



Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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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 \$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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

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Collection for weekend of February 5 & February 6

Income: Plate = \$5,382.00 + AWC = \$72.50 = \$5454.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$24,789.12)
Total = (\$19,334.62)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

Living Stewardship:

“The Lord can find a dwelling place in our own souls and lives. Not only must we carry Him in our hearts, but also we must bring Him to the world, so that we, too, can bring forth Christ for our epoch.”

-Pope Benedict XVI, 02/15/2006



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, Kim Birch, KellyAnn Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. and 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, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Debra and 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 McDewitt, Rita Mendicino, 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 and Theresa Sherwin, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Steven Tropea, 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:

MARIE DI CLEMENTI

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 February 13, 2022*

Sunday - February 13

8:00 + Daniel and Edna Bryan
10:30 + Anthony and Frances Masciantonio

Monday - February 14

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - February 15

8:00 + Vaughn Pottere

Wednesday - February 16

8:00 + Michele Gallo

Thursday - February 17

8:00 + Salvatore Sandoli

Friday - February 18

8:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris

Saturday - February 19

8:00 + Francis and Joseph Badolato
5:00 + Francesca Altamuro

Sunday - February 20

8:00 + Guido Iaconangelo
10:30 + David Shaw

Church Sanctuary Lamp



In Memory of
Carmine T. Petrella Jr.

Requested by
Carol A. Greco

Adoration Chapel Candle



1) In Memory of
Mom and Dad Greco
Requested by
Carol A. Greco

2) In Memory of
Mom and Dad Petrella
Requested by
Carol A. Greco



Altar Bread and Wine

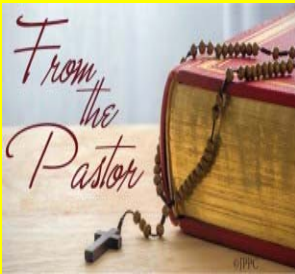
In Memory of
Thomas A. Greco Jr.

Requested by
Carol A. Greco



**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO
THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?**

Catholic men with a deep spiritual life, and their wives if married, who are between the ages of 29 and 55, are invited to an in-person panel of clergy for a Permanent Diaconate Information Night, **this Thursday, on February 17, 2022, 7:00PM**, at Saints Simon and Jude Parish, in the Meehan Center, located at 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA 19382. For more information, please visit: <https://archphila.org/deacon>.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Catholic Charities Appeal has begun in our Archdiocese. Our parish goal is \$25,061.00. You should be receiving, if you haven't already, a direct mailing from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If you haven't, there are pledge cards in the pews for you to make your pledge. Thank you for your generosity and continued support to Catholic Charities. Again, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Today's scripture readings remind us that all choices are not the same. Some bring blessing, some woe. As Americans, we are proud to declare: "I can do what I want; it's a free country!" "I have the choice to choose." However, making the right choices is important.

Jeremiah was trying to get the leaders of his day to avoid making a big mistake. Israel was beset with enemies. Strong neighboring nations constantly threatened to annihilate God's people with military force. Things have not changed much since then. The leaders of the country sought to solve these threats by making alliance with a strong protector country. However, Jeremiah had a different idea: "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings." He is a barren bush. "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord." He is a fruitful tree. The leaders did not listen to Jeremiah, and disaster followed.

Like Jeremiah, Jesus had a strange idea of what would lead to blessedness. "Blessed are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep, who are hated and persecuted." Jesus also had a strange list of things that would bring woe: riches, having a full stomach, laughter, popularity. Don't these things constitute the American Dream? But Jesus promotes a different dream: the kingdom of God, a great reward in heaven.

St. Paul writes enthusiastically about this dream. The Corinthians doubted the resurrection of the body, which did not fit their ideas about body and soul. However, St. Paul based his message on the Resurrection of Jesus. Dead people do not come back to life. But, if it didn't happen for Jesus, our faith is worthless. St. Paul insists, "Christ has been raised from the dead." He adds: "the first fruit of those who have fallen asleep." We, too, who believe can share in the resurrection.

We find blessing in woe. Believing in life through death gives us a different way of looking at how we use our freedom. It means that the American Dream may not be the most important thing for us to chase. This could make our leaders pay more attention to the warnings of Jeremiah than to the advice of weapons salesmen. It could also give us hope. When all seems hopeless, we can turn what seems to be barrenness into a fruitful harvest.

The prophet Jeremiah and Psalm I present us with images that describe good and bad choices. Jesus tells us about choices that lead to blessing or woe. St. Paul teaches that there is an eternal result of our choices. The right choices do not always make sense to human calculation. Which will we choose, life or death? "It is in dying that we are born to eternal life". Our readings truly remind us that we can't have it all. Our faith leads us to the cross. Our lives should be rooted in the word of God, God's mystery and love. These provide the true nourishment and inner peace that allow us to weather any storm or drought.

