



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 \$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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 6, 2022

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Collection for weekend of January 29 & January 30

Income: Plate = \$3,377.00 + AWC= \$72.50	=	\$3,449.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	=	(\$1,586.81)
Total	=	\$1,862.69



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

“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.”

-Pope Benedict XVI, 02/05/2006



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, Kelly-Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. and Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, 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, Lillian 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 & 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 homebound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

FRANCES ARABIA LUCY MICHELLI

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 6, 2022

Sunday - February 6

8:00 + For the Intentions of Vy Trinh Nguyen
10:30 + Robert and Marie Maffei

Monday - February 7

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - February 8

8:00 + Vincent Procopio

Wednesday - February 9

8:00 + Frank, Anna, Antoinette, and Sam Palesano

Thursday - February 10

8:00 + Living & Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris

Friday - February 11

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Saturday - February 12

8:00 + Rose and John Zambrano
5:00 + Frank and Anna Mendille

Sunday - February 13

8:00 + Daniel and Edna Bryan
10:30 + Anthony and Frances Masciantonio

Church Sanctuary Lamp



In Memory of
Jerry DeSimone Jr.

Requested by
Mary Simeo

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Jerry DeSimone Jr.

Requested by
The DePamphilis Family



**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO
THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?**

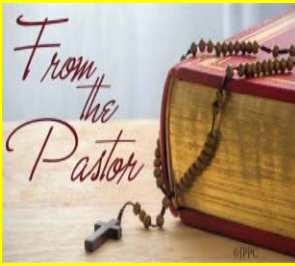
Catholic men with a deep spiritual life, and their wives if married, who are between the ages of 29 and 55, are invited to an in-person panel of clergy for a Permanent Diaconate Information Night on **February 17, 2022, 7:00PM**, at Saints Simon and Jude Parish, in the Meehan Center, located at 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA 19382. For more information, please visit: <https://archphila.org/deacon>.

**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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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 our Gospel reading from St. Luke, St. Luke tells us that Simon (Peter), James, and John, "left everything and followed Him. What is striking about today's reading is that God doesn't

need us to be perfect, only to be opened to being sent to do God's Work. No matter how unworthy we feel to be God's messengers, if the Lord calls us to a vocation or to perform an action, He will give us the grace we need to carry it out. We have three characters in our three readings, and each of them, when confronted with the greatness and holiness of God, feels inadequate and is keenly aware of personal unworthiness. Isaiah sees God's glory and is struck with awe. He is also filled with fear because as a man of unclean lips, he has seen the Lord of Hosts. However, once his lips are touched with holy fire and his sins are removed, Isaiah volunteers to prophesy and preach God's message to His people. Peter, likewise, experiences the power of God and recognizes that Jesus is holy while he, Peter, is a sinner. He, therefore, feels unworthy to be in the presence of Jesus. Nonetheless, when Jesus calls him, Peter leaves behind his business and livelihood to follow Jesus. Like Isaiah and Peter, we each have a vocation from God. Sometimes we feel intimidated by or unworthy of that vocation. Sometimes we are afraid that we do not have the right words to say to people. But Isaiah and Peter show us that God gives us the grace necessary to do what we are being called to do. Therefore, we should not allow fear to hinder us.

St Paul, states he's, "not fit to be called an apostle because he persecuted the church of God". In spite of his sinful past, Christ's grace has enabled St. Paul to work harder than those who are more "deserving" of being called apostles. Paul's past did not restrain him from serving the Church. Rather, it filled him with gratitude for God's grace and with zeal to serve God's people. Often we feel that we have done so many wrong things in the past that the Lord cannot love us anymore. St. Paul's letter show us that not only does the Lord love us, but He desires to give us His grace so that we can labor in His Church, serving those to whom we are sent. Our readings give us a chance to reflect on our response to God's love. That response, in spite of our unworthiness, if we choose to make it, is called discipleship. This is our highest vocation, that is, to follow Christ. Are we fearful of letting go of our obstacles? To be a disciple of Jesus is to let go of the things that hinder us. Are we afraid to take on something really challenging? Like Isaiah, Peter, and Paul, we are being called by God each day to share in the divine work of love. We should realize that, in spite of our weaknesses, God's grace is sufficient for us to share the Gospel wherever we find ourselves. Will we, like the characters in today's reading, respond to God's call with an open heart and continue His mission on earth?

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, up to and including **Friday, February 18, 2022**.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2022!

SAINTS

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.08 - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

Feb.10 - St. Scholastica

Feb.11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

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 or contact **Father David Friel**, Vocation Director, at 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.

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) 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? In person experiences in the new year are: February 11 to 13 and 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, 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 others. Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. The conference concludes 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/>

TRIP TO NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Stella Maris Sodality is sponsoring a trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa on **Thursday, 03/31/22.** Cost is **\$82.00 per person, payable in full at time of reservation, but no later than next Sunday, 02/13/2022.** Trip includes: visit to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, shrine donation, lunch at the Washington House Restaurant, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except for the JC Tours driver). To make your reservation or for more information, please call **Cathy Everett at 215-465-7451** or **Pat DeSanto at 215-462-1567.** Make checks payable to Stella Maris Sodality. Mail payments to Stella Maris Church, 2901 South 10th Street, Phila., PA 19148.

"HOPE FROM THE ASHES" PREPARING FOR LENTEN EVANGELIZATION

A special pre-Lenten presentation will be held on **Sunday, 02/20/22 at 5:30PM in the chapel of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, 18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway.** The theme, "Hope from the Ashes: Preparing for Lenten Evangelization" is being presented by Paul E. Jarzembowski, an internationally recognized Catholic leader, author and the associate director for the laity at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC. For details, please call **215-561-1313** or visit: www.cathedralphila.org.

**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.

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.

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 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:

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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