



Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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Pastor (ext. 3)

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Convent: 215-462-1111

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 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.

February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 16, 2020

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life:		
Collection for weekend of February 8 and February 9		
Income: Plate = \$5,260.00+ AWC = \$ 102.50 =	=	\$5,362.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	=	(\$14,935.72)
Total	=	(\$9,573.22)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

“Human existence is a journey of faith and as such, moves ahead more in shadows than in full light, and is no stranger to moments of obscurity and also of complete darkness. While we are on this earth, our relationship with God takes place more by listening than by seeing; and the same contemplation comes about, so to speak, with closed eyes, thanks to the interior light that is kindled in us by the Word of God.”

Automated Withdrawal Contributions (AWC):

Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish. Your offering can be in any amount. Please call the Rectory for more information. Thank you!

Sick Relatives & Friends

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

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Gloria Angelozzi, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Maryann Baranek, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, 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, Robert Costello, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna Del Vecchio and the Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Frank Filippello, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, 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, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Mr./Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, 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 Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Matt Watson, the military disabled, the homebound, and their families.

Sunday—February 16

8:00 + Chris and Marie Marchiano
 10:30 + Anthony and Frances Masciantonio

Monday—February 17

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday—February 18

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

Wednesday—February 19

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday—February 20

8:00 + Guido Iaconangelo

Friday—February 21

8:00 + Rita McGlone

Saturday—February 22

8:00 + Anna and Dominick Perfetti
 5:00 + Deceased Members of the Scalia Family

Sunday—February 23

8:00 + Giuseppe Maniaci
 10:30 + David Shaw

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Michael and Anthony Simeo

Requested by
 Wife and Mother, Mary Simeo and Family



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 The Olivieri and Palidora Families

Requested by
 Lena Olivieri and Family



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 Donor

Florence Notto Karen Carlucci
 Florence Notto James and Theresa Costello
 Florence Notto Joseph and Rosemarie DeFrancesco
 Florence Notto Angelina and Thomas DeFrancesco
 Florence Notto Geraldine DiSantis
 Florence Notto M. Claudia Durkin
 Florence Notto Frederic and Deborah Fravel
 Florence Notto Liz and Robert Hammonds
 Florence Notto Maryann Hamola
 Florence Notto John and JoAnn Klein
 Florence Notto Linda Locklear
 Florence Notto Penrose School Family
 Florence Notto Frank and Janet Rabena

Rest in Peace **We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**

ROSARIO ALLIA

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.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Catholic Charities Appeal has begun in our Archdiocese. Our parish goal is \$25,061.00. You should have received, 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!

On Saturday February 29, 2020, at 11:00AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

This Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Archbishop-elect Nelson Perez will be installed as the 10th Archbishop, 14th Bishop of Philadelphia. Archbishop elect Nelson Perez, is a Philadelphia Priest. He studied at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1989. We welcome Archbishop-elect Perez home. Let us keep our new Archbishop in our prayers as he begins his ministry as our Archbishop. We also, thank Archbishop Chaput for his dedicated service to our Archdiocese.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the example of legalistic people to make His point; unless your behavior goes beyond that kind of superficial morality, you can't be My disciples. Jesus isn't demanding mere conformity to a set of laws; He's calling us to a deeper spirituality. Jesus shows how following Him makes a difference in the daily choices of His disciples. The Law of Moses is not abolished, but Jesus' followers who continue to follow it cannot be satisfied with literal observance. For example, Jesus' disciples must avoid not only adultery but also lusting in their hearts. We all know people who can be warned over and over and over not to touch a stove's hot burner. Despite all these warnings, some people still chose to touch a hot burner and, unfortunately, feel the pain of that decision.

One of the most amazing things about how we are made in the image and likeness of God is that we have free will. Indeed, our continuous gift of free will separates us from the rest of creation. With this gift comes great responsibility. You and I must choose if we will follow the law of Moses and the prophets, or will we follow the latest fashion and trend?

