



Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2021

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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life

Collection for weekend of January 30 & 31, 2021:

Income = Plate \$4,609.00 + AWC \$58.00= \$4,667.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$8,593.43)

Total = (\$3,926.43)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please visit us at stellamarisphila.com and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll.

Living Stewardship:

"After His time spent alone, Jesus was very certain of His purpose. We, too, can be more aware of God's purpose for us if we but make the time to listen."

Sick Relatives & Friend—Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine & Enrico Belfi, 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, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Eric Farrell, Virginia Faulkner, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Julia Lynch, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, 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, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Philipp, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguidda, Baby Rocco Santangelo, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Grover Simpson, Sharon Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, military disabled, home-bound, and their families.



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

OLGA PATELLA

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 7, 2021**

Sunday - February 7

8:00 + Vincent Procopio

10:30 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Monday - February 8

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - February 9

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Wednesday - February 10

8:00 + Salvatore Sandoli

Thursday - February 11

8:00 + Frank, Anna and Antoinette Palesano

Friday - February 12

8:00 + Vincent C. Milione

Saturday - February 13

8:00 + Richard Messina

5:00 + Boe DeCaro

Sunday - February 14

8:00 + Vaughn Potere

10:30 + Sal Gabriel DiNubile

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Frank Ward

Requested by
Kevin and Loretta Ward



Bread & Wine

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**YOU CAN WATCH STELLA MARIS
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE!**

Please Note: You do not need Facebook to view the video of Liturgical Celebrations. Just access the Facebook page on the Parish's Website (www.stellamarisphila.com). Click the link and it will take you to Facebook. When asked to log in, just click "not now" or "x" out of the box. Go to "Videos" and click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 7, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of Our Lord Jesus Christ.”

-St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests

We are humbled when we recall the men who offered their lives in service as priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Through lives of pastoral service and sacramental ministry, our priests have mediated God’s presence and His kindness to us and our world. In parish communities, schools, and institutions, our priests have served so that we might experience the enduring kindness of our loving God.

Today, one-third of our priests are retired. Many priests continue to assist parishes with their pastoral ministry. Others, due to advanced age and declining health, have been compelled to withdraw from active ministry. These priests continue to minister through many hours of prayer, interceding for you, the people of God, that they have faithfully served over many years. Many of our retired priests reside at Villa Saint Joseph in Darby, and Regina Coeli Residence in Warminster, where they continue to exemplify a message of hope to all by their dedicated lives of prayer and sacrifice offered for the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These priests now require care themselves. Your prayerful and financial support is needed at this time of their life.

The annual **Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests** of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken up in all parishes on the **weekend of February 13-14, 2021**. This collection is an opportunity for the faithful to express their gratitude for the many blessings received through the ministry of priests.

Your kindness will be remembered in their daily prayers. I ask that you continue to remember our retired priests in yours. May God bless you and may your loved ones know the blessing of God’s presence and the abundance of His grace today and always. Thank you for your generous response to this annual appeal.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Rev. 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 in 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/university located in the USA.
- 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 Rectory at 215-465-2336, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 4PM, up to and including Friday, February 26, 2021 to determine eligibility. Applications will be accepted online only.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS
5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2021!**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, the Catholic Charities Appeal begins in our Archdiocese. Our parish goal is \$25,061.00. You should have received, or you will be receiving, a mailing about the appeal from the Archdiocese; please support this wonderful charity. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Jesus totally surrendered Himself to the will of His Father. In today’s Gospel from Mark, Jesus spends the day healing in Capernaum. The next day, the disciples urge Him to continue healing. However, Jesus, turning His back on the honor He would receive in Capernaum as the wonder-worker, obeyed His Father and went on to another town. “For this purpose I have come...That I may preach”. Jesus invited all to let God reign in their lives. The secret to letting God reign in our lives is listening to God and obeying. Jesus gave the example. He prayed often, especially before a big decision. If Jesus, the living Son of God, needed to check in with His Father, we certainly need to do the same. Our Blessed Mother showed complete surrender to God when she said to the angel at the annunciation, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk1:38). Jesus invites us to let God reign in our lives. How do we respond to this invitation? Surrender is an act of the will. While deprivation is out of our control, surrendering is a choice we make. In our first reading from Job, Job has not only been stripped of wife, children, property and health, but his friends accused him of being responsible. He has moved from helpless to hopeless. He sees no reason to live. Eventually he realizes that he is not in control. God is. When he puts himself into God’s hands, he finds peace in his storm. However, this was a process that took time and questioning. As God was patient with Job, God is patient with us as we process through the struggles in our lives to the peace of surrender. Like Job, it is natural to feel doubt, loneliness, loss, and anger. However, we must not beat ourselves up about it and dwell on it. We are called to turn toward the Lord. Our culture tells us we should have all that we want when we want it. This is a lie from the Devil. We experience great joy in life, but we also have great difficulties. Faith and action (rooted in faith) give our lives meaning. St. Paul says he let go of everything so that nothing would hamper his ability to preach the Gospel. Our call is to live authentically and preach the Good News that God is real, God is love, and God will be with us now and always. We are to love God and each other. Therefore, we are to “preach the Gospel with our lives”, and as St. Francis of Assisi said, “if we have to, use words”. God speaks to us in the silence of our hearts, through the sacred Scriptures, the Church, and holy people. We need ears open to hearing and grace to obey - to surrender. Have we let go of those things in our lives that hamper us from preaching and living the Gospel?

