



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.

Third Sunday of Easter
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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of 04/10/21 & 04/11/21:
Income = Plate \$4,495.00 + AWC \$72.50 = \$4,567.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$23,498.25)
Total = (\$18,930.75)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

"The Eucharist is meant to energize us to take Christ's presence out into the world....In the Eucharist, Jesus feeds us and sends us to "preach in his name to all the nations" (Luke 24:47). We are his witnesses."

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 Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr & Mrs Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, Brian Capuano, 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, Marie Feehan, 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, Lucille Labate, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Julia Lynch, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Mildred Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, 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 Santaguida, Baby Rocco Santangelo, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Carol Schwinger, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Grover 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:

BERNICE CAMPBELL MARIA LOMBARDO
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 April 18, 2021**

Sunday-April 18

8:00 + Mary Pizzo
10:30 + Vecchiolli Family

Monday-April 19

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday-April 20

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Wednesday-April 21

8:00 + Augusta Potito

Thursday-April 22

8:00 + Nancy DiStanisloa

Friday-April 23

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Saturday-April 24

8:00 + Theresa (Teri) Di Orio
5:00 + Frank and Ilda Colelli

Sunday-April 25

8:00 + Joseph Crusco
10:30 + First Holy Communion

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Msgr. James F. Connelly
Requested by
Michael & Julie Vitale
and son, Michael



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
Msgr. James F. Connelly
Requested by
Michael & Julie Vitale
and son, Michael
2) In Memory of
Msgr. James F. Connelly
Requested by
Michael & Julie Vitale
and son, Michael



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Msgr. James F. Connelly
Requested by
Michael & Julie Vitale and son, Michael

Paschal Candle

In Memory of the
Deceased Members of
The Kubicky and Monteith Families
Donated by
Robert and Donna Kubicky





From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel, Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." Jesus' first gift to us from the Resurrection was peace, a freedom from fear.

Unfortunately, there is a kind of functional atheism that prevails in our day. Although most still say that they believe in God, they live as if they do not. God is hardly a thought. Many act, think and say things not even considering what faith has taught. Secular cultural values are far more influential than scriptural values. Many have reduced faith to simply how we worship on Sunday. How we worship and how we pray has little to do with the rest of the week. It is as if the new religious motto is, "What is said in church stays in church."

At least this is the case until catastrophe strikes, until sickness comes to our home, until the routines of our lives are suddenly and violently upset. When these things happen, it brings us into our churches. Words like cancer, stroke, and heart attack strike fear. Words like murder, robbery, violence, and terrorism shake us. These things drive us to look for peace.

The problem with fear as the motivator for getting a person to seek God is that, once the fear is gone, there is no reason to stay faithful. The storm passes, so it is OK to return to our former way of living.

Too many of us say that we "know" Jesus, but we do not act like it. If we really knew Jesus, we would not need fear to motivate us to turn to God. The peace that Jesus offers is not the absence of war, violence, sickness, or death, but one of freedom which offers us the courage we need to follow Jesus. Fear should never be the motivator for us to follow our Lord. If we truly accept the Lord's promise to give us peace in our lives, then this promise of peace should be a much stronger motivation toward faith than fear.

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio

MEMORIALS

Below is a list of donations that have been made to honor the memory of a loved one who has passed on, but will never be forgotten.

In Memory of	Donor
Josephine Rubbo Josephine Rubbo	Joseph and Marianne Calabrese Johnson & Johnson Family of Company's Retirees Club- Eastern Region
Josephine Rubbo Josephine Rubbo Josephine Rubbo	Kathleen and Thomas Langston Annette Pushkarewicz Irene and Anthony Tucci

FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin *Missa*, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

WITNESS

"Faith cannot be reduced to a private sentiment or indeed, be hidden when it is inconvenient; it also implies consistency and witness, even in the public arena, for the sake of human beings, justice, and truth."

-Pope Benedict XVI, 10/09/2005



STELLA MARIS HELPING HANDS CLOTHING DRIVE



It's that time of year to put away the cold weather gear and get ready for the warm sunshine! It's time to clean out those closets and drawers of items you can no longer use. Please consider donating those items as well as small appliances and household items to the **Stella Maris Helping Hands Clothing Drive**, which will be held on **Saturday, May 1, 2021**. The "Green Drop" truck will be in the parking lot from **9AM to 12NOON**.

Thank you for helping those less fortunate.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 1, 2021** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, located at 18th St. & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila., PA 19103, at the **5:15PM Vigil Mass** with Presider, Archbishop Nelson J. Perez. This Mass will be commemorating all married couples who are newlyweds, or celebrating their 5, 10, 25, or 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. Wedding vows will be renewed. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please **RSVP** by calling The Office for Life and Family at **215-587-0500**.

For more information, please visit:

www.phillycatholiclife.org.



ARCHDIOCESAN LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE!

If you have been fully vaccinated and are healthy, we encourage you to return to Church to celebrate Mass with your Stella Maris Parish Family.

For those still unable to attend Mass in person, we invite you to watch the live-streamed Archdiocesan Masses celebrated at the Cathedral, by accessing the Archdiocesan website at: (**<https://vimeo.com/channels/catholicphillymass>**). On the right-hand side, under "Browse this Channel", click on "Videos", then click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.

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.



CULTURAL HERITAGE MASS

The Annual Cultural Heritage Mass will be held on **Saturday, 04/24/21 at 2:30PM** in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City, Philadelphia. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist is Archbishop Nelson J. Perez.

The Procession will begin at 2:00PM. Many cultures join in one faith to create one family in Christ! All are welcome to join in this celebration for global solidarity in the alleviation of poverty. This event is sponsored by: The Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees- **215-587-3540** (migrantsandrefugeesphilly.org)

and the
Pontifical Mission Societies- **215-587-3944**
(phillymissions.org).

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION HONORING THE GIFTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, THE DEAF COMMUNITY, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CAREGIVERS

Join Archbishop Nelson Perez, Principal Celebrant and Homilist, in the Celebration of the Eucharist next Sunday, **April 25, 2021 at 3:00PM** for the Annual Celebration honoring the gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family and Friends, held in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway. (For safety there will be mask wearing and social distancing). Accessible parking on the premises. **RSVP online at www.opdarchphilly.org**, or call **215-587-3530** or email at opdarchphila.org.

Address Information for Paratransit is
222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

"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 our Easter Season continues, 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:

April 21 — St. Anselm
April 23 — St. George; St. Adalbert
April 24 — St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

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

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!



**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 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 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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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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