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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 09/26/20 and 09/27/20:
Income - Plate: \$5,186.00 + AWC: \$102.50 = \$5,288.50
Bills Paid - Total Disbursements = (\$3,926.88)
Total = \$1,361.62



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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:

"God is not satisfied by the fact that His people pay Him lip service. God wants their hearts and gives us His grace if we do not drift away or cut ourselves off from Him."

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, 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, Anna Philipp, Sophie Philipp, Sophia Phillips, 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, Matt Watson, military disabled, home-bound, and their families.



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

AGNES BRETT
MARY ANN JONES

FRANCINE AMICONE-McALLISTER

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 4, 2020

Sunday - October 4

8:00 + Msgr. Joseph Corley
10:30 + Mario Calabretta
(First Holy Communion)

Monday - October 5

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - October 6

8:00 + Thomas Melone-5th Anniversary

Wednesday - October 7

8:00 + Franco Martino

Thursday - October 8

8:00 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday - October 9

8:00 + John Juliano

Saturday - October 10

8:00 + Blanche Vivone
5:00 + John Nazzario

Sunday - October 11

8:00 + Vincent Moffo
10:30 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris
(Opening of 40 Hours Devotion)

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Honor of
The Nawrocki Family
Requested by
Tom and Tinker



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Francesca Altamuro
Requested by
Her Parents, Mr./Mrs. Frank (Pat) Altamuro

Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
Mario Calabretta
Requested by
His Wife Marie, Children and Grandchildren



2) In Memory of
Mario Calabretta
Requested by
His Wife Marie, Children and Grandchildren



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,

Our annual Forty Hour Devotion will take place after the 10:30AM Mass next Sunday, October 11, 2020, and will conclude on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00PM with evening prayer. Fr. Michael Mullan, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph in Aston, will be our homilist during this wonderful grace-filled time for our parish.

Also the Mass book for 2021 will open on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Today, at the 10:30AM Mass, we will celebrate First Holy Communion for those young parishioners whose First Communion was postponed because of COVID-19. At this Mass, seven of our young parishioners will receive Our Lord in their First Holy Communion. Two young parishioners already received their First Holy Communion earlier this year. We congratulate these nine boys and girls, along with their families.

In the words of Isaiah, God "looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed!" God looked "for justice, but hark, the outcry!" Judgment consists of right choices based on faith. Justice means to align everything with God's plan of love. Our Gospel reading challenges us to be good stewards of our share of the Master's vineyard. God has now placed the vineyard in our hands. We are all given vineyards consisting of the people, events, and circumstances of our lives that God has entrusted to our care. Whether these are painful, joyful, or ambiguous, it is possible to bring forth fruit from them. The fruits of our work, in our own context, will show us to be sharers of God's kingdom-or not. We exclude ourselves from that kingdom by hanging on to old guilt, cynicism, believe we that we are not good enough (perfectionism), or living on autopilot rather than with thanksgiving and celebration. We are tenants in His world, in His time; and we are allowed to use what He has given us both for our good and for His glory. Good stewards are grateful to God and return God's generosity by laboring faithfully in the Master's vineyard. Good tenants never mistake themselves for the vineyard owner and God's disciples align themselves with the Son relying on Him as their cornerstone. We are called to bear good fruit. Can we look at how we use our time, our talents and our treasures and see evidence that we believe this? Are we grateful to God for the all He has done for us? And what does God see when He looks at His vineyard today? What have we produced? What return have we made on His investment in us?

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

God bless,
Fr. Di Orio

THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.



RCIA

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.

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.

STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS
TRIP TO LANCASTER



Important Notice: The Star of the Sea Seniors trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the show, “**Queen Esther**”, has **been cancelled**. If you have any questions, please call Marge Varley at **215-463-3386**.



14th ANNUAL NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

Everyone is invited to pray the Rosary on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12 Noon. We will pray the Rosary for peace and healing. Please meet at 10th & Bigler Streets by the gate in front of the alcove with the image of Our Blessed Mother. We will maintain social distance and will wear masks. **All are welcome!**

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. All are welcome!



ARCHDIOCESAN
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass has been rescheduled for **Saturday, 10/17/20 at 5:15PM** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City Philadelphia. Archbishop Nelson Perez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass will be celebrating, in particular, those couples who have been married 1-5 years, 25 years or more, and 50 years or more. To RSVP, please visit **www.phillycatholiclife.org** or call the Office for Life and Family at **215-587-0500**.



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. **New schedule: 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.

+ 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!

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**.

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!

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**

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 5 - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
October 6 - St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Durocher
October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
October 9 - St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi

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!



**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, AND
OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**

Although the Mass Book for 2020 is full, there are Adoration Chapel Candles and Offerings of Bread and Wine still available in 2020. Each of these are lit or offered for an entire week, seven days. Just like a Mass, you may offer these for a living or deceased person, or special intention. The donations are: \$20 for each Adoration Chapel Candle and \$25 for the offering of Bread and Wine. 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.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE



Altar Bread and Wine may 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.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

Phone# _____

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.

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