



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 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.

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 9, 2020

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life:
Collection for weekend of February 1 and February 2
Income: Plate = \$5,676.00+ AWC = \$ 102.50 = \$5,778.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements = (\$11,115.78)
Total = (\$5,337.28)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word: "The light that shines out from Jesus is the splendor of the truth. Every other truth is a fragment of the Truth that He is, and refers to Him. Jesus is the Pole Star of human freedom: without Him it loses its sense of direction, for without the knowledge of the truth, freedom degenerates, becomes isolate, and is reduced to sterile arbitration. With Him, freedom is rediscovered, it is recognized to have been created for our good and is expressed in charitable actions and behaviors."

Automated Withdrawal Contributions (AWC):

Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish. Your offering can be in any amount. Please call the Rectory for more information. Thank you!

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for all the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeanette Albanese, Rosario Allia, Blaise Ambrosini, Gloria Angelozzi, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Maryann Baranek, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr./Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Robert Costello, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna Del Vecchio and the Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Frank Filippello, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, 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, Anna Philipp, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Mr./Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, 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, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Rest in Peace **We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**

MARIE MAFFEI

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.

Sunday—February 9

8:00 + George J. Polizzi
10:30 + Anthony Sammarone

Monday—February 10

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday—February 11

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Wednesday—February 12

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Thursday—February 13

8:00 + Vincent C. Milione

Friday—February 14

8:00 + Vaughn Potere

Saturday—February 15

8:00 + Salvatore Sandoli
5:00 + Vincent and Jennie Moffo

Sunday—February 16

8:00 + Chris and Marie Marchiano
10:30 + Anthony and Frances Masciantonio

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Robert "Bob" Massa

Requested by
Tom and Tinker



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Barbara Lalli

Requested by
Antoinette Delia



ANOINTING MASS

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on Saturday, February 29, 2020, 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 the Mass and receive Anointing of the Sick, please call Sister Veronica at 215-465-2336, extension 8.

Also, volunteer drivers are needed to transport some of our homebound. If you can help, please call Sister Veronica to offer your services.

STELLA MARIS MINISTRY

As Christians, we are called to share our time, talents, and treasures. Our Parish is asking you to share some of your time and talents by volunteering to be part of one of our ministries (Lectors, Choir/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours.

Thank you and God bless.





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 today's Gospel from St. Matthew, we hear that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This passage follows immediately Jesus' presentation of the Beatitudes, using the metaphors of salt and light. Despite the possibility of persecution, the mission of the disciples is to remain faithful to who they are and for their deeds to draw others to God.

"You are the light of the world". 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. 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 really about. However, nothing says that this will be safe or easy. This is what being a disciple of Jesus means.

"You are the salt of the earth". As believers, we are called to be the salt of the earth. Salt is significant and important to us because it is for our wellbeing and survival. Life depends on salt. We cannot function without it. Our nervous system depends on salt-sodium. Salt is good for many things. It gives flavor to food and is used as a preservative. If salt becomes contaminated, it goes flat and therefore is useless. As disciples, it is our duty to not allow the Gospel to get contaminated through compromise or misuse. Therefore, we must ask, "Is our faith flat"? Our faith must be based on something deeper than what the world has to offer. 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 light for this world.

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 9, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this time of year we're asked to remember the priests who have offered their lives in the service to the Church in Philadelphia. Through their pastoral service and sacramental ministry, our priests have mediated Christ's presence to us and our world. In parish communities, schools, and institutions, they've served so that we might experience the enduring kindness of our God.

Many retired priests continue to help parishes with their pastoral ministry. Others, due to advanced age and declining health, have had to withdraw from active ministry. Many of our retired priests reside at Villa Saint Joseph in Darby and Regina Coeli in Warminster, where they continue to carry a message of hope to others by their lives of prayer and sacrifice. These priests now need care themselves. Your financial support is urgently requested at this time of their life.

The annual **Collection for the Care of the Aging and Infirm Priests** of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken in all parishes on the **weekend of February 15-16, 2020**. This annual collection is an opportunity for the faithful to express their gratitude for the many blessings received through the lives of these good priests.

Your kindness will be remembered daily in my prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones for your generous response to this annual appeal.

Gratefully and with continued prayers for you,

+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN OUR CHURCH

Our church is so important to us as a community of faith, and we need your help to keep it looking beautiful and clean for all to enjoy worshipping the Lord here at Stella Maris. We are asking for volunteers, both men and women, to help keep our newly renovated church in tip-top shape. If you would like to volunteer for this most important ministry, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM).

We truly appreciate all those who will give of their time and talents to help us keep our sacred space looking lovely for our Lord and His people!



STELLA MARIS SODALITY
DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held on **Saturday, March 7, 2020**, beginning at **8:30AM**. The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 8:30AM-8:45AM-Rosary
- 8:45AM-9:30AM-Breakfast;
- 9:30AM-10AM-Speaker, Father James Spenard, O.S.A.
- 10AM-10:45AM-Confessions and Quiet Prayer Time
- 11AM-12NOON-Mass
- 12NOON-Lunch.

Cost for the day is \$20. For more information, please call Cathy at 215-465-7451.

Everyone is most welcome to attend!

