



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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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of February 15 & February 16	
Income: Plate = \$3,884.00 + AWC= \$85.00 =	\$3,969.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements =	(\$26,216.37)
Total	=(\$22,247.37)
Collection for weekend of February 22 & February 23	
Income: Plate = 4,540.00 + AWC= \$85.00 =	\$4,625.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements =	(\$38,256.23)
Total	=(\$33,631.23)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "The season of Lent should not be faced with an "old" spirit, as if it were a heavy and tedious obligation, but with the new spirit of those who have found the meaning of life in Jesus and in His Paschal mystery and realize that henceforth, everything must refer to Him,"
- Pope Benedict XVI



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, 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, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthe 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, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCafrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Harooz 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, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, 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, 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:
Frank McAnally Peter Serratore

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 March 2, 2025***

Saturday - March 1

5:00 + Luigi Pintarelli

Sunday - March 2

8:00 + Anthony and Mary Pizzo
10:30 + Robert and Marie Maffei

Monday - March 3

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - March 4

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli and family

Wednesday - March 5 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00 + Joseph Fragala, Jr.
12:00 + Prayer Service
7:00 + Philomena Feehan

Thursday - March 6

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday - March 7

8:00 + Wanda Johnson

Saturday - March 8

8:00 + Evelyn Sonsini
11:00 + Anointing of the Sick
5:00 + Carmen Potito

Sunday - March 9

8:00 + Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones
10:30 + Joseph and Florence Fragala



Church Sanctuary Lamp

For the Intentions of
Anthony and Maria Giunta



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Anna Gajewski
Requested by
her husband Joe



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Ashes will be distributed on **Ash Wednesday,**
3/5/2025
during the following times:
8:00 AM Mass
12:00 NOON Prayer Service
7:00 PM Mass



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Wednesday, March 5th begins the Season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the Masses and at a prayer service. Please see the times listed in the bulletin. Remember, this is a day of **fasting and abstinence**. Please keep in mind that all persons who are **14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent**. Further, all persons **18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday**, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

Also, this coming Saturday, March 08, 2025, at the 11:00AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

This weekend I extend to the adults of our parish community a companion to journey with in Lent. **The Little Black Book** is the companion. This little black book provides an easy and convenient way for us to spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer with our Lord during Lent.

The Catholic Charities Appeal has begun in our Archdiocese, our parish goal is \$25,000. You should have received 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!

How often in our lives have we heard or we ourselves have said, "Look, there goes the blind leading the blind!" Jesus is the living Word of God made flesh. He is the embodiment of righteousness, virtue, and truth. As a consequence of our fallen nature, it is impossible for us to achieve holiness on our own. We are like the blind leading the blind. Jesus asks the question in today's Gospel, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" Well, the journey that concerns Jesus is the spiritual one – walking through our earthly lives in a way, ultimately, that will lead us home to heaven. Therefore, Jesus offers us a variety of test criteria that we might consider before following someone. Pay attention to how the would-be leader speaks and to what he says-words do count. See how the person performs under fire. Check the health of the individual and see what sort of fruit he bears. "Every tree is known by its own fruit." When discerning whom to trust for living according to God's will, results matter. And ask lots of questions if the person wears dark glasses and seems to fumble or stumble. If you follow just anyone indiscriminately, there is a good chance that you'll both wind up in a ditch. To bear good fruit as disciples of Jesus, we must first encounter Christ and receive His instruction. The authenticity of one's instruction and its effectiveness are known in the results that arise from it. Who will we follow?

Be assured of my prayers and I ask that you please remember me in yours.

God bless,
Fr. Di Orio

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS
SATURDAY, MARCH 8th, 2025

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on **Saturday, March 8th 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.



Archbishop Perez has extended to all peoples of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, an invitation to join him in a conversation regarding the future of the Archdiocese. The invitation can be found at, www.trustandhope.org or by scanning the code



STELLA MARIS PARISH FUNDRAISER
P&S SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

Tickets: \$40 per person (No tickets will be sold at the door)

Tickets Include: -Delicious Food
-Water, Soda, Coffee, & Tea
-Raffle Sheet for Exciting prizes

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

BYOB – Bring your Favorite Drinks!

For Ticket sales, please call Stella Maris Rectory @
215-465-2336

FAST AND ABSTINENCE
AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2025

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light, which means eating one regular meal, two small meals, and no snacks.

All of the faithful are encouraged, whenever possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in *Operation Rice Bowl* which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

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In Stella Maris Parish, the collection for *Operation Rice Bowl* will take place on the weekend of **March 15 and March 16, 2025.**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There is an 8 week Bereavement Support Group which runs several times each year at TJUH Methodist Hospital. Each week participants will have the opportunity to support one another and learn about different topics within the grieving process. For more information, please call the Department of Pastoral Care at **215-952-9547.**

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PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our *Parish Frozen Food Program* is in need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that 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 kindly ask, when the church is open before or during Mass times, that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).

May God bless you for helping those in need!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of abortion-no matter how much time has passed-please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgiveable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

**To contact our team to register or for questions:
Susan-610-716-4795; Georgeann-484-955-4278**



2025 WORLDWIDE
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

MARRIED COUPLES — When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! "Live your best life in love" The next in-person experiences are **March 28-30** in the Daylesford Abbey, Paoli and **June 20-22** at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson.

**For more information visit:
<https://www.wwme-philly.org>**

ST. MONICA ELDERCARE PROGRAM

St. Monica Eldercare program is currently interviewing for substitutes as a care partner. If you enjoy working with seniors, are able to vacuum, assist with laundry, local errands, and bed linen changes, you would be an ideal candidate. The care partner visits the senior for two hours one day a week and helps as needed. Hours/days can be flexible (Monday to Friday during the day) Please contact Sister Ruth at **215-334-0285** or **rhennessy@chs-adphila.org** if you are interested!

**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.

Email Maria at mariamalone@mmredeemer.org to attend in person, to get a virtual meeting link and to get any updates on meeting times and locations.



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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