



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

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Pastor Emeritus

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Rectory: 215-465-2336

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.

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 2, 2020

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life:
Collection for weekend of January 25 and January 26
Income: Plate = \$4,778.00+ AWC = \$ 102.50 = \$4,880.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements = (\$30,321.82)
Total = (\$25,441.32)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

“Mary thus shows that her role in the history of salvation did not end in the mystery of the Incarnation but was completed in loving and sorrowful participation in the death and Resurrection of her Son.”

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, 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, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, 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, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Sunday—February 2

8:00 + Genevieve Bontatasis
10:30 + Frank and Ilda Colelli

Monday—February 3

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday—February 4

8:00 + Robert Coluzzi

Wednesday—February 5

8:00 + Sr. Alma Christi, SSJ

Thursday—February 6

8:00 + Giovanni Borda

Friday—February 7

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Saturday—February 8

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
5:00 + Vincent Procopio

Sunday—February 9

8:00 + George J. Polizzi
10:30 + Anthony Sammarone

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Robert and Jennie Persia
Requested by
Doris Castagno and Family



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Lorenzo Trimarco
Requested by
Alessandra Trimarco and
Robert and Josephine Paskevicius



Adoration Chapel Lamp

- 1) For the Intentions of
Gloria Angelozzi
Requested by
Michael and Maria Bryson
- 2) For the Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Stella Maris



THANK YOU FROM HELPING HANDS!

Many thanks to all parishioners who helped in any way with Helping Hands outreaches at Christmas. Our Christmas Tree serviced 29 families with gifts for children; 71 children received three gifts each. Our food outreach supplied 20 families with a full course Christmas dinner. New hats, gloves, scarves, underwear and socks filled 11 cartons for St. John's Hospice for homeless men. Dawn's Place received 25 gift cards to various stores. Toys and games numbered close to 100 for needy children. Our outreaches are possible only because you, our parishioners, are so generous! God bless you!

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

JENNIE DI DONATO

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.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today begins the Catholic Charities Appeal 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!

As you know, Our Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Nelson Perez, Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, to be our new Archbishop in the Archdiocese 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. Archbishop-elect Perez will be installed as the 10th Archbishop, 14th Bishop of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Let us keep our new Archbishop in our prayers as he prepares to begin his ministry.

The feast of the Presentation and its readings offer a shining light of promise in the night. As a witness to those who have seen God's work, even after the length of years and blindness, we find Simeon and the prophetess Anna. As we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of our Lord, we come to recognize the "mystery" of the Incarnation, which is the revelation of God's Will for us. While Simeon recognized who Jesus would be for the human race, the rest of us come to know God's life and love through our own daily lives. Only in coming to know our own humanity can we come to understand a God who chose to speak and act as a human being. The mystery of the Incarnation consecrates human life. A child grows to appreciate the value of human love through the experience of being in a family. A spouse grows in love through the challenges and blessings that marriage affords over a lifetime. A Church "happens" as men and women are challenged to come together with people they have not chosen as friends; yet they know that, in loving the other, they come to know more about what their love of God really means.

God presents Himself to us in many and varied ways. As we begin to see God in our lives, we are expected to respond. Every day we are tempted to choose what we want over what God wants for us and of us. How do we respond to God's will in our life?

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany." The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on His first visit to Jerusalem and His human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surrounding His birth. In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know Him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."



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!

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.

TOMASELLO WINERY AND CASINO TRIP



Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Tomasello Winery and Resorts Casino on Tuesday, 02/11/20. Cost is \$55 per person and includes: Wine Tasting, sit-down luncheon at the winery (choice of chicken piccata or almond encrusted tilapia), Resorts Casino with \$25 slots, round-trip transportation, all taxes and gratuities-except for the driver. Itinerary: Please be in the Rectory parking lot by 9:30AM as bus leaves promptly at 9:45; 11AM-Wine Tasting and Luncheon; 1:15PM-Depart for Casino; 2PM-Resorts Casino; 7PM-Depart for Home; 8:30PM-approx. arrival home. **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 payment to: Stella Maris Church, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148.



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO LANCASTER

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



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.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

Catholic Charities Appeal Night with the 76ers is set for **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>.

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@ourladyofhopephilly.com.

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

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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TELEVISION MASS

Every Sunday, at 5:30AM on Channel 6-WPVI TV, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia celebrates Sunday Mass, which is broadcast through the courtesy of Channel 6-WPVI.

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUPS

Looking to connect with area Catholic moms? The Office for the New Evangelization has created a new webpage where you can find local Catholic moms groups and resources. Check out the site at phillyevang.org/moms. If you are a leader of a Catholic moms' group that is not listed on this site, please email salbanese@archphila.org. Stay tuned for upcoming events. You can check this out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram [@phillyevang](https://www.instagram.com/phillyevang).

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, **02/21-02/23, 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.

WINTER RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A Winter Retreat for Young Adults is scheduled for **Friday night, 02/07 through /Saturday afternoon, 02/08**, at Malvern Retreat House, 315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern, PA 19355. The Retreat is being directed by Fr. John Wackerman, Pastor of Queen of the Universe Parish in Levittown, Fr. Jim Otto, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in South Philadelphia, and Dr. Antone Raymundo, MD, Catholic Speaker and Mentor. **Young adults ages 18 through 35, single or married, are invited.** Cost includes dinner, breakfast and lunch; \$110 per person/double occupancy; \$135 per person/single occupancy. For information or to register, please call 610-644-0400.

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, 02/04/20-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Saturday, 02/08/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Sunday, 02/09/20-CCD (First Communion Parent Meeting)-
9:00AM, School/Church
Saturday, 02/15/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Saturday, 02/15/20-Helping Hands-10:00AM,
Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
Sunday, 02/16/20-NO CCD CLASSES-Presidents' Day Wknd.
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

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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