



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 \$5.00 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.

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 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.

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

October 23, 2022
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Collection for weekend of October 15 & October 16

Income: Plate = \$4,431.00 + AWC = \$58.00 = \$4,489.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$14,568.21)
Total = (\$10,079.21)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "Humility in accepting our own limitations is...very important. Only in this way..., can we grow, develop, and pray to the Lord that He will help us not to tire along the way, also accepting humbly that we will never be perfect and accepting imperfections in others. By accepting our own imperfections, we can more easily accept those of others, allowing ourselves to be formed and reformed ever anew by the Lord."
-Pope Benedict XVI



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted: Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Susan Benco-Castle, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio & Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Baby 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, Terry Troiano, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, 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 October 23, 2022**

Sunday - October 23

8:00 + Barbara and Robert Glynn
10:30 + Robert and Marie Maffei

Monday - October 24

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - October 25

8:00 + Livia Martino

Wednesday—October 26

8:00 + Rosa Nguyen Thi Tho

Thursday - October 27

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Trimarco Family

Friday - October 28

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

Saturday—October 29

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
5:00 + Milton Kosmin

Sunday - October 30

8:00 + Vincent Moffo

Church Sanctuary Lamp



In Memory of
Carmine T. Petrella Jr.
Requested by
Carol Ann Greco

Adoration Chapel Candles



1) In Memory of
Robert and Marie Maffei
Requested by
Michele Cecala



2) In Memory of
Geraldine Gregorio
Requested by
Lynn Di Orio

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Livia Martino
Requested by
Lorinda Fina



HELPING HANDS THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

Once again, we will be reaching out to people in our community who are in need of a little help during this giving season. The items needed are: turkeys, boxes of mashed potatoes, boxes or bags of stuffing, canned sweet potatoes, cans or jars of gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned corn, peas, green beans and carrots. Please drop off the items to the Food Program Room in the Church vestibule, but no later than Sunday, 11/13/22. Monetary donations are also welcome; if donating by check, checks can be made out to Stella Maris Helping Hands.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Gospel reading from St. Luke forces us to reexamine how we look at prayer. Most kids love teeter-totters. You need a friend to play with. It is fun to be up in the air, but it is no fun to be alone on a teeter-totter. You simply sit there in loneliness and go nowhere. In some ways it is an image of life. Do we soar, or do we stay still? Are we one with others, or are we alone in our self-centeredness? Our Gospel reminds us that prayer is a teeter-totter. We have ups and downs. We have delusions, and we have honesty. The balancing act is a challenge. Will we leave prayer with gratitude in our heart for God's acceptance, or will we leave never having touched the Divine?

Prayer is about radical honesty. The Pharisee says he is not a thief, a rogue, or an adulterer, certainly not a tax collector. All of this may be true. But what does it say about him as a man? While he is not a thief, is he generous? Is he concerned with the needs of his neighbor? He seems totally self-righteous. He may not cheat on his wife, but is he kind, loving, respectful, and responsible toward her? Although he may not be corrupt and dishonest, is he a fair man, a good man in the community? Does he treat his children with love? Can his neighbors count on him? While the Pharisee is telling God what he sees as good in himself, he is not describing where he is deficient. He is delighted that he is superior. But he is not particularly self-aware. The publican is distraught about his sinful condition.

Prayer is about our relationship with God. The first man never enters into a relationship with God. He does no more than provide a bulletin about himself for God to remember. The Pharisee neither expresses love for God nor asks God to enter more fully into his life. He never admits that he is dependent on God. The publican admits that he is not in right relationship with God or neighbor. He is in a turmoil about his life. The first step to righteousness with God is to admit that one is in need of God's love.

Prayer is about growing in godliness. Because of his egotism and self-righteousness, the Pharisee is basically saying he is not in need of God and is doing quite well without God. Prayer for him seems to be only a boasting session and not an opportunity to do self-reflection and see how far one is from God. The tax collector knows his whole way of life is keeping him from God and regrets that. This temple visit says he knows who God is and what God wants of him, and he is falling short. The teeter-totter image of prayer calls us to remember two things. First, look at how we are growing in our understanding of how God wants us to live. Second, learn to become more at one with God, so that the goodness of God can shine through us. Some days we soar with God, and some days we are alone on the ground, failing to live out this relationship. Some days we live with delight with God, and some days we are in a dry well. Recognizing that prayer can be a teeter-totter of honesty and deceit, self-righteousness and dependence on God, fruitful or barren, all this eases the frustration of being in tune with God or feeling bereft.

