



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

*Website: [www.stellamarisphila.com](http://www.stellamarisphila.com)*  
*E-mail: [stellamarisparish@comcast.net](mailto:stellamarisparish@comcast.net)*  
*Follow us on Facebook; Stella Maris*

*Rev. John R. Di Orio*  
*Pastor (ext. 2)*

*Staff*

*Mrs. Carmel Brabazon - Parish Secretary (ext. 3)*  
*Mr. Cormac Brady - Music Director (ext. 7)*  
*Mrs. Donna Glynn-Administrative Support (ext. 6)*  
*Mrs. Dawn Lalli-Shaw - Business Manager (ext. 4)*  
*Mrs. Marie Milano - Director of Religious Education (ext. 5)*

*Rectory: 215-465-2336      Convent: 215-462-1111*

**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 19, 2023**  
**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

November 19, 2023  
Thirty-third Sunday Ordinary Time

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

**Collection for weekend of November 11 & November 12**  
**Income: Plate = \$4,807.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$4,892.00**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$14,948.63)**  
**Total = (\$10,056.63)**

 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:**

“My life is but an instant, a passing hour. My life is but a day that escapes and flies away. O my God! You know that to love You on earth, I only have today.”

-St. Therese of Lisieux

**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 Goren, 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 homebound 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 November 19, 2023**

**Saturday –November 18**

5:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

**Sunday - November 19**

8:00 + Souls in Purgatory  
10:30 + Kathleen Nardy

**Monday - November 20**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - November 21**

8:00 + Maria Pizzo

**Wednesday – November 22**

8:00 + Donald Varley

**Thursday – November 23 (Thanksgiving)**

9:00 + In Thanksgiving

**Friday - November 24**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday - November 25**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
5:00 + Renee Sciascia (Birthday Remembrance)

**Sunday - November 26**

8:00 + Frank And Ilda Colelli  
10:30 + Rita Tordini



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Ronald Cella

Requested by  
The Cella Family

**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Lee Barone and Sarah Croce

Requested by  
Lorinda Fina



Below is a list of donations that have been made to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed on, but will never be forgotten.

**In Memory of**

Carol Badolato  
Carol Badolato  
Carol Badolato  
Carol Badolato  
Carol Badolato  
Carol Badolato  
Carol Badolato  
Carol Badolato  
Carol Badolato  
Vincent Carchidi  
Bruno LaCroce  
Bruno LaCroce  
Bruno LaCroce  
Bruno LaCroce  
Bruno LaCroce

**Donor**

Salvatore and Rita Bognanni  
Dorothy Capuano  
Bruce and Mary Jane D'Antonio  
Jacklyn Ganz  
Lawrence and Nancy Hall  
Eileen Spagnola  
Margaret Spagnola  
Jacqueline and Mark Swanson  
Wells Fargo Center Friends  
Anonymous  
Mr. and Mrs. Flynn  
Maria Gallelli  
Bruno and Rosemarie LaCroce  
Janice Leonetti  
Domic Rossi



**THANKSGIVING RECTORY SCHEDULE**

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed on Thursday, 11/23/23 and Friday, 11/24/23, in observance of Thanksgiving.

**Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!**



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we know, the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal is held during the month of November. You should 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. In the pews are pledge cards for your taking. Thank you for your generosity and your continued support of our Seminary and Seminarians. Again, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

This Thursday we celebrate our national holiday, Thanksgiving Day, and I wish you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. A wonderful way to begin Thanksgiving Day, for those who can, is to attend Mass. The word Eucharist means "Thanksgiving". Come to Mass on Thursday and offer your thanks to God. Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 AM** on Thanksgiving morning. Invite someone to join you.

Also, next weekend, we welcome our very own Sisters of St. Joseph, who will speak to us at all the Masses on behalf of the Retirement Fund for Religious. This special collection will be taken up the following weekend, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our Gospel parable concludes Matthew's discourse concerning the final days of Jerusalem and the end of time. Parables about investing and money require a deeper look. This image is not the investing of our abilities or burying them, but is about money and value. Jesus has no interest in gaining more money; rather, He teaches us to look at the choices the three servants made. Two servants succeed. The fearful third servant buries his treasure to ensure not losing anything. Once parables get our attention, they confront us with something deeper than what is obvious or apparent. They are meant to be remembered, like a touching story or valuable lesson. Out of fear, the third servant buried the talent. Is that a prudent decision? Fear limited his perception of the master, causing him to lose even what he had. Was the master known to be harsh, selfish, and punishing? The answers to these questions reveal how God expects us to use His gifts generously given. Hence, today's parable presents faith as extremely valuable. Faith shapes our daily life with God, removing the security of absolute outcomes as we learn to trust God while we live out the Gospel. Faith means growing in trust just as love is meant to be lived in trust. Many Pharisees in Jesus' day twisted a love relationship into a fear relationship, finding their real security in the observance of laws and rituals. To those who have faith and who live it through investments of hope and love, greater and greater faith is received. When we live in fear and hide from God's challenge to lay down our lives, the faith we have will be taken away. This faith depends on our growing relationship with Christ through prayer and life choices. It cannot be measured by earthly standards of pounds or inches. God offers the gift of faith and the grace to live it. He makes a unique investment in each of us. It takes trust and time to make that leap to live Jesus's teaching. Trusting relationships take time, patience, and a leap. That leap is the only sign that our investment has grown. Beyond our physical talents, God plants deep within our spirit more interior, heart-bound gifts that magnify our faith. Just like the master in today's parable, God makes an investment in each of us. Have we invested in the talents entrusted to us?

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

God bless you,  
Fr. Di Orio



**STELLA MARIS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

Two Sundays from now, 12/03/23, is the first Sunday of Advent. As we prepare for the Birth of the Christ Child, you can share the spirit of Christmas with those in need by participating in our Parish Outreach Programs listed below.

**Christmas Giving Tree**-Families in our area will be helped with gifts for children. Take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the back of church, buy and wrap the gift, and place the tag on the outside of the gift. Place your gift in the designated container in back of church.

**Dawn's Place**-This is a residential program located here in Philadelphia, for women who have been trafficked. The Sisters of Saint Joseph and their staff work with the women to help them regain their self-respect and once again become contributing members of society. How to help? Gift certificates to Target, CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens and Staples would be greatly appreciated. Please place these in the designated box in the back of church.

**Catholic Social Services**-This collection is for children's **new** toys and games, (**non-violent, PLEASE!**) Please place toys in the designated containers in the church vestibule.

**St. John's Hospice** - Once again we will be helping the homeless men who receive services at St. John's Hospice and are in need of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. Please place these items in the designated containers in the church vestibule.

**The deadline for all outreach is Sunday, December 10th.**

Your support of these projects is greatly appreciated by these men, women and children. Thank you for your generosity.



**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...*

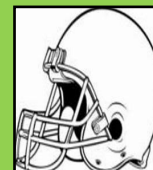


**FOOTBALL MANIA  
WINNING NUMBERS**

**WEEK TEN**  
**#85-3S003-\$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 !**

### 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: 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)**

### 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 unforgivable 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.

\*\*\*\*\*

**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).

\*\*\*\*\*

**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.

\*\*\*\*\*

**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.

\*\*\*\*\*

**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:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**REQUESTED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE #**

\*\*\*\*\*



**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:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**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, 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:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**REQUESTED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE #**