St. Matthew shows us that the law has two levels. There is the surface level, "You have heard...." Then there is the deeper interior level, "But I say to you...." It is not enough to pay attention to the surface level only. We are taught, for example, that anger often is the source for murder. Lust can easily lead to adultery. Non-violent resistance must replace our urge for retaliation. Committed relationships are sacred and thus marriage cannot be cavalierly dissolved by a mere bill of divorce. This is all about how we put the things we say we believe into practice. Christianity is not a theory or a philosophy. It is a way of life, and as such, it must be lived. Growing in the wisdom of God means turning away from this world's

anxieties and cares, to fix our lives upon, "What eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love Him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit". Just as the Spirit has revealed these things to us, so also the Spirit will scrutinize us. The Spirit knows how we have come to make decisions throughout our lives.

Truth is not a *what* but a *who*: Jesus Christ. Even the smallest decisions we make each day help us to grow or not grow in our relationship with God and with each other. We must be willing to forgive. Righteous anger cannot be a permanent condition for those who follow Jesus, because forgiveness prepares us for worship. We need to grow in a relationship with God and with each other. Does Jesus make enough difference in our daily choices? We should ask ourselves, "Am I giving daily evidence that Jesus is the center of my life?"

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be fully engaged in a deep and generous spirituality.

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio



ANOINTING MASS

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 11:00AM. We invite all parishioners who need this sacramental action of God's healing and love. If you know someone who is ill and wants to attend the Mass and receive Anointing of the Sick, please call Sister Veronica at 215-465-2336, extension 8.

Also, volunteer drivers are needed to transport some of our homebound. If you can help, please call Sister Veronica to offer your services.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN OUR CHURCH

Our church is so important to us as a community of faith, and we need your help to keep it looking beautiful and clean for all to enjoy worshipping the Lord here at Stella Maris. We are asking for volunteers, both men and women, to help keep our newly renovated church in tip-top shape. If you would like to volunteer for this most important ministry, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM).

We truly appreciate all those who will give of their time and talents to help us keep our sacred space looking lovely for our Lord and His people!



STELLA MARIS SODALITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held on **Saturday, March 7, 2020**, beginning at **8:30AM**. The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 8:30AM-8:45AM-Rosary
- 8:45AM-9:30AM-Breakfast;
- 9:30AM-10AM-Speaker, Father James Spenard, O.S.A.
- 10AM-10:45AM-Confessions and Quiet Prayer Time
- 11AM-12NOON-Mass
- 12NOON-Lunch.

Cost for the day is \$20. For more information, please call Cathy at 215-465-7451.

Everyone is most welcome to attend!



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO LANCASTER

The Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the brand new show, "Queen Esther", on **Thursday, 03/19/20**. Cost is **\$135 per person** and includes: Theater matinee show, buffet meal at Millers Restaurant, free time at Kitchen Kettle Village, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except driver). **Full payment is now due.**

For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386. Make checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors; Mail payments to: Attention: Rose Giovanelli
Stella Maris Rectory
2901 South 10th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19148

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

Catholic Charities Appeal Night with the 76ers is set for **this Thursday, 02/20/20, at 8:00PM!** Join us to watch the Philadelphia 76ers take on the Brooklyn Nets. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal programs. If we reach our goal of 150 tickets sold, Jim Amato, Secretary for Catholic Social Services, will be honored on court before the start of the game.

For more information, contact Gina DeColli at: gdecoll@catholicfoundation.org.

To purchase tickets, please visit: <https://fevo.me/cca76>.



COME AND SEE WEEKENDS AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

Come and See Weekends are designed to let young men who are discerning the priesthood see what a typical Seminary weekend looks like. Between Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and fellowship with the seminarians, it is an unmatched opportunity for a young man to see if he has a vocations to the priesthood.