This weekend we say farewell to my friend and fraternal brother, Father John Weber, Pastor of St. Richard Parish, who was named Pastor of Our Lady Queen of the Universe, Levittown, effective Monday, February 14, 2022. Also, we welcome to the neighborhood, Fr. Matthew Brody, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Doylestown, who was named the Administrator of St. Richard Parish, effective Monday, February 14, 2022. Please pray for Fr. Weber and Fr. Brody as they begin their new assignments.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask that you please remember me in yours.

God Bless you!
Fr. Di Orio

**NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO
ATTEND COLLEGE? APPLY FOR
A STELLA MARIS SCHOLARSHIP!**

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates who are registered parishioners of Stella Maris Parish, Philadelphia, PA
- 2) Applicants must be active, participating members of Stella Maris Parish, recommended by the Pastor.
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is desired.
- 4) Applicants must plan to attend or be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university located in the United States.

Please note: This scholarship is for one year only; current recipients may reapply to be considered for additional funding along with the new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time.

Please call Stella Maris Parish Rectory at **215-465-2336**, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 4PM, **up to and including this Friday, February 18, 2022.**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS
5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2022!**



GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

During this Holy Season, 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:

- Feb.14 - Saints Cyril and Methodius; St. Valentine
- Feb.17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

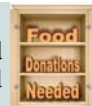
Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

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!





**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 dates, to register, and for more information, please visit: Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee or contact **Father David Friel**, Vocation Director, at fr.dfriel@archphila.org or you may 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.

**HIGH SCHOOL MEN!
Our Annual Quo Vadis Days Camp is going
TO THE HEIGHTS!**

This 4-day camp, held between Monday, June 27th and Thursday, June 30th, is filled with many opportunities for fun and fellowship, and includes dynamic talks, time for prayer, daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and fun activities.

This a great opportunity for young men to grow and remain active in their faith and interact with other young men from diverse backgrounds. Using our theme of To the Heights, this year we will be exploring the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Registration materials will be available in January 2022. In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Jillian Minnich, Program Coordinator (jminnich@archphila.org) or call 610-667-5778.



**2022
WORLDWIDE
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
WEEKENDS**

MARRIED COUPLES - Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2022.

Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next in-person experience is April 22 to 24 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

For more information, you are invited to visit:
<https://www.wwme-philly.org/>

**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS
RESORTS CASINO AND TOMASELLO WINERY TRIP**

This trip has been postponed until Monday, April 4, 2022, and the itinerary is as follows: 9:45am - Bus will depart from Stella Maris Church at 10th & Bigler Streets; 11:00am - Tomasello Winery Tasting and Sit-Down Luncheon; 1:15pm - Depart for Casino; 2:00 pm - Arrive at Resorts Casino; 7:00pm - Depart for home; 8:30pm - Approximate arrival home.

The cost is \$75.00 per person, which includes: 1) Tomasello Winery Tasting; 2) Tomasello Winery Luncheon (pre-selected menu, call for details); 3) \$20 Slot Money from Resorts Casino; 4) Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation (via JC Tours); 5) All Taxes & Gratuities (except bus driver tip).

Full Payment of \$75 is due upon reservation. Please make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors and mail payments to Stella Maris Church, 2901 S 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148, Attention: Rose Giovanelli.

For more information and reservations, call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386.

MAN-UP PHILLY MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

Philadelphia's biggest spirituality conference will be held on **Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Immaculata University in Exton, PA.** This conference is a day to inspire, energize and enable men to be better sons, fathers and husbands by living our faith and leading our families by their example. The speakers include Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a globally recognized Catholic speaker, Pat Chambers, former head coach for both Boston University and Penn State's NCAA Men's Basketball programs, and Keith Nester of *Down to Earth Ministries*, and others. Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. The conference concludes with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nelson J. Perez (this Mass is not the Sunday Vigil). For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://manuphilly.com/>

**TRIP TO NATIONAL SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA**

Please note: The trip that was scheduled to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa on Thursday, 03/31/22 has been cancelled. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

Please patronize those who advertise here in our Church Bulletin. They enable us to publish our bulletin each week and we are grateful for their support. Tell them you are giving them business because you saw their advertisement in the Church Bulletin.

**EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS
TREASURES OF THE CHURCH**

This Friday, 02/18/22 at 6:30PM at Visitation BVM Church in Norristown, PA, Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross, welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2000 years, including a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady, and some of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross. For more information, please call Mary Pat Reuther at **610-539-6080, ext. 338** or visit: www.treasuresofthechurch.com. All are welcome!

**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**

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. 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 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.

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 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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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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