



*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 \$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.

**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.

**November 12, 2023**  
**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Collection for weekend of November 4 & November 5**

**Income: Plate = \$4,613.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$4,698.00**

**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$24,248.35)**

**Total = (\$19,550.35)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

**Living Stewardship:** “Have this in mind...to learn to feel as Jesus felt, to conform our way of thinking, deciding, and acting to the sentiments of Jesus. We will take up this path if we look to conform our sentiments to those of Jesus. Let us take up the right path. —Pope Benedict XVI



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

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila., Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Anna DelVecchio & Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D’Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Deborah Dolce, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Gerta Goreni, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Charles Harron, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Robert and Marie Liccio, 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, 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, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, 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, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



**We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**

**ALFRED ALBERTINI  
ANNETTE DI DOMENICIS**

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 November 12, 2023**

**Saturday –November 11**

5:00 + Deceased Members of the Carfagno and Ferrara Families

**Sunday - November 12**

8:00 + Barbara Lalli

10:30 + Rita Long

**Monday - November 13**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - November 14**

8:00 + Nicholas Bozzi

**Wednesday – November 15**

8:00 + Baby Alcover and the Unborn

**Thursday – November 16**

8:00 + Frank Pronio-2nd Anniversary

**Friday - November 17**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Saturday - November 18**

8:00 + Francesca DeMaria

5:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

**Sunday - November 19**

8:00 + Souls in Purgatory

10:30 + Kathleen Nardy



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

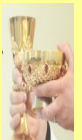
In Memory of  
Frank, Vincent, and Joseph D’Ambrosio

Requested by  
Rose Giovanelli

**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Thanksgiving to God

Requested by  
Antoinette Filippello



**SENSORY FRIENDLY MASSES**

Catholics believe that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, and that all the Baptized share in the life and mission of the Church. This includes people with disabilities. A “Sensory Friendly Mass” is one way that a parish can assist in destigmatizing the experience of attending Mass for individuals and families with members with Autism and other disabilities. There are a number of Sensory Friendly Masses that are taking place across the Archdiocese.

To find a Sensory Friendly Mass near you, please visit:

<https://opdarchphilly.org/sfm/>

**RECYCLE YOUR LEAVES**

Help keep leaves out of landfills! Collect, bag, and recycle your leaves!

There will be “bagged-leaf” drop-offs at 15th and Bigler Streets from 9AM to 3PM on the following Saturdays: 11/18, 12/02, 12/09, and 12/16. **Leaves must be placed in large brown biodegradable paper bags. Never mix trash or other recyclables with bagged leaves.**

**For more drop-off details and leaf collection schedules, visit: [LeafRecycling@Phila.org](mailto:LeafRecycling@Phila.org)**



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we know, the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal is held during the month of November. You will be receiving, if you haven't already, a direct mailing from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. You are asked to make your contribution directly to the Seminary. Beginning this weekend and for the rest of the month of November, we will have pledge cards in the pews for you to make your pledge. Again, thank you for your generosity and continued support of our Seminary and Seminarians. Again, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Today's readings demonstrate that a wise approach to the impending arrival of God's kingdom is not anxious hyper-vigilance, but rather consistent dedication to doing God's will. Today's Gospel parable is deadly serious about what could happen to those who lack the wisdom necessary for preparing to meet the Lord at the Second Coming. Doug Larson, a columnist, once observed, "Wisdom is the quality that keeps us from getting into situations where we need it." Five of these maidens had surely landed themselves in such a situation. Rarely does a Jesus parable characterize up-front and in such forth-right terms, the story's characters with whom we are encouraged to identify. When the choice is between "wisdom" or "foolishness," this is what we call a "no-brainer." The biblical notion of Wisdom, often personified as a woman, gives us some hints as to how we might follow the example of the wise virgins during this "in-between" time: as we anticipate the Lord's return.

True wisdom alleviates the anxiety that constant vigilance requires. Attentive readers of this parable will notice that all of the virgins are sleeping when the bridegroom's arrival is announced. This parable does not recommend constant, nerve-racking vigilance. *Watching* is more than simply being awake. Speculating about and trying to predict the "exact moment" is also unwise. One may be watchful and, yes, sleep peacefully. Wisdom tells us that readiness for the Lord's unpredictable future arrival involves preparation in the here and now.

True wisdom tells us that preparation for the kingdom involves more than simply an attitude of readiness and a calling out for admittance. The parable goes well beyond mere passive waiting. Rather, we are called to be ready by actively advancing God's kingdom in our daily lives. The lack of oil amounts to a loss of light. Jesus' command to "let your light shine" enjoins upon us the obligation to light the world by performing works of charity and justice. When the five foolish virgins cry, "Lord! Lord! Open the door," we are reminded of Jesus' words: "Not all who say to me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven... but those who do the will of my Father."

True wisdom reminds us that the present moment is both gift and obligation. The wise who have prepared carefully may live fully in the present moment and enjoy the blessings that life provides. Yet, uncertainty about when the Lord will finally come creates an urgent obligation for us to "have enough oil," so to speak, to meet God's future. Active engagement in doing God's will in this present day and age will determine the shape of our future. A word or parable to the wise should be sufficient! The wise virgins are not necessarily more vigilant than the foolish ones, but they are better prepared for the unexpected arrival of the bridegroom. How prepared are we?