Come and see weekends come in two varieties: an overnight stay from Saturday into Sunday for high school men, and a Friday night to Sunday for post-high school men. The upcoming weekends are as follows:

High School Men: 02/22/20-02/23/20
03/14/20-03/15/20

Post High School Men: 02/28/20-03/01/20
04/24/20-04/26/20

If you know anyone who would benefit from a weekend of discernment, send them this information! Post-high school men and parents of high schoolers can register by emailing Sue Matour, Associate Director at smatour@archphila or by visiting the website at heedthecall.org/comeandsee.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

The Third Annual Young Adult Retreat sponsored by the Philadelphia Charis Ministries is being held from Friday, 03/06/20 through Sunday, 03/08/20 at St. Raphaela Retreat Center in Haverford, PA. Over the course of this weekend, you will connect with other young adults reflecting on different career or relationship paths, encounter the Holy Spirit's presence in your life, learn Ignatian tools for decision making, and grow in understanding of how to respond to God's invitation. Charis Ministries is a retreat ministry in the Jesuit tradition for those in their 20s and 30s. Registration is open and can be accessed at straphaelcenter.org. If you have any questions, please visit: ignatianyaretreats@straphaelcenter.org.

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.
- 5) 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 Friday, February 28, 2020 to determine eligibility and for the web address. **Applications will be accepted online only.**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS
5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2020!**

School



OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL NEWS

There are two scholarship opportunities that have opened for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- 1) **Children's Scholarship of Philadelphia** is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are available through their website: www.csphiladelphia.org. **Deadline is March 1, 2020.**
- 1) **FACTS Financial Aid Application** replaces the SmartAid Financial Application. Financial Aid through FACTS requires an **application fee of \$30**. Financial aid **deadline is March 15, 2020.**

Tours of the School are available by calling **215-467-5385** to make an appointment or to learn more about school programs. For more information, you can also email Ms. Cody, the Principal, at: pcody@ourladofhopephilly.com.

Please note: Registrations for the 2020-2021 school year have begun. Please call **215-467-5385** for information.



MAN-UP PHILLY

The 12th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference is being held on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Neumann University's Mirenda Center, One Neumann Drive, Aston, PA 19014-1298. The theme of this year's Conference is "**No Greater Love-Sacrifice Over Self**". This Conference seeks to encourage men to be better fathers, husbands, brothers, and Catholics through enlightening and energizing talks, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, along with the reception of Reconciliation and Holy Mass. Speakers include Brent Celek-Veteran Philadelphia Eagle, Steve Bollman-Founder of *That Man is You*, and Immaculee Ilabagiza-Author of *Left to Tell*, and she is also a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. Irish tenor Mark Forrest will also be there. Please join your brothers in Christ for this unique experience and to strengthen one another to grow together in faith. Registration and fee is \$53.34 per person; Registration and fee for Students in middle school, high school or college/university is \$27.47. For more information or to register, visit www.manupphilly.com.



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 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.

RETRouvaille FOR STRESSED OR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope-that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. The next program is being held from Friday to Sunday, **04/17-04/19, 2020**, at Malvern Retreat House in the Family Life Center, 315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern, PA 19355. For more information or to register for the retreat weekend, please call **215-766-3944** or **800-470-2230**. All inquiries are confidential. You can also visit the website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The cost of home heating has a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This **Fuel Assistance Program** is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, **individuals** with a monthly income less than **\$1,591**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,133** qualify for the grant. Call **United Social Services** at **215-923-1900**, Monday through Friday between 10AM and 4PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. **The filing deadline is Friday, 04/10/20. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are **confidential**.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Tuesday, 02/18/20-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/22/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/22/20-First Communion Retreat-9:00AM, Offsite, Saint Richard's Hall
- Saturday, 02/22/20-Confirmation Retreat -12:30PM, Hall/Church
- Sunday, 02/23/20-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church
- Wednesday, 02/26/20-Ash Wednesday-8AM Mass, 12Noon Prayer Service, 7PM Mass, all in Church
- Friday, 02/28/20-Stations of the Cross-7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 02/29/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/29/20-Anointing Mass-11:00AM, Church/Vestibule
- Sunday, 03/01/20-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church
- Tuesday, 03/03/20-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Friday, 03/06/20-Stations of the Cross-7:00PM, Church



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 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.

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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, 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. Thank you!

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