

Stella Maris Parish

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Celebrating 65 Years
1954-2019

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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; 9:30am; 11:00am

Weekdays: 8:00am (Monday – 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 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 17, 2019

God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of February 9 & February 10	
Income: Plate = \$5,682.00 + AWC = \$102.50 =	\$5,784.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	= (\$19,707.88)
Total	= (\$13,923.38)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:
"Whenever God is not there, the human being is no longer respected either. Only if God's splendor shines on the human face, is the human image of God protected by a dignity, which subsequently no one must violate."

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, Rosario Allia, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Vincent Carchidi, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, 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, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Alice Idell, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Barbara Lalli, Ronald Lalli, Samantha LaSpada, 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, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Stella Rizzo, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, Mary Toscano, James Trainor Jr., Alessandra Trimarco, Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Sunday—February 17
 8:00 + Dolores Cugini
 9:30 + Joseph Anzideo Jr.
 11:00 + Dave Shaw

Monday—February 18
 8:00 + Charles and Adele Hlinka

Tuesday—February 19
 8:00 + Guido Iaconangelo

Wednesday—February 20
 8:00 + D'Amato and Zollo Families

Thursday—February 21
 8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday—February 22
 8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Saturday—February 23
 8:00 + Giuseppe Maniaci
 5:00 + Alfred and Marie Giosa

Sunday—February 24
 8:00 + The Bryson Family (L & D)
 9:30 + Joseph Mooney
 11:00 + Anthony and Frances Masciantonio

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Dave Shaw
 Requested by
 His wife Dawn, and Children Kylie,
 Dylan and Wyatt



Bread & Wine



In Memory of
 Dave Shaw
 Requested by
 His Wife and Children

MEMORIALS 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.

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Mildred Armentani	Marianne and Joseph LaRussa
Josephine "Dolores" Napoli	Neighbors of the 2500 Block of Alder Street
Gaetano "Tommy" Turco	Michael and Eileen Del Viscio
Gaetano "Tommy" Turco	Dolores Fedele
Gaetano "Tommy" Turco	Frank Lusch

Rest in Peace **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.

STELLA MARIS MINISTRY

As Christians, we are called to share our time, talents, and treasures. Our Parish is asking you to share some of your time and talents by volunteering to be part of one of our ministries (Lectors, Choir/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours.

Thank you and God bless.



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 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 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

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

God Bless you!
Father Di Orio



SPECIAL EVENT!



SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, 02/22/19
CELEBRATE STELLA MARIS' 65th ANNIVERSARY!

Join us on Friday, 02/22/19, as we celebrate the **65th Anniversary** of our beloved parish of Stella Maris.

Our celebration will begin with **Mass at 5:30PM** followed by **dinner at Galdo's, 20th St. and Moyamensing Ave., from 7PM to 11PM**. Ticket cost is **\$50 per person** and includes a hot buffet, dessert, soda, water, and coffee. **Cash bar**. Entertainment will be provided by the **Sensational Soul Cruisers**. Tickets are available after the 5PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, after all Sunday Masses, and in the Rectory during regular business hours.

SPECIAL EVENT!



ANOINTING MASS

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019, 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 the Anointing of the Sick, please call Sister Veronica at 215-465-2336, extension 8.

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



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VISIT THE TOMB OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

The Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel is open for visits at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul during regular Basilica hours. Information about these hours can be found on the Basilica website: <http://cathedralphila.org/>. Pilgrimages to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel are encouraged. Outside of the Cathedral parish Mass schedule, it is possible to offer Mass at the Drexel Family altar adjacent to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel. Please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313, You are welcome to present intentions and petitions to be placed at Saint Katharine's Tomb, asking for her heavenly assistance. You may place these intentions and petitions in the offering basket at Mass or send them to the Cathedral Parish Office, 1723 Race St., Phila., PA 19103. **The Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel begins on February 22, and concludes on March 2.**



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 vocation to the priesthood.

The remaining "Come and See" weekends are from Friday night to Sunday for post-high school men, and the upcoming weekends are as follows:

Post High School Men: 02/22/19-02/24/19
03/29/19-03/31/19

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 contacting the **Vocation Office** at **610-667-5778**.

