



*Stella Maris Catholic Church*  
*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*  
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*Pastor (ext. 3)*

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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.

***Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***October 31, 2021***

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**God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life**  
**Collection for weekend of 10/23/21 & 10/24/21**  
**Income = Plate \$4,398.00 + AWC \$72.50 = \$4470.50**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$5,936.62)**  
**Total = (\$1,466.12)**

 Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

**Living Stewardship:**

**“Love can be commanded because it has first been given.”**

 **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, Deborah Binder, Kim Birch, KellyAnn Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Debra & 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, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Mildred Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, William Parrish, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Barbara Polce, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Rich Rosati, 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, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, 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:**

**ANTHONY PIZZO ANNA STOTSENBURG**

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 31, 2021*

**Sunday-October 31**

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Birch Family  
10:30 + Frank, Anna, Antoinette, and Sam Palesano

**Monday-November 1 (All Saints Day)**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday-November 2 (All Souls Day)**

8:00 + All Souls  
7:00 + All Souls

**Wednesday-November 3**

8:00 + Lou and Betty D'Ambrosio

**Thursday-November 4**

8:00 + Frank and Ilda Colelli

**Friday-November 5**

8:00 + Antoinette Ingrassia

**Saturday-November 6**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
5:00 + The Most Abandoned in Purgatory

**Sunday-November 7 (Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour This Morning)**

8:00 + Joseph Santore  
10:30 + Veteran's Mass

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**



In Memory of  
Ronald Cella  
Requested by  
The Cella Family

**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Carmela Busillo  
Requested by  
Marge Varley



**OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

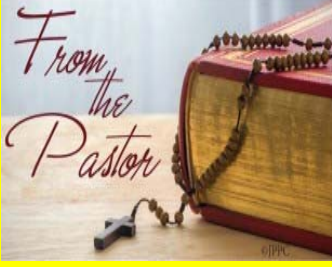
Bag Night Fundraiser will be held on **Friday, 11/19/21 at 6:30PM in Our Lady of Hope School**. The cost of each ticket is **\$15** and includes: admission, door prizes, 1 ticket for the many baskets that will be chanced off, water, soda, coffee and dessert. You are welcome to bring your own "beverages" and snacks for your table. We hope you can join us for this **"ADULTS ONLY"** fundraiser. Tickets can be purchased from school (**215-467-5385**) or by contacting Mrs. Testa at [jtesta@ourladyofhopephilly.com](mailto:jtesta@ourladyofhopephilly.com).

**PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS**

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**CatholicPhilly.com**

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the Gospel of Mark, one of the scribes asked Jesus, “Which is the first of all of the commandments?” Jesus responded, “Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” First and foremost, for God’s law to be effective it must be internalized. If we keep God’s law because we fear punishment, there clearly is no “change of heart” occurring. However, those who love God with “heart, soul, and mind” have clearly made His law a part of their very being; they have internalized it. If we embrace the law this way, it becomes less burdensome and truly liberating. The hinge word in this commandment is love, which prompted Jesus to add, “The second is this: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus expands the law by insisting that one’s love of God must also embrace one’s love of neighbor. Jesus equates love of God with love of neighbor. We cannot love God and hate neighbor. Love of God by definition, must be somewhat abstract given the divine nature. Love of neighbor is tangible, messy, and difficult because the “other”, unlike God, can easily be deemed unworthy of love. Then the question is, “What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?” Aristides, who was not a Christian and lived during the persecution, said this to the Emperor Hadrian, “Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If a man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take him home and are happy, as though he were a real brother. They don’t consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers instead in the Spirit, in God. And if they hear that one of them is in jail or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they give him what he needs. This is really a new kind of person. There is something divine in them.” Could this be said of us?

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

God Bless!  
Father Di Orio

#### **VENERABLE MATT TALBOT SHRINE**

Visit the new Venerable Matt Talbot Shrine, located in St. Gabriel Church, 29th and Dickinson Streets, in the neighborhood of Grays Ferry. The Shrine is open before and after weekend Masses as well as Tuesdays and Thursdays following the daily 8:30AM Mass until 6:00PM. There is also a Holy Hour on Tuesdays at 1:00PM. Pray for all who struggle with or have succumbed to addiction and their loved ones. For more information, call Our House Ministries at **267-928-3173** or visit [www.matttalbotshrine.org](http://www.matttalbotshrine.org).

#### **OFFICE FOR LIFE AND FAMILY**

A Rachel’s Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of **12/03/21 through 12/05/21**. This retreat is for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or associated with someone who is A (parent, spouse, friend), there is nothing to fear and so much to gain. For more information about this beautiful and liberating opportunity, **call or text Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711** or visit: [ucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:ucyminn929@gmail.com), or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)



#### **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/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 Monday, 11/15/21. Monetary donations are also welcome; if donating by check, checks can be made out to Stella Maris Helping Hands. **Thank you for your generosity!**



#### **PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM**

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork, and fish. We kindly ask that the 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 ask that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).**

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

#### **GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS**

During these beautiful 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:

November 1 - All Saints  
November 2 - All Souls  
November 3 - St. Martin de Porres  
November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!



