



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 \$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.

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of January 31 & February 1

Income: Plate = \$4,436.00+ AWC= \$85.00 = \$4,521.00	
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$22,940.54)	
Total = (\$18,419.54)	

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:



Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Emilio Colella, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Daniel DiCarlo, Louis DiBruno, Matthew 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, George McGehrin, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Haroos 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, Heather Russino, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Erica Siderio, 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:

**ETTORE PIGNOTTI, FRANCES LUCCHESI,
MARY FOCOSO, CHRISTOPHER PERRI**

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,

**Mass Intentions for
the Week of February 8, 2026**

Saturday - February 7

5:00 + Deceased Members of Saraullo and Carlucci Families

Sunday - February 8

8:00 + Frank McAnally
10:30 + Vincent Procopio

Monday - February 9

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - February 10

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Wednesday - February 11

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Thursday - February 12

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Friday - February 13

8:00 + Lena DeVicaris

Saturday - February 14

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the Moulder, Irving and Welker Families

Sunday - February 15

8:00 + Richard Angelozzi
10:30 + Robert and Barbara Glynn



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Anna Martinelli
Requested by
Joanne McAnally and Family



Altar Bread and Wine

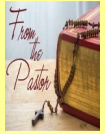
In Memory of
Vincent Termini
Requested by
Dee Tordini



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
John Coccia
Requested by
Theresa Bier and Family
2) For the Living and Deceased
Members of Stella Maris Parish





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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 during 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 thorough 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.

On Saturday February 21, 2026, at 11:00AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

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

God bless,
Fr. Di Orio

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 2026

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on
Saturday, February 21st 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.



WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR PARISH FOOD PROGRAMS!

Our *Parish Frozen Food Program* is in need of dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that meals prepared contain meat or fish, a starch (pasta/potatoes/rice) and a vegetable.

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).

We are very grateful to those who bring pantry items on a regular basis!

May God bless you for helping those in need!

Sr. Veronica's New Address

Sr. Veronica Maier
St. Joseph Villa
110 West Wissahickon Ave.
Flourtown, PA 19031

**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, 03/04/26.**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS
5:00PM EST ON MARCH 4, 2026**



Application and Financial Aid information

Application QR Code



Parent Portal Sign Up



Financial Aid QR Code



Interest Form:

Child's Name: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Parents Name: _____

Comments: _____

CHURCH BINGO NIGHT!

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and prizes!

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Time: Doors open at 6 PM and Bingo starts at 7 PM

Location: Stella Maris Church
2901 S. 10th St. Phila., PA 19148

What to Expect:

- Multiple bingo rounds
- Cash prizes
- Refreshments and snacks available for purchase
- A BYOB event

Admission:

- **\$30 per person**, includes 10 bingo games
- Additional cards available for purchase on site
- Special games
- This is an adult event. Participants must be 18 to play.

All proceeds support Stella Maris Church

Come enjoy a fun night for a great cause!

Everyone is welcome – bring your friends and family!

For more information, contact:

Stella Maris Rectory 215-465-2336

Tickets will be sold after Mass or by calling the Rectory in advance.



Stella Maris Events

2026

Saturday, February 28th–Bingo Night

Join us for a fun night of Cash Bingo! More information to follow.

Saturday, April 25th– P & S - Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our Annual Night of Delicious P & S Spaghetti and Meatballs, Esposito's Porchetta, Great Music and Fabulous Prizes!

Spring 2026–\$50 Grand Raffle

\$50 Raffle tickets will be sold beginning in May 2026 for a drawing of 6 prizes which will be held after each Mass the weekend of Nov.22/23.

More information to follow.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. Whether you are divorced and want to marry in the Catholic Church or are remarried outside the Church, please visit our website:

archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan_tribunal

**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.



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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