MAN-UP PHILLY

The 11th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference is being held on Saturday, March 9, 2019, from 7:30AM to 5:00PM at Neumann University's Mirenda Center, One Neumann Drive, Aston, PA 19014-1298. The theme of this year's Conference is **"Man shall not live by bread alone"**. 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 the Holy Eucharist. Speakers include Eagle star Ron Jaworski, author Matthew Kelly, evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, and Irish tenor Mark Forrest. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior. Please join your brothers in Christ for this unique experience and to strengthen one another to grow together in faith.

Regular Registration and fee is \$53.24 per person; Registration and fee for Students in middle school, high school or college/university is \$27.62. To receive a 10% Discount when registering, use the Promotional Code: FRIEND. For more information or to register, visit www.manupphilly.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

Catholic Charities Appeal Night with the 76ers is set for Wednesday, 04/10/19! Join us to watch the Philadelphia 76ers take on the Chicago Bulls. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal programs. If we reach our goal of 100 tickets sold, a CCA beneficiary from Catholic Social Services will receive on-court recognition, and students from the four Schools of Special Education will take part in the 76ers high-five tunnel! For more information, please visit:

<https://www.fevo.com/edp/Catholic-Charities-Appeal-Night-ur9A3a6>

2019 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances:

- +Pledge Gifts
- +Gifts of Cash
- +Transfer (EFT)
- +Matching Gifts
- +Electronic Fund
- +Planned Gifts
- +Gifts of Security

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at **215-587-5650** or email cca@catholicfoundationphila.org.



FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR LADY OF HOPE REGIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Students in grades Pre K through Grade 8 may be eligible for Financial Aid upon completion of the proper application and requirement process. Please visit the following websites:

FACTSmgt.com

www.aop Catholics.org/financialaid/

www.csphiladelphia.org

(Children's Scholarship of Philadelphia deadline for filing is March 1, 2019).

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION: HOPE IN CHRIST

Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those who have an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, events, and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Visit archphila.org/hope for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.



MEN'S GROUP AT ST. RITA'S

A Men's Group has formed at St. Rita's that meets each Monday evening from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity for men of all ages to receive support and assistance as they grow toward a chaste and joyful Christian life. This group is geared toward men struggling with pornography use, infidelity, and other temptations. Men of all ages are welcome. For more information, please call Fr. Jim at 215-546-8333, ext.14.



**SANCTUARY LAMPS,
ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES, AND
OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**



Although the Mass Book for 2019 is full, there are Church Sanctuary Lamps, Adoration Chapel Candles and Offerings of Bread and Wine still available in 2019. Each of these are lit or offered for an entire week, seven days. Just like a Mass, you may offer these for a living or deceased person, or a special intention. The donations are: \$20 for each Church Sanctuary Lamp, \$20 for each Adoration Chapel Candle, and \$25 for the offering of Bread and Wine. Please call or come to the Rectory during regular business hours to see which weeks are available, or you may complete one of the forms on this page, being sure to include your phone number in case we need to contact you, attach your donation to the form, and place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket when you attend Mass.



**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 state of Pennsylvania.

Please call Stella Maris Parish Rectory at 215-465-2336, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 4PM, up to and including this Friday, February 22, 2019, to determine eligibility and for the web address. Applications will be accepted online only.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Monday, 02/18/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM,
Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 02/19/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Friday, 02/22/19-65th Parish Anniversary Celebration-5:30 PM
Mass, followed by 7:00PM dinner at Galdo's
- Saturday, 02/23/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/23/19-Confirmation Retreat-12Noon,
Church/School
- Sunday, 02/24/19-1st Communion Parents' Meeting-after
the 9:30AM Mass in Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 03/02/19-Sodality-8:00AM, Church/Vestibule
- Sunday, 03/03/19-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Tuesday, 03/05/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Wednesday, 03/06/19-Ash Wednesday-8AM Mass,
Noon Prayer Service, 7:00PM Mass,
Church
- Saturday, 03/09/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 03/09/19-Mass of Anointing of the Sick-11:00AM,
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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REQUESTED BY:

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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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REQUESTED BY:

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