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

God bless you!

Fr. Di Orio

**WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR 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. **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).**

Our *Food Pantry* can use some help as well. Non-perishable items needed are: cereal, jars of peanut butter and jelly, bags or boxes of pasta, jars or cans of pasta sauce, boxes of instant potatoes, boxes or bags of rice, canned tuna, beans, canned stew, canned vegetables, soups, boxes of crackers, canned fruit, and applesauce. Please leave your donations in the Outreach Room.

**We are very grateful to those who bring pantry items on a regular basis.**

**May God bless you for helping those in need!**

**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 **this Sunday, 11/12/23**. Monetary donations are also welcome; if donating by check, checks can be made out to Stella Maris Helping Hands.

**Your support is greatly appreciated!**



**STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR**

Stella Maris 2024 Lottery Calendars are now available! \$40 will give you 365 chances to win prizes ranging from \$45 to \$300! Winning numbers are determined by the three (3) digit "**Pick 3**" **Evening Drawing** of the Pennsylvania Lottery, (all numbers are played straight as they are drawn-there is no "box" option). Calendars are available at the Rectory during regular business hours, (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM), and before and after the Saturday evening Mass and Sunday Morning Masses in the Parking Lot Vestibule.

*These calendars make great Christmas gifts!  
Be sure to get your 2024 Lottery Calendar...*



**FOOTBALL MANIA  
WINNING NUMBERS**

**WEEK NINE**

- #496-3S003-\$50**
- #88-3S003-\$25**
- #117-3S003-\$25**
- #242-3S003-\$25**
- #370-3S003-\$25**



**Winning numbers will be posted weekly!**

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Star of the Sea Senior Citizens Club and Stella Maris Sodality invite you to their Annual Christmas Party which will be held this **Tuesday, 12/12/23 at 1:00PM at the Waterfall Room, 2015 S. Water Street.**

**Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.** Please contact Rose Giovanelli, (Senior Club), at **215-594-2994**, or Cathy Everett, (Sodality), at **215-465-7451** by **12/05/23** for reservations.

Pay by check only, payable to Star of the Sea Senior Club and mail or drop off to Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148.

### 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](http://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.**

### WEEKLY WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Fulton Sheen via Zoom. To join in the Monday evening Live Rosary, please visit the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/494480541>. 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 worldwide!

Sponsored by the Pontifical Missions Society ([phillymissions.org](http://phillymissions.org)).

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There is an 8 week Bereavement Support Group which runs several times each year at TJUH Methodist Hospital. Each week participants will have the opportunity to support one another and learn about different topics within the grieving process. For more information, please call the Department of Pastoral Care at **215-952-9547**.

### GO FORTH: DEEPEN YOUR DISCIPLESHP, GROW IN MISSION

Archbishop Perez wants to text you! Join Archbishop Perez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Through the **Go Forth** initiative, you can subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others.


There are two ways to subscribe to receive the texts: (1) use your phone to text **goforth** to the number **84576**, or (2) visit the website [phillydisciples.org/goforth](http://phillydisciples.org/goforth)

### ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

On **Saturday, 12/16/23, from 9AM to 3:30PM**, an Advent Day of Recollection is being held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in the Cathedral Chapel and Drexel Hall (which is the hall located below the Cathedral). The speaker is Mother Maria Catherine of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate. The day's schedule is as follows:

9:00AM-Sign-In/Coffee & sweet breads  
10:00AM-Morning Conference  
11:00AM-Quiet Time; 11:30AM-Confessions  
12:05PM-Holy Mass followed by Lunch in Drexel Hall  
1:45PM-Afternoon Conference  
2:30PM-3:30 PM-Holy Hour with Exposition & Benediction  
Fee for this Day of Recollection is a **free-will offering**, but **you must RSVP** to Sr. Gabrielle Mary Braccio, RSM at: [sr.gbraccio@archphila.org](mailto:sr.gbraccio@archphila.org) or by calling **215-587-3795**  
**All are welcome!**

### SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH 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, 2023**

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

Visit our Chance Drive page at:

[www.ssiphila.org](http://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](mailto:Development@ssiphila.org)

*Thank you for your support of the Sisters of St. Joseph!*

### OUR LADY OF HOPE BAG NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Our Lady of Hope School is having a Bag Night Fundraiser on Friday, 11/17/23 in the school auditorium. Doors open at 6:30AM. The cost is \$15 per person and includes: admission, door prizes, 1 ticket for the many baskets that will be chanced off, water, soda, and coffee. You are welcome to bring your own "beverages" and snacks for your table. Tickets can be purchased from students or at the door the night of the event.

**We hope you can join them for this ADULTS ONLY fundraiser!**

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of 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 hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgiveable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

**To contact our team to register or for questions:**

**Susan-610-716-4795; Georgeann-484-955-4278**

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. Whether you are divorced and want to marry in the Catholic Church or are remarried outside the Church, please visit our website:

[archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal](http://archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal)

**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 Thursdays 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.

Email 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 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.

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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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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