TOMASELLO WINERY AND CASINO TRIP



The Star of the Sea Seniors trip to the Tomasello Winery and Resorts Casino is **this Tuesday, 02/11/20**. For those attending, the itinerary for the day is as follows: **Please be in the Rectory parking lot by 9:30AM as bus leaves promptly at 9:45**; 11AM-Wine Tasting and Luncheon; 1:15PM-Depart for Casino; 2PM-Resorts Casino; 7PM-Depart for Home; **8:30PM-approximate arrival home**. If you have any questions, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386.

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.
- 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 Parish Rectory at 215-465-2336, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 4PM, up to and including Friday, February 28, 2020 to determine eligibility and for the web address. **Applications will be accepted online only.**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS 5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2020!



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO LANCASTER

The Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the brand new show, "**Queen Esther**", on **Thursday, 03/19/20**. Cost is **\$135 per person** and includes: Theater matinee show, buffet meal at Millers Restaurant, free time at Kitchen Kettle Village, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except driver). **Full payment is now due.**

For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386. Make checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors; Mail payments to: Attention: Rose Giovanelli
Stella Maris Rectory
2901 South 10th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19148



COME AND SEE WEEKENDS AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

Come and See Weekends are designed to let young men who are discerning the priesthood see what a typical Seminary weekend looks like. Between Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and fellowship with the seminarians, it is an unmatched opportunity for a young man to see if he has a vocations to the priesthood.

Come and see weekends come in two varieties: an overnight stay from Saturday into Sunday for high school men, and a Friday night to Sunday for post-high school men. The upcoming weekends are as follows:

High School Men: 02/22/20-02/23/20
03/14/20-03/15/20

Post High School Men: 02/28/20-03/01/20
04/24/20-04/26/20

If you know anyone who would benefit from a weekend of discernment, send them this information! Post-high school men and parents of high schoolers can register by emailing Sue Matour, Associate Director at smatour@archphila or by visiting the website at heedthecall.org/comeandsee.



OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL NEWS

There are two scholarship opportunities that have opened for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- 1) **Children's Scholarship of Philadelphia** is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are available through their website: www.csphiladelphia.org. **Deadline is March 1, 2020.**
- 1) **FACTS Financial Aid Application** replaces the SmartAid Financial Application. Financial Aid through FACTS requires an **application fee of \$30**. Financial aid **deadline is March 15, 2020.**

Tours of the School are available by calling **215-467-5385** to make an appointment or to learn more about school programs. For more information, you can also email Ms. Cody, the Principal, at: pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com.

Please note: Registrations for the 2020-2021 school year have begun. Please call 215-467-5385 for information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

Catholic Charities Appeal Night with the 76ers is set for **Thursday, 02/20/20, at 8:00PM!** Join us to watch the Philadelphia 76ers take on the Brooklyn Nets. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal programs. If we reach our goal of 150 tickets sold, Jim Amato, Secretary for Catholic Social Services, will be honored on court before the start of the game.

For more information, contact Gina DeColli at: gdecoll@catholicfoundation.org.

To purchase tickets, please visit: <https://fevo.me/cca76>.

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUPS

Looking to connect with area Catholic moms? The Office for the New Evangelization has created a new webpage where you can find local Catholic moms groups and resources. Check out the site at phillyevang.org/moms. If you are a leader of a Catholic moms' group that is not listed on this site, please email salbanese@archphila.org. Stay tuned for upcoming events. You can check this out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram [@phillyevang](https://www.instagram.com/phillyevang).

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TELEVISION 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.



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. Those who receive these meals are elderly and it is healthy for them to get a balanced, nutritious meal.

Our Food Pantry can use some help as well. Non-perishable items (jarred peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauces; canned tuna fish, stews, vegetables/soups; boxed pasta, crackers, potatoes, etc.) are appreciated by those in emergency situations. Please leave your non-perishable food donations in the Outreach Room (across from the trophy case).

We are grateful to those who take home trays and return them with their leftovers/prepared meals, and/or those who bring pantry items on a regular basis.

May God reward your efforts for feeding those in need.

RETROUVAILLE FOR STRESSED OR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope-that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. The next program is being held from Friday to Sunday, **02/21-02/23, 2020**, at Malvern Retreat House in the Family Life Center, 315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern, PA 19355. For more information or to register for the retreat weekend, please call **215-766-3944** or **800-470-2230**. All inquiries are confidential. You can also visit the website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

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 **\$1,591**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,133** 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, 04/10/20. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are **confidential**.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Saturday, 02/15/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/15/20-Helping Hands-10:00AM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Sunday, 02/16/20-NO CCD CLASSES-Presidents' Day Wknd.
- Tuesday, 02/18/20-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/22/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/22/20-First Communion Retreat-9:00AM, Offsite, Saint Richard's Hall
- Saturday, 02/22/20-Confirmation Retreat -12:30PM, Hall/Church
- Sunday, 02/23/20-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church
- Wednesday, 02/26/20-Ash Wednesday-8AM Mass, 12Noon Prayer Service, 7PM Mass, all in Church
- Friday, 02/28/20-Stations of the Cross-7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 02/29/20-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/29/20-Anointing Mass-11:00AM, Church/Vestibule



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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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. Thank you!

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