### COME AND SEE WEEKENDS AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

Come and See Weekends are a perfect opportunity for a man who is discerning the priesthood to come to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a weekend to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood. Held throughout the year, these weekends for high school men and post-high school men include Mass, praying Liturgy of the Hours with the Seminary Community, Holy Hours, talks on discernment and vocations, and the opportunity to spend time with the seminarians in formation. There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals. For upcoming weekend dates, to register, and for more information, please visit: [Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee](http://Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee) or contact **Father David Friel**, Vocation Director, at [fr.dfriel@archphila.org](mailto:fr.dfriel@archphila.org) or call the **Vocation Office** at 610-667-5778.

### 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](http://Heedthecall.org/poster).

### TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE

The Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the **Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA this Thursday, 11/04/21**, to see the stage production of "*Queen Esther*". **Cost is \$135 per person** and includes the show, a buffet meal at Millers, free time at Kitchen Kettle Village, round-trip motor-coach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except for the driver). **Full payment of \$135 is now due.** For information, please call **Marge Varley** at 267-882-7717.

### PROPERTY TAX REBATE

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year. Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. **This application must be filed by December 31, 2021.** To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline. For more information or an application, call **United POLAM Social Services, Monday through Friday, between 10AM and 4PM at 215-923-1900** and a staff member will assist you.



### SSJ ANNUAL CHANCE DRIVE

The Sisters of St. Joseph Annual Chance Drive to benefit St. Joseph Villa has begun! 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 5, 2021.**

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

Visit our Chance Drive page at:

<https://ssjphila.org/home/support-our-mission/fundraising-events/annual-chance-drive> or  
<https://bit.ly/3vg4gRO>

For additional information, contact any Sister of Saint Joseph or the Development Office at 800-482-6510 or visit: [Development@ssjphila.org](mailto:Development@ssjphila.org)

### HEALING RETREAT FOR VETERANS

The David Healing Retreat for Veterans is being held from **Thursday, 11/18/21 through Sunday, 11/21/21** at Discovery House, 3730 Richards Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037. Active Duty, Reservists, and Retired Military Personnel are welcome!

This retreat is directed by Veterans, and includes daily Mass and Confession, 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration, Sunrise Hikes, Outdoor Activities, Gourmet Food, Peaceful and Tranquil Setting, Military Comaraderie, Encouraging Conversation, and Transformational Moments.

For more information and to register, please call **Mark** at 267-980-5507 or visit [www.davidretreat.com](http://www.davidretreat.com).

This retreat is sponsored by The King's Men, who want to make a difference in the lives of these heroes.

### SENIOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging seeks to increase access to Pennsylvania's Senior Food Boxes, a supplemental food program available free for adults 60 or older, whose annual household income is at or below 130% of the U.S. poverty level (\$16,744/individual or \$22,646/couple). The state has removed several barriers to participation, including giving the program a new name and removing proof of income requirements to encourage older adults to take advantage of the program. For more information, call 800-468-2433 to be directed to the regional food bank in your county.

### ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

There will be an Advent Day of Reflection on **Saturday, 12/11/21, from 9AM to 3:20PM** in Drexel Hall at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Monsignor John M. Savinski will speak on the topic: *Saint Joseph in Advent*. This Day of Reflection includes: morning conference, quiet time in Chapel, Confessions in the Main Cathedral, Holy Mass in the Chapel at 12:05PM, lunch, afternoon conference, Holy Hour with Exposition, Scripture reading and reflection, and Benediction. Lunch is provided. Registration is required.

To register, please call 215-587-3795 or

visit: [sr.gbraccio@archphila.org](mailto:sr.gbraccio@archphila.org).

This day of reflection is sponsored by the Office of Consecrated Life.

**All are welcome.**

### THE FAITH AND LIBERTY DISCOVERY CENTER

The Faith and Liberty Discovery Center is a technologically immersive state-of-the-art museum, illuminating the influence of the Bible's role as an essential freedom text and even a founding document. St. Katharine Drexel and Dorothy Day are among those featured in one of the exhibits. The Center is located on Independence Mall in Center City Philadelphia.

### NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

NAHS is holding its 8th Grade Entrance Exam on **Saturday, 11/06/21, from 7:45AM to 12NOON**. All 8th grade girls interested in applying to Nazareth's Class of 2026 are welcome to take the exam. **An information session for parents will be held at 10:30AM on exam day.**

For more information or to register for the Entrance Exam please call the Admissions Office at 215-268-1026 or visit [NazarethAcademyHS.org/EntranceExam](http://NazarethAcademyHS.org/EntranceExam)

### ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Roman Catholic High School will administer two more **Entrance Exams** for 8th grade boys next **Sunday, 11/07/21; and Saturday, 11/27/21**. Testing begins at 9AM and concludes at 12Noon. All applicants should arrive 30 minutes ahead of time. Please call 215-627-1270, ext.10 or 111, or visit: [www.RomanCatholicHS.com](http://www.RomanCatholicHS.com) for information.

**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](http://archphila.org/hope) for details and postings.

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**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](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

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**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](http://www.payingforseniorcare.com). This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

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**IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from on-going services such as meals, transportation, a senior companion, or 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.

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**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.Lily'sGift.org](http://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.



**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:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**PHONE #**

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**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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**REQUESTED BY:**

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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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