



# Stella Maris Catholic Church

Founded in the Marian Year 1954  
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## Rev. John DiOrio

Pastor (ext. 2)

### Staff

Mr. Cormac Brady - Music Director (ext. 7)  
Mrs. Donna Glynn - Administrative Support (ext. 6)  
Mrs. Stephanie Grossman - Parish Secretary ( ext. 3)  
Mrs. Dawn Lalli-Shaw - Business Manager (ext. 4)  
Ms. Susanne Rago - Director of Religious Education (ext. 5)

### The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)  
Sundays: 8:00am and 10:30am

### Weekdays

8:00am (Tuesday through Friday)  
Holy Days: 5:00pm (Vigil)  
8:00am and 7:00pm

### Confession

4:00pm-4:45pm Saturday in Church

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Each Saturday following the 8am Mass. Veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Labouré concludes the service.

### Perpetual Adoration

Come adore our Eucharistic Lord in the Little Flower Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Chapel is located in the basement of the rectory. A Key Fob is necessary to gain entrance into the chapel. You can purchase a Fob in the rectory office Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4pm for fifteen dollars.

### 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 Baptism. These classes take place at the rectory by appointment only. To register for the class, please call the rectory during business hours

(M-F; 9am to 4pm). Baptisms may be held on any Sunday once the Pre-Jordan Class is completed.

### Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation

Anyone asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor should contact the rectory for Letter of Eligibility.

### Matrimony

Couples must contact the Pastor at least 6months prior before intended wedding date. All couples are required to attend pre-marital instruction in preparation for marriage.

*April 19, 2026*  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

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Your Church Contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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](http://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 April 11 & April 12  
Income: Plate = \$ 5,297.00 + AWC = \$ 81.25 = \$ 5,378.25  
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$ 27,507.02 )  
Total = (\$ 22,128.77 )

STEWARDSHIP

*Living*

**The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation  
of our Christian faith and the source of our  
eternal hope. - Saint Leo the Great**

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 Goren, 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 McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Missy McGrath, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecilia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petrizzi, 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, 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, Carolyn Young, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.

**We pray for our deceased Parishioners**

***Millie Santore and Bobbie W. Offord***

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 19, 2026**

**Saturday April 18**

5:00 + James Botti

**Sunday April 19**

8:00 + Michael Pizzo

10:30 + Catherine Kramer

**Monday April 20**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday April 21**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Wednesday April 22**

8:00 + Augusta Potito

**Thursday April 23**

8:00 + For the Parents of Juliano and Palestini

**Friday April 24**

8:00 + Theresa (Teri) Di Orio

**Saturday April 25**

8:00 + Sam Palesano

5:00 + Joseph Nuzzi

**Sunday April 26**

8:00 + Frank and Ilda Colelli

10:30 + First Holy Communicants

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

Intentions of  
Ray and Pat DeJohn  
Requested by  
Anonymous



**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Joseph Italiano  
Requested by  
Marie Italiano



**Adoration Chapel Candles**

1) In Memory of  
Joseph Gatto  
Requested By  
Mary Gatto



2) For the Living  
and Deceased  
Members of Stella  
Maris

**Paschal Candle**

In Memory of the  
Deceased Members of  
The Kubicky and Monteith Families



## *Letter from* OUR PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In our Gospel reading from St. Luke, the disciples are on their way to Emmaus when they encounter Christ, but they did not recognize Him. It wasn't until Jesus sat to eat with them, took the bread and broke it, that their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him.

Do we recognize Christ in our midst and in our lives? It is not easy to recognize Christ when He comes into our everyday lives, disguised as our family members, our co-workers, or drivers on the road. However, we are not alone in our blindness. The disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus. Even though they had followed Him, seen Him perform miracles, and heard Him preach, His appearance was not the same. Only the breaking of the bread opened their eyes. So why didn't the disciples recognize Jesus at first? The preconceived notions about the Messiah prevented them from understanding that Jesus had to die first that we might live. They had been told about the necessity of these events many times, but they had not believed, they did not understand. Their own ideas blocked their vision. Jesus' gradual revelation of Himself allows them to learn certain lessons about who He is and about trusting God's promises. (Jesus never forces us to believe; He gently invites us.) The disciples didn't recognize our Lord until He takes the bread, says the blessing, and breaks it; only then their eyes are opened, and they recognize the Risen Lord. Mary Magdalene thought the Risen Christ was the gardener on Easter morning – until He spoke her name. The disciples, on resurrection night in Jerusalem, thought they were seeing a ghost until Jesus showed them His wounds. How do we recognize Christ in our midst? