



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.

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God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of January 28 & January 29	
Income: Plate = \$5,035.00 + AWC = \$72.50	= \$5,107.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$7,434.43)
Total	= (\$2,326.93)


 Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

“Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love that they crave.”

-Pope Benedict XVI

 **Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**
Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Anna DelVecchio & Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D’Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Deborah Dolce, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Garbarino, Shawn Gallo, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Stacey Loke Pelle, 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, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, 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, 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:** **JAMES GRASSO THERESA MARCHESE**
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 5, 2023**

Sunday - February 5

8:00 + Michael Bryan
10:30 + For the Intentions of Maria Vy Trinh Nguyen

Monday - February 6

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - February 7

8:00 + Jane Maier

Wednesday - February 8

8:00 + Vincent Procopio

Thursday - February 9

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Friday - February 10

8:00 + Pearl DiFidelto

Saturday - February 11

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
5:00 + Daniel and Edna Bryan

Sunday - February 12

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald
10:30 + Daniel J. Dougherty

Church Sanctuary Lamp



In Memory of
Michael Simeo

Requested by
Wife Mary and the Ferro Family

Adoration Chapel Candles



1) In Memory of
Annemarie Thompson
Requested by
Vincent and Barbara Termini

2) In Memory of
Annemarie Thompson
Requested by
Vincent and Barbara Termini



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Anna Vicario
Requested by
Anonymous



ANOINTING MASS

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on **Saturday, February 25, 2023 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 this Mass and receive Anointing of the Sick, please call Dolores Garadetsky at 215-465-2831. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport some of our homebound parishioners. If you can help, please call Dolores to offer your services.

RECTORY CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 02/10/23

Due to a Kerygma Retreat for Parish Staff, the Rectory Office will be closed this Friday, 02/10/23.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Catholic Charities Appeal has begun in our Archdiocese. 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. Matthew, we hear that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt, (joy) and light, (justice): Salt plays a key role in our experience of food. While barely visible on the plate, it serves an essential function in preserving and giving flavor to the meal. Without salt, food can lack appeal, flavor, and quickly spoil. Christians can see that joy is like the salt of our lives. It imparts the essential flavor necessary for passion, wonder, and goodness and, even though it may not always be obvious, it preserves Christian life. Light gives direction, hope and safety in the midst of darkness. For Christians, being the light of the world, practically speaking, means working for justice. The psalmist says. "The just person is light in darkness."

"You are the salt of the earth". Joy: For each of us personally, joy is not the same as happiness and is not an emotion or related to life circumstance. Instead, it is a disposition. Joy derives from the knowledge that we are unconditionally loved by God and that our circumstances cannot change that. We must choose joy daily. We, as a faith community, are called to be the salt of the earth concretely through joy. If salt becomes contaminated it goes flat. Therefore, we must not allow our joy to go flat. As disciples, it is our duty to not allow the Gospel to get contaminated through compromise or misuse. Is our joy infectious and evident? Do we serve others joyfully, or begrudgingly? Do we serve knowingly that God loves us unconditionally?

"You are the light of the world". Justice: The Gospel message is like a light for the world. The world is in desperate need of illumination, and so it is now time to take the lamp and place it where it can illuminate the whole world. Each of us is called to right relationship with one another and with God. This starts with the people closest to us. The job description of Christians is not only to maintain personal holiness, but the good works of Christ's followers are to shine for all to see. Therefore, we are called to be light to others. At work, at school, in our neighborhoods, we touch many people who might not encounter Christ in church. These places may be our most effective places to witness to Christ. This doesn't mean preaching and proselytizing; it means touching the lives of those around us through our actions. As the Gospel says, "Let your light shine so that people might see your good deeds and glorify God." We are to let others see what the followers of Jesus are about. However, nothing says that this will be safe or easy. This is what being a disciple of Jesus means.

Therefore, our faith must be rooted in a God who loves us. Jesus is and should be the center of our faith. Hence, we need to strive to make sure we do not become contaminated by sin or worldly possessions. Jesus' call to be salt of the earth and light of the world powerfully states our mission as Christians and as Church. We need to be steadfast and remain strong in faith, living lives that are virtuous and filled with love. When we do this, we truly become the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

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

God bless,
Fr. Di Orio



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 5, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the past year Pope Francis offered a series of catecheses on old age during his Wednesday Audiences. The Holy Father said, "*With these catecheses, I encourage everyone to invest their thoughts and affections in the gifts old age carries with it and to other stages of life. Old age is a gift for all stages of life. It is a gift of maturity, of wisdom.*" Pope Francis' words about the dignity, value, and wisdom that the elderly contribute to society underscores the gift of our retired and infirmed priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

During their many years of active ministry, they brought the presence of Christ to countless individuals through the celebration of the Sacraments, preaching, teaching, and charitable actions with great devotion. In retirement, they continue to be a great source of support for our local Church through their prayers, the celebration of Holy Mass, and their wise council.

