



*Stella Maris Catholic Church*  
*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*  
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**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.

***Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***February 20, 2022***

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**Collection for weekend of February 12 & February 13**

**Income: Plate = \$4,736.00 + AWC = \$72.50 = \$4,808.50**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$22,734.69)**  
**Total = (\$17,926.19)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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:*** "...realize that a pure and generous love is the best witness to the God in whom we believe and by whom we are driven to love. A Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing and to let love alone speak. He knows that God is love and that God's presence is felt at the very time when the only thing we do is to love."  
**-Pope Benedict XVI**



***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, 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 McDevitt, 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:***

**DORIS COSTAGNO RITA VERNOSE**

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 20, 2022*

**Sunday - February 20**

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

**Monday - February 21**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - February 22**

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Ingrassia Family

**Wednesday - February 23**

8:00 + Giuseppe Maniaci

**Thursday - February 24**

8:00 + For the Unborn

**Friday - February 25**

8:00 + Anna and Domenic Perfetti and Family

**Saturday - February 26**

8:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris  
 5:00 + Robert and Marie Maffei

**Sunday - February 27**

8:00 + Joseph J. DiLuzio  
 10:30 + Mary and Charles Jones

***Church Sanctuary Lamp***

In Memory of  
 Jerry DeSimone Jr.

Requested by  
 Mary and Joe Gatto



***Altar Bread and Wine***

In Memory of  
 Danielle Cucinotti-Espinosa

Requested by  
 Dolores Enicolette Alessi



Below is a donation that has been made to honor the memory of a loved one who has passed on, but will never be forgotten.

In Memory of	Donor
Frances Arabia	Robert Kubicky
Louis Milanese Jr	James and Kathleen Gillooly

**Lenten Day of Recollection**

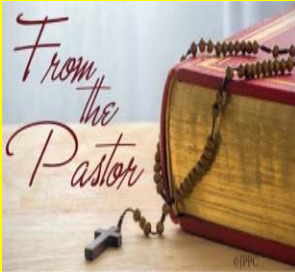
On **Saturday, 03/26/22, from 9AM to 3:30PM**, a Lenten Day of Recollection is being held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in the Cathedral Chapel and Drexel Hall (which is the hall located below the Cathedral). The theme is ***The Two Hearts: Experiencing the Passion of Christ with the Immaculate and Sacred Hearts***. The speaker is Jenn Settle, a consecrated virgin in the Diocese of Orlando, who was consecrated by Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, 02/02/2017 in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She currently serves as a spiritual director as well as assisting women in discernment for consecrated life throughout the country. The day's schedule is as follows:

- 9:00AM-Sign-In/Coffee & donuts
- 10:00AM-Morning Conference
- 11:00AM-Quiet Time/Confessions
- 12:05PM-Holy Mass followed by Lunch (which is provided)
- 1:30PM-Afternoon Conference
- 2:30PM-Holy Hour

This Day of Recollection is free 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!**



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!

In Today's Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus says, "Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." We are required by our attachment to Jesus, to strive for unconditional, unlimited love, which requires constant sacrifice.

Jesus' message to love one's enemies was as countercultural in His day as it is in ours. Loving those who love us is our natural inclination. The opposite approach is very difficult and offers no guarantee of success. Hence it is, to quote Robert Frost, "the road less travelled".

Jesus' radical command to "Love our enemies" precludes setting limits or conditions to love, which is a mode of action rather than an emotion. St. Luke in his Gospel radicalizes the love command in a number of ways, including going against the natural instinct for self-preservation. Luke calls for the attitude of love, the words of praying and blessing, and selfless actions that go beyond what we are entitled to. Jesus' culture advocated reciprocity, even in friendship. Jesus commands His disciples to extend kindness and generosity to an extreme: images of turning the other cheek to one who would slap you and giving your cloak to anyone who asks. Enemy love is all inclusive; we naturally love those who love us. Enemy love goes out to everyone else. Enemy love is nondiscriminatory. David demonstrates this in his refusal to kill Saul. He recognizes Saul as the Lord's anointed, even though Saul seeks to kill David because he is jealous of David's success. Jesus reminds us that God is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Yet our first reaction would be not to forgive but to teach them a lesson. Refusing to forgive rarely causes the guilty party to change for the better. He may die clueless about the need to be forgiven. Nevertheless, it doesn't make forgiving that person a mistake. Whoever puts down the burden of unforgiveness benefits from that decision. Luke emphasizes "everyone"- those who seek our love and those who provoke our hatred. God's reward far exceeds expectations, enabling us to act as God's children. We may be tempted to avenge real or perceived wrongs or return to others evil for evil. We may want to take advantage of others for our own purposes. However, Jesus' instruction on enemy love demands that we imitate Him in laying down our lives for others – even if they have offended us. Were Jesus' teachings being hopelessly idealistic, completely out of touch with reality? Not at all. Forgiveness always rewards the one who forgives more than the person being forgiven because it sets down a heavy burden. A refusal to forgive tends to hollow out a person, turning that refusal into this person's defining characteristic, the most important thing anyone needs to understand about this individual. Is "Never Forgave" something to chisel into our own tombstone or anyone else's? Are we willing to love as Jesus has commanded us to love? Are we willing to sacrifice?

On Saturday March 05, 2022, at 11:00AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

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, if you have any questions.

**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. 21 - St. Peter Damien
- Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter
- Feb. 23 - St. Polycarp

**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](http://Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee) or contact **Father David Friel**, Vocation Director, at [fr.dfriel@archphila.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 and author of *Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality*, 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 author of *The Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism*. Back by popular demand, internationally recognized Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will again provide inspirational accompaniment and lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude 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/>

**ST. HUBERT CLASS OF 1972 REUNION**

St. Hubert Class of 1972 will be celebrating their 50th high school reunion on Thursday, June 9, 2022 with a Golden Girls' walk alongside the graduating Class of 2022. The reunion will immediately follow at Knowlton Mansion. For more information, please contact Linda at [SHBambies1972@gmail.com](mailto:SHBambies1972@gmail.com) or visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Hubert-Class-of-72>

**LIVE PERFORMANCE  
TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST**

A performance of *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*, an original one-man live drama with actor Jim Coleman, is being held **next Sunday, 02/27/2022 at 7:00PM** at Our Mother of Consolation Church, 9 E. Chestnut Hill Ave., Phila., PA 19118. Admission is your free-will offering.

**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.

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**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).

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**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.

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**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.

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**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](http://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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REQUESTED BY:

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PHONE #

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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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