother Grotto on Bigler Street near 10th Street. We are praying for our upcoming presidential election, for an end to the violence happening in our country, and for an end to the pandemic affecting our world. We will ask for God's blessings on our country and for our Blessed Mother to protect us.

Everyone is welcome!

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.



LIVE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. **The schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern), until further notice.** Click the link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download necessary software. On your computer, go to www.archphila.org; click on "Offices," a list of offices will appear, click on "New Evangelization." Click "Events" tab and find "Nightly at 8PM ET, The Rosary...Coronavirus" and click on "full details." The next screen will show a choice for "Rosary in English" and you can click on the words "Click here to join the Rosary by video." You may want to dial in by phone at **646-558-8656** and enter the Webinar ID: **490 480 541**. Hosted by: Meghan Cokeley, Office of New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS FOUNDATION

The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith is offering two podcasts : 1) Podcast for "Catholics Affected by Divorce and Separation"-the first Tuesday of each month, 8PM to 9PM; 2) Podcast for "Families in Crisis"-the last Thursday of each month, 8PM to 9PM. Both podcasts are available on YouTube, Facebook, Podbean app, and Tune In app. Subscribe to the "Philly Nonnatus" YouTube channel, and on Podbean and Tune In subscribe to "Patchwork Heart Ministry". More information can be found at www.Nonnatus.org or text or call **215-870-9913**. These programs are sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Life and Family.

They can be reached at **215-587-0500** or by email at www.phillycatholiclife.org or sbozza@archphila.org.

+ Please check with organizations, schools, parishes, etc. who have postings in our bulletin to see if their events and/or functions have been cancelled or postponed. Thank you. Be safe. God bless!

HOLY HOUR FOR THE ELECTION 50 States-50 People-One Hour

Join us on Sunday, November 1, 2020, from 2PM to 3PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City Philadelphia, for an hour of prayer and adoration before Jesus in the Eucharist as we petition for grace and blessing upon our country, especially asking for God's will to be accomplished in the upcoming presidential election. We hope for at least 50 people to be present, one for each State of the United States of America, but more are welcome! The Presider will be Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica. Free parking is available. Social distancing will be observed. Please RSVP at: phillyevang.org/events

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

The RCHS Scholarship Entrance Exam is being held on the following dates: Saturday, 11/14/20, Sunday, 11/22/20, and Saturday, 12/05/20. Testing begins at 9:00AM. Register at: <https://romancatholicshs.com/admissions/important-dates>.

ATTENTION: EPIPHANY CLASS OF 1960

Graduates of Epiphany of Our Lord School Class of 1960- we need your help! Are you interested in reuniting with your friends from 8th grade? No date, time, or place is scheduled yet, so please contact us so we can begin to make plans! Please call: Loretta Joy Portaro (DeSalis) at 215-271-5192 (home) or 267-971-0378 (cell); or you may also call Maryann Cancila (Gahagan) at 215-389-0306 (home) or 215-460-3199 (cell). Please pass this on to any graduate you know who might be interested! Thank you for your help!

ATTENTION GRADUATES OF ST. MARIA GORETTI AND BISHOP JOHN NEUMANN

The graduates of St. Maria Goretti and Bishop Neumann High Schools are planning a 75TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR SATURDAY, October 9, 2021, from 1PM to 5PM at Galdo's, 20th Street and Moyamensing Avenue. Spouses are welcome. Anyone interested in receiving more information as it become available can email Florence Pellicciotti Newman at: jnewma8216@comcast.net.

GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

As we continue in the "open phase", 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 of the month. The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

- October 19 - St. John de Brebeuf and St. Issac Jogues
- October 20- St. Paul of the Cross
- October 22- St. John Paul II
- October 23- St. John of Capistrano
- October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

Which Saint is celebrated on your birthday?
Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

For the safety of everyone, all those in leadership positions of Stella Maris organizations are asked to call the Rectory before resuming your regular meetings in order to receive instructions for keeping within the safety guidelines set by the Archdiocese.

Stay safe and stay well! God bless!



**SUPPORT 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**

Information on the cost of Senior Living and Care in Philadelphia, along with Finance Assistance Programs, can be found at www.pavingforseniorcare.com. This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from ongoing services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and short-term services (housekeeping and personal care)? The In-Home Support Program may be able to help you. If you are at least 60 years of age, need assistance or supervision when leaving the home and are basically homebound, please call **215-732-1140** to learn more about this program.

This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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 a 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.Lily'sGift.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.

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES



Although the Mass Book for 2020 is full, there are a few Adoration Chapel Candles still available in 2020. Each of these are lit for an entire week, seven days. Just like a Mass, you may offer these for a living or deceased person, or special intention. The donation is \$20 for each Adoration Chapel Candle. You may call or come to the Rectory during regular business hours to see which weeks are available, or you may complete one of the forms below, being sure to include your phone number in case we need to contact you. Attach your donation to the form, and place it in an envelope. You may drop it in the collection basket when you attend Mass, or mail it to our Stella Maris Rectory: 2901 S 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148.

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.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

Phone# _____



PARISH FOOD PROGRAMS

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. Those who receive these meals are elderly and it is healthy for them to get a balanced, nutritious meal.

Our **Parish Food Pantry** can use some help as well. Non-perishable items (jarred peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauces; canned tuna fish, stews, vegetables/soups; boxed pasta, crackers, potatoes, etc.) are appreciated by those in emergency situations. Please leave your non-perishable food donations in the Outreach Room (across from the trophy case).

We are grateful to those who take home trays and return them with their leftovers/prepared meals, and/or those who bring pantry items on a regular basis.

May God reward your efforts for feeding those in need.