The Annual **Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests** of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken up in all parishes during the weekend of 02/11/23-02/12/23. This initiative provides a meaningful opportunity for you to express gratitude for the many sacrifices made by our retired priests who gave fully of themselves to fulfill the pastoral and temporal needs of those entrusted to their care over the course of many years.

Please remember all our priests, active and retired, in your daily prayers and consider donating generously to the *Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests*. May the Lord bless you and all those whom you love. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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, **up to and including Friday, 02/24/23.**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2023!

RETREAT FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Do you have a child with a disability? You are invited on **Saturday, 02/18/23, from 1PM to 6PM, to Holy Innocents Parish Hall, 1337 E. Hunting Park Ave., Phila., PA** for a bilingual retreat which will include sessions for adults and activities for youth. The guest retreat director is Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R. While **there is no cost to attend, you are asked to please register your family by 02/10/23 by calling 215-587-0500 or online at www.opdarchphilly.org.**

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the USA, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit: phillyeucharisticrevival.org.

“Prayer for the Revival”

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Vocation Office invites you to the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA, to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, on **Thursdays between the hours of 9AM to 5PM**, praying that more young people generously respond to the Lord’s invitation to serve Him as priests and religious. To sign up to spend time with our Lord, visit: Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email:

Phillyadoration@gmail.com

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.

VOCATION PRAYER PARTNERS

Each day, numerous men and women in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pray a rosary for the specific intention of an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Prayer is the foundation of all that we do, and these faith-filled and supportive individuals are spiritual prayer-warriors, praying specifically for the men to whom God is calling to follow Him as His priests, and that they listen and heed His voice. On the **first Saturday of each month**, this group gathers online to pray as a community and in support of each other. If you wish to join this dynamic and growing community of Prayer Partners, please contact:

Sue Matour at 610-667-5778 or smatour@archphila.org.

COME AND SEE WEEKENDS

Come and see weekends offer men (high school and above) who are discerning a call to the priesthood a chance to get away, meet other men on a similar journey, and find a place of quiet to listen to God speak. Held throughout the year, these weekends include Mass, praying the Liturgy of the Hours with the seminarians, Holy Hours, talks on discernment and vocations, and time for recreation with the seminarians. There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals. For more information and to register for a particular weekend, please visit Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee.

Upcoming Come and See Weekends:

High School Men
February 25-26, 2023

Post-High School Men
February 10-12, 2023
March 10-12, 2023

IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) FOR YOU?

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you curious about the Catholic faith, but not sure you want to make a commitment? Are you married to a Catholic spouse, raising the children Catholic, and interested in knowing more to be able to share with them? Are you a Catholic who desires to complete the initiation process by receiving Eucharist and/or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the R.C.I.A. may be for you.

The R.C.I.A. is designed to assist youth and adults who:

- *Have never been baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church
- *Have been baptized in another Christian Tradition (Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) and wish to become Catholic
- *Were baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation

There’s no time like the present to begin your inquiry in the faith. If you are interested in learning more about R.C.I.A., please contact Mrs. Marie Milano at 215-465-2336, ext. 5.

GO FORTH: DEEPEN YOUR DISCIPLESHP, GROW IN MISSION

Archbishop Perez wants to text you! Join Archbishop Perez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Through the *Go Forth* initiative, you can subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others.

There are two ways to subscribe to receive the texts: (1) use your phone to **text goforth to the number 84576**, or (2) visit the website phillydisciples.org/goforth.

Texts begin Ash Wednesday, 02/22/23, and will continue weekly for one year.

WEEKLY ARCHDIOCESAN WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the rosary via Zoom or phone on the Archdiocesan LIVE World Mission Rosary. To join in this live rosary, visit phillymissions.org for the Zoom link, or type in <https://zoom.us/j/494480541#success>.

Join in as we ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Catholic faith, world peace, personal intentions, and for the Missions world-wide!

MAN UP PHILLY

The 15th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men’s Conference will be held on **Saturday, 03/04/23, from 7:30AM to 3:30PM on the campus of Cardinal O’Hara High School in Springfield, PA, at the St. John Vianney Hall Theater**. Men are invited to join Catholic men from throughout the Archdiocese for a day focused on fellowship and ways to live your faith everyday. The theme this year is: *The Road to Emmaus-Finding Christ in the Breaking of the Bread*. Speakers include: Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, Deacon James Mahoney, Permanent Deacon of St. Athanasius in Philadelphia, and Jim Wahlberg, producer, writer, and film director. Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. The Conference will conclude with Saturday Mass (not the Sunday Vigil) celebrated by Archbishop Nelson J. Perez. Cost is \$60 per person; \$25 for students.

For more information, visit <https://manupphilly.com>.

**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.pavingforseniorcare.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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

The Center provides an authentically Catholic approach to women's reproductive healthcare and follows Catholic medical ethics. The providers treat women in various age groups-from teen to seniors-and offer gynecologic care, yearly women's check-ups and natural family planning instruction in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. Services are available in English and Spanish. The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is located in East Norriton (very close to the Plymouth Meeting Mall). For more information, call the center at 844-204-0005 or visit phgiannacenter.org.

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:

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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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