I challenge us that the next time we sit down and pray, imagine we are in a playground sitting on a teeter-totter with God sitting across from us on the other side of the teeter-totter, and let our self-righteousness lie in the dust so that we can soar in the embrace of God's love. Prayer is about radical honesty, deepening our relationship with God, and growing in godliness.

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

God bless,

Father Di Orio

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.

ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!

The Stella Maris Adult Choir invites **all men and women who enjoy singing to join them.** No prior experience is necessary-all you need is a joy-filled love of singing! **Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM in the Rectory music room** (please enter through the front door of the Rectory). Help us to enhance our liturgical celebrations with beautiful music and to vocally give praise and thanks to our Lord for all He has done for us.

All are welcome-the more, the merrier!



GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

During these crisp Autumn days, 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 for your birthday. The saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

Oct. 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

Oct. 28- Saints Simon and Jude

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

ACCOUNTANT NEEDED

The Educational Financial Services Offices of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is seeking a professional accountant to fill the position Accountant II. Mission-driven individuals who have obtained a BA in accounting and possess a minimum of 4 years' experience in the field are encouraged to send their resumes to: HResource@archphila.org.

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

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. **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).**

May God reward your efforts for feeding those in need!

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the USA, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit: phillyeucharisticrevival.org.

“Prayer for the Revival”

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Vocation Office invites you to the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA, to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, on **Thursdays between the hours of 9AM to 5PM**, praying that more young people generously respond to the Lord's invitation to serve Him as priests and religious. To sign up to spend time with our Lord, visit: Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email:

Phillyadoration@gmail.com

SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

As we pray for vocations to the priesthood, a good way to get to know our seminarians studying for ordination in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is by listening to their vocation stories by visiting: Heedthecall.org/poster.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD A PLACE TO HEAL FROM ABORTION

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an 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 a hope for the future. Join us for a safe, loving and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy. Retreat weekend is 11/04/22-11/06/22 at IHM Spirituality Center, 210 IHM Drive, Malvern, PA 19355.

If you have any questions, need more information, or would like to register for the retreat, please contact:

Susan-610-716-4795 or Georgeann at 484-955-4278.

SSJ ANNUAL CHANCE DRIVE

The Sisters of St. Joseph Annual Chance Drive to benefit St. Joseph Villa has begun! The Grand Prize is \$10,000; 5 additional prizes of \$500 each. Donation is \$5 for each ticket or \$20 for a book of 5 tickets.

Winners will be drawn on December 7, 2022

Please help make this year's Chance Drive especially successful by getting your tickets online!

Visit our Chance Drive page at:

www.ssiphila.org

For additional information, contact any Sister of Saint Joseph or the Development Office at **800-482-6510** or visit:

Development@ssiphila.org

NAZARETH ACADEMY NEWS

8th Grade Entrance and Scholarship Exam will be held on **Saturday, 11/05/22, from 7:45AM to 12Noon**. Eighth grade girls interested in applying to Nazareth's Class of 2027 are encouraged to take this exam. For more information, visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/EntranceExam

7th and 8th Grade Paint Night is being held **this Friday, 10/28/22 at 6:30PM**. This free event provides an opportunity to meet other students from around the area and to have fun creating a fall-themed painted canvas to take home! To register, please visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/PaintNight.

If you have any questions or for more information, contact Ms. Derassouyan at **215-268-1026**. Nazareth Academy is located at **4001 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114**.

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Over 150 Sacred Relics will be on display at **Holy Martyrs Church, 120 Allison Road, Oreland, PA**, on **All Saints Day, Tuesday, 11/01/22, after the 8:30AM Mass until 6:00PM, and on All Souls Day, 11/02/22, after 8:30AM Mass until 11:30AM**. Everyone is welcome to pray in the presence of these Sacred Relics, which include: the True Cross of our Lord, the Cloak of St. Joseph, and many others. For more information, visit: holymartyrschurch@gmail.com.

TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE

The Star of the Sea Seniors trip to the **Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA** to see the stage production of **“DAVID”**, is **Thursday, 11/10/22**. For those attending this event, **please arrive in Stella Maris parking lot by 8:30AM** to take a seat on the bus. The bus will return back to Stella Maris parking lot, approximately 8:00PM. If you have any questions, please contact **Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or 267-882-7717**.

WEEKLY ARCHDIOCESAN WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the rosary via Zoom or phone on the Archdiocesan LIVE World Mission Rosary. To join in this live rosary, visit phillymissions.org for the Zoom link, or type in <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>.

Join in as we ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Catholic faith, world peace, personal intentions, and for the Missions world-wide!

ARTCINIA

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish is proud to collaborate with Artcinia, a Philadelphia-based organization formed in 2021 by community leaders and professional musicians. Dedicated to improving access to the performing arts for everyone, Artcinia brings together professional artists and area residents in non-traditional, neighborhood spaces. Through the universal language of music, Artcinia enlivens and enriches neighborhoods across the Philadelphia region.

On **Sunday, 11/13/22 at 4PM**, Patricia Acevedo and Friends will provide a musical tour of South America, exploring the Latin genres of Chile, Ecuador, Brazil, and Venezuela. These performances are being held in the upstairs church of Epiphany at 11th and Jackson Streets. **Tickets are \$10 each** and can be purchased on the day of the performance.

Visit Artcinia's website at www.artcinia.com/concerts.

**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.pavingforseniorcare.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.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

Eucharistic miracles help us to appreciate the central event of the Mass. View an extraordinary month-long exhibit now through Monday, 10/31/22, from 9AM to 4PM, being held at the National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA. This exhibit features over 100 photographic panels presenting Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Church. These miracles have occurred throughout the world over the centuries and were researched and presented by Blessed Carlo Acutis in an Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles in 2005. Be inspired to draw closer to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life! Enjoy free admission and free parking. Bus groups are welcome. For more information, please contact angela@padrepio.org.

**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE,
CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLES
AND ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES**

At the present time, we do not have any more Altar Bread and Wine, Church Sanctuary Candles, or Adoration Chapel Candles available in 2022. When the Mass Book for 2023 opens, these types of Memorials will again become available.

The 2023 Mass book Opening will be held on this Tuesday, 10/25/22.

Please see the insert in today's bulletin.

REQUESTS FROM SAINT JOHN'S HOSPICE

The summer was a busy time for St. John's Hospice. They helped feed, clothe, and provide for hundreds of men and wouldn't have been able to do so without donations made from amazing people like you! Their clothing room is a resource available for men who visit them during their day programs, for a fresh change of clothes and toiletries, however, the number of items they have available to help these men is dwindling. To continue throughout the fall, they need to restock, and they need your help to make it happen!

Items currently needed are:

White T-shirts (Sizes M, L, XL)

Boxer Briefs (Sizes M & L)

Pants (Waist sizes 30, 32, 34, 36, and 38)

Sneakers (Sizes 9, 10, 11, 12)

Large bottles of body wash

Shaving Razors

Body powder

Donation drop-offs can be made at **1221 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107**. To arrange a donation pick-up, contact Liz Small at esmall@chs-adphila.org.

Thank you for any support you can provide and may God bless you!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COLLECTION

Catholic Social Services (CSS) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is collecting feminine hygiene products to support women and girls who face difficulties in obtaining them. This initiative, "Take Back the Month", addresses the wide-spread need of women and girls throughout the Philadelphia area who are unable to afford feminine hygiene products due to poverty, homelessness, and other issues, and ensures that they have access to these products at no cost. All goods donated will benefit CSS' housing and homeless programs. If interested donating new, unopened items directly to CSS, contact Amy Stoner at astoner@CHS-ADPHILA.ORG or Cindy Volkert at cvolkert@CHS-ADPHILA.ORG. **You can also support this program financially by making an on-line donation at:**

<https://yougivegoods.com/takebackthemoth>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

The Center provides an authentically Catholic approach to women's reproductive healthcare and follows Catholic medical ethics. The providers treat women in various age groups—from teen to seniors—and offer gynecologic care, yearly women's check-ups and natural family planning instruction in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. Services are available in English and Spanish. The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is located in East Norriton (very close to the Plymouth Meeting Mall). For more information, call the center at **844-204-0005** or visit pghiannacenter.org.