



*Stella Maris Catholic Church*  
*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*  
*2901 South 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148*

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**Perpetual Adoration:** Come adore our Eucharistic Lord in our Little Flower Perpetual Adoration Chapel located in the basement of the Rectory. The Chapel is available for prayer at all times, however, a key fob is necessary to gain entrance. Key fobs are available in the Rectory, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. (A \$15.00 donation is requested for each key fob.)

**The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass:**

*Sundays: 5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)*  
*8:00am and 10:30am*  
*Weekdays: 8:00am (Tuesday - Saturday)*  
*Holy Days: 5:00pm Vigil; 8:00am and 7:00pm*

**Confessions:** 4:00pm - 4:45pm Saturday in Church

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Each Saturday immediately following the 8am Mass. Veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Laboure concludes the service.

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

**Baptism:** Anyone who plans to have their child baptized is asked to call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents are required by Canon Law to attend a Pre-Jordan Class prior to the Baptism.

These classes will take place at the Rectory by appointment only. To register for a Pre-Jordan Class, please call the Rectory during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm). Baptisms may be held on any Sunday once the Pre-Jordan Class is completed.

**Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation:**

Anyone asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor should contact the Rectory regarding their Letter of Eligibility.

**Matrimony:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. All couples are required to attend pre-marital instructions in preparation for marriage.

**October 5, 2025**  
**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please go to [stellamarisphila.com](http://stellamarisphila.com) and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for Information and/or to enroll. Thank you.

**God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life**  
**Collection for weekend of September 27 & September 28**  
**Income: Plate = \$5,112.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$5,197.00**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$16,772.21)**  
**Total = (\$11,575.21)**

**Living Stewardship:** "Faith is not merely the attachment to a complex of dogmas, complete in itself, that is supposed to satisfy the thirst for God, present in the human heart. On the contrary, it guides human beings on their way through time toward a God who is ever new in his infinity. Christians, therefore, are at the same time both seekers and finders."

— Pope Benedict XVI



**Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Emilio Colella, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Daniel DiCarlo, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Vera Dolan, Dolore Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Dalonzo SR., Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goren, Margie Gurbuz, Charles Harron, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Charles LaSpada, Jean LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Robert and Marie Liccio, Rita Lange, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petruzzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Heather Russino, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Erica Siderio, Joe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Karen Specht, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Caroyln Young, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



**We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:**  
**HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.

**Mass Intentions for**  
**the Week of October 5, 2025**

**Saturday - October 4**

5:00 + Jonny and Joe Nazzario

**Sunday - October 5**

8:00 + Margaux Leuzzi

10:30 + Mario Calabretta

**Monday - 6**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - October 7**

8:00 + Franco and Giovanni Martino

**Wednesday - October 8**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Thursday - October 9**

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli and Family

**Friday - October 10**

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

**Saturday - October 11**

8:00 + Gilda Coluzzi

5:00 + Barbara Polce

**Sunday - October 12**

8:00 + For the Living Members of Andrews Family

10:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
(Opening of Forty Hours Devotion)

4:00 + Forty Hours - Evening Prayer



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Mario Calabretta  
Requested by  
Marie and Children



**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Sr. Lawrence Elizabeth, SSJ  
Requested by  
Joe and Barb Andrews



**Adoration Chapel Candles**

1) In Memory of  
Sr. Lawrence Elizabeth, SSJ  
Requested by  
Lena Varano  
2) For the Living and Deceased  
Members of Stella Maris





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our annual Forty Hours Devotion will take place after the 10:30AM Mass on October 12, 2025, and will conclude on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7:00PM with evening prayer.

Rev. John Masson, Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Amble, PA, will be our homilist during this wonderful grace-filled time for our parish.

Also, the Mass book for 2026 will open on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Today's Gospel from St. Luke talks about faith. Faith is not faith if kept in reserve for emergencies. Faith is lived daily and shapes the way we think and behave. It is about receptivity to God's presence in our daily lives. Our faith is a relationship with God who is real and who has revealed Himself completely in Jesus. We are called to, "Increase Our Faith!" Many of us, in our own frustration and despair, have shared the same central question: How long, O Lord? Today we are being challenged to stay faithful even when events force us to doubt God. Life can be very painful at times. Sometimes the pain is from the despair of human suffering. Sometimes the despair is from the demands of Jesus to "be perfect as my heavenly Father is perfect." In our reading from Habakkuk, Habakkuk tells us to believe in the vision of a just God and be patient. God will come. And St. Paul in our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, as he is awaiting his execution for living out the commands of Jesus, tells his most loved friend Timothy, "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." We are obliged to go about our ordinary tasks in a responsible, devoted, and self-giving way. We are called to be obedient to God's commands. Jesus reminds us that as His followers, we are to be "faithful servants of God," and that we are to humbly submit if we want to grow in faith. Therefore, let us not despair. Don't let your present circumstances weaken your faith in God. Let us see ourselves as servants who do their duty, believing in God and keeping His ways, leaving despair behind.