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

God Bless!
Fr. Di Orio

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.



LIVE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. **The schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern), until further notice.** Click the link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download necessary software. On your computer, go to www.archphila.org; click on "Offices," a list of offices will appear, click on "New Evangelization." Click "Events" tab and find "Nightly at 8PM ET, The Rosary...Coronavirus" and click on "full details." The next screen will show a choice for "Rosary in English" and you can click on the words "Click here to join the Rosary by video." You may want to dial in by phone at **646-558-8656** and enter the Webinar ID: **494 480 541**. Hosted by: Meghan Cokeley, Office of New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



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 **\$1,595**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,155** 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, 04/09/21. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid. All inquiries are confidential.**

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

For the safety of everyone, all those in leadership positions of Stella Maris organizations are asked to call the Rectory before resuming your regular meetings in order to receive instructions for keeping within the safety guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese. Of Philadelphia. Stay safe and stay well! God bless!

+ Please check with organizations, schools, parishes, etc. who have postings in our bulletin to see if their events and/or functions have been cancelled or postponed. Thank you. Be safe. God bless!

SECULAR CARMELITE MEETINGS

Interested in becoming a Secular Carmelite? Secular Carmelites live in allegiance to Jesus, seeking to imitate the Virgin Mary's contemplation of the Word of God and detachment. We strive to follow the teachings and example of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite saints. The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order invites those faithful, who desire to deepen their spiritual life through prayer, to inquire by attending a meeting. Meetings are held on the **third Sundays of every month at 11:30AM** at the Carmelite Monastery, **1400 Old York Road, Philadelphia, PA 19126**. For more information, call Maribel at **215-431-2817**.

ONLINE VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Although we cannot go to France during this pandemic, we are blessed to bring Lourdes virtually to you with an exceptional blessing from Pope Francis, who has proclaimed a Plenary Indulgence for Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience, to be broadcast or live-streamed directly to you! For details, visit:

<https://lourdesvolunteers.org/online-lourdes-virtual-pilgrimage-experience-2/>



"YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 12/08/20, the Holy Father proclaimed the "Year of St. Joseph", which extends to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 12/08/2021. Pope Francis shares his beautiful reflections on St. Joseph in the new Apostolic Letter named, *With a Father's Heart*. He shares his intent with the proclamation: **The aim of this Apostolic letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.**

Ways to Gain a Plenary Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph

*Meditate at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. *Follow St. Joseph's example by performing a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. *Recite the Rosary with your family members and also among engaged couples. *Entrust your daily activities to the protection of St. Joseph and invoke his intercession for those seeking work so they can find dignifying work to support themselves and their families. *Recite the Litany to St. Joseph or any prayer to St. Joseph proper to liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering persecution. *Recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph. *This indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes.

GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

As we continue in the "open phase", 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 of the month. The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

February 8- St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
February 10- St. Scholastica
February 11- Our Lady of Lourdes

Which Saint is celebrated on your birthday?
Enjoy your Saints Adventure!



**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 Finance Assistance Programs, please 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 ongoing services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and 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 a 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 (**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:

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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Phone# _____

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.

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