



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 \$15.00 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.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

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.

February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "...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 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:

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borges, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthe D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Vera Dolan, Dolore Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Dalonzo SR., Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goreni, Margie Gurbuz, Charles Harron, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Charles LaSpada, Jean LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Robert and Marie Liccio, Rita Lange, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petruzzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Joe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Karen Specht, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Caroyln Young Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:
HOLY SOULS IN PUGATORY

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 23, 2025

Saturday - February 22

5:00 + Lina and Giuseppe Maniaci

Sunday - February 23

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

Monday - February 24

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - February 25

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of
Andrews Family

Wednesday - February 26

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday - February 27

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Friday - February 28

8:00 + For the Intentions of the Andrews Family

Saturday - March 1

8:00 + Thomas P. Di Orio
5:00 + Luigi Pintarelli

Sunday - March 2

8:00 + Anthony and Mary Pizzo
10:30 + Robert and Marie Maffei



Church Sanctuary Lamp

For the Intention of
Helen and Samuel Angelucci

Adoration Chapel Candles



1) In Memory of
Robert and Marie Maffei
Requested by
Michele Cecala



2) For the Living and Deceased
Members of Stella Maris

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There is an 8 week Bereavement Support Group which runs several times each year at TJUH Methodist Hospital. Each week participants will have the opportunity to support one another and learn about different topics within the grieving process. For more information, please call the Department of Pastoral Care at **215-952-9547**.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Catholic Charities Appeal has begun in our Archdiocese. 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!

In Today's Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus says, "Love your enemy. 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' 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. 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. Are we willing to love as Jesus has commanded us to love?

On Saturday March 08, 2025, 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,
Fr. Di Orio

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS **SATURDAY, MARCH 8th, 2025**

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on **Saturday, March 8th at 11:00 AM**. We invite all parishioners who need this sacramental action of God's healing and love to attend. If you know someone who is ill and wants to come to the Mass to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please call Lorinda Fina @ 267-250-0186 or Dolores Garadetsky @ 215-465-2831. Also, volunteer drivers are needed to transport some of our homebound parishioners. If you can help, please call Lorinda or Dolores to offer your services.



Archbishop Perez has extended to all peoples of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, an invitation to join him in a conversation regarding the future of the Archdiocese. The invitation can be found at, www.trustandhope.org or by scanning the code



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA **TELEVISED 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.

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**STELLA MARIS PARISH FUNDRAISER
P&S SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025**

Tickets: \$40 per person (No Tickets will be sold at the door)
Tickets Include: -Delicious Food
-Water, Soda, Coffee, & Tea
-Raffle Sheet for Exciting prizes

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

BYOB – Bring your Favorite Drinks!

For Ticket sales, please call Stella Maris Rectory @ 215-465-2336

**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. Applications will be accepted starting on January 7, 2025 and ending on March 6, 2025.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM
EST ON MARCH 6, 2025!**

**2025 WORLDWIDE
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

MARRIED COUPLES — When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! "Live your best life in love" The next in-person experiences are **March 28-30** in the Daylesford Abbey, Paoli and **June 20-22** at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson

For more information visit:
<https://www.wwme-philly.org>

**RENEW AND BREATHE
Retreat for Women of all Ages and Phases
The Paschal Mystery and Everyday Life**

Enter into the Easter Triduum in a deeply personal way as we prayerfully meditate on the parallels between the days of Holy Week and our everyday lives. This retreat will offer personal prayer time and sharing with other retreatants.

Speaker: Stephine McCarthy, a Catholic wife, mother, spiritual director, and companion on the journey.

Registration Cost: \$55 per person, includes continental breakfast and lunch.

When: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Mother Boniface Spirituality Center
(3501 Solly Avenue, Phila, PA 19136)

Online: msbt.org/mbst/retreats-and-workshops

By Phone: (267)350-1830

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our *Parish Frozen Food Program* is in need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that 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 kindly ask, when the church is open before or during Mass times, that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).

May God bless you for helping those in need!

**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS
WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2025**

Tomasello Winery & Resorts Casino

INCLUDES:

Tomasello Winery Tasting & Sit-Down Plated Luncheon
An entree, Vintner's House Salad, Artisan Rolls with Butter, Chef's selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetable, Rice & Chef's Dessert, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, & Selection of Hot Teas.

Resorts Casino Bonus: \$20 slots

Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation Via JC Tours

All Taxes & Gratuities

Cost: \$95 per person

- Make Checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors

- Mail payments to: ATTN: Marge Varley or Fran Giaquinto @ Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 S. 10th St. Philadelphia, PA 19148

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL

Marge Varley 215-463-3386 or 267-882-7717

Fran Giaquinto 215-284-4686

Departure: 9:45 am @ Stella Maris Church, 10th & Bigler St. Philadelphia, PA 19148

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025
MARDI GRAS IS COMING TO SOUTH PHILLY
Bringing Bourbon Street to South Philly**

Get ready for a night to remember as we bring the energy and magic of Bourbon Street right here to South Philly. Enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing, and celebration—all with supporting a great cause. Be a part of the festivities and showcase your support for St. Monica School.

Ticket Price: \$60 per person **When:** Saturday, March 1, 2025

Where: Woodland String Band's Anderson Hall
3rd & Snyder

Sponsorship Opportunities are Available:

For questions regarding sponsorships and other ways to support this event please contact Kate Britt Powell at 215-467-5338 or kpowell@smspa.org

Ads are available to purchase at:
givebutter.com/smsmardigras2025.

**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.

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.LilysGift.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.

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

This group is open to anyone interested in learning more about the process of adopting children, in the process of adopting a child, or already a parent through adoption. Meet and talk to caring, supportive families that share their experience with the adoption process and parenting. **This group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.**

Meetings are in person or virtual. In person location is Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church, 1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454.

Email Maria at mariamalone@mmredeemer.org to attend in person, to get a virtual meeting link and to get any updates on meeting times and locations.



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 MEMORY OF or FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:

REQUESTED BY:

PHONE #



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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