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

God bless,  
Father Di Orio

**STELLA MARIS CHURCH**  
**WASHINGTON DC ARCHDIOCESE OF**  
**PHILADELPHIA PILGRIMAGE**

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025**  
**\$125 per person**

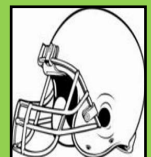
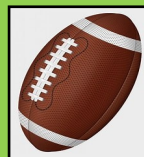
- Full Payment required upon reservation
- First come, First served.
- Cash or checks payable to Stella Maris
- Drop off or mail payments to: Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 S. 10th St., Philadelphia PA. 19148

**For Information call: Stella Maris Rectory**  
**@ 215-465-2336**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**TELEVISED MASS**

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

**FOOTBALL MANIA**  
**WINNING NUMBERS**



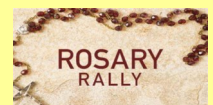
**WEEK FOUR**

2974 - \$25  
2998 - \$25

**Winning numbers will be posted weekly!**

**Rosary Rally**  
**Saturday, October 12, 2025**

Please join us for the 18th Annual Nationwide Rosary Rally to pray for peace and conversion of sinners on Saturday October 11, 2025, at 12 Noon. We will meet near 10th and Bigler in front of the Blessed Mother Statue.



### PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork, and fish. We kindly ask that 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!



### Stella Maris Events

#### 2025

**Sunday, Dec. 7th – Breakfast at Stella Maris**  
Join us after the 10:30 Mass for a Delicious Breakfast  
athering for all ages with a special guest.

Adults \$15, Kids 10 and under \$5

#### 2026

**Saturday, April 25th – P & S – Spaghetti Dinner**  
Join us for our Annual Night of Delicious  
P & S Spaghetti and Meatballs, Esposito's Porchetta,  
Great Music and Fabulous Prizes!

#### Spring 2026 – \$50 Grand Raffle

\$50 Raffle tickets will be sold beginning in May 2026 for  
A drawing of 6 prizes which will be held after each Mass the  
weekend of Nov. 22/23. More information to follow.

STELLA MARIS PARISH  
**FALL**  
CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR  
SATURDAY, OCT. 18TH  
FOOD & DJ ENTERTAINMENT  
9 AM - 3 PM  
2901 S 10<sup>th</sup> St  
Philadelphia, PA 19148  
[Rain Date: Oct. 25th]  
**Craft/Vendor Spaces:**  
Two 10x18 spots for \$50  
To apply to be a vendor, email:  
**StellaMarisParish@comcast.net**

### Star of the Sea Seniors

### American Music Theatre

Friday, December 5, 2025

- American Music Theatre Show “Deck The Halls”
- Buffet Luncheon @ Hershey Farm Restaurant
- Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation via JC Tours
- All Taxes and Gratuities ( except driver )

**\$145.00 per person**

Make checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors  
Mail payments to: ATTN: Marge Varley or Fran  
Giaquinto@ Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 S. 10th  
St., Philadelphia, PA 19148.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:  
Marge Varley 215-463-3386 or 267-882-7717  
Fran Giaquinto 215-284-4686

Turn \$5 into  
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Annual

**Chance  
Drive**

Drawing December 11, 2025



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1.800.482.6510

[Development@ssiphila.org](mailto:Development@ssiphila.org)

### STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday, 10/25/25** from **9:00AM to 12Noon**, to benefit the **St. Vincent De Paul Society**. An attendant will be in the parking lot to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing/shoes in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as linens, kitchenware, small appliances in good working condition, sporting goods, games, toys, bikes, tools and jewelry are also accepted.

**We cannot accept furniture, large appliances, TV's, computers, or computer monitors.**

**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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**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](http://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.

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**ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

This group is open to anyone interested in learning more about the process of adopting children, in the process of adopting a child, or already a parent through adoption. Meet and talk to caring, supportive families that share their experience with the adoption process and parenting. **This group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.**

Meetings are in person or virtual. In person location is Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church, 1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454.

Contact Maria at [mariamalone@mmredeemer.org](mailto:mariamalone@mmredeemer.org) to attend in person, to get a virtual meeting link and to get any updates on meeting times and locations.



**CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Our Church Sanctuary Candle is available to be offered for the living or deceased, and will remain lit for seven days. If you would like to reserve a candle, please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

**IN MEMORY OF or FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:**

REQUESTED BY:

PHONE #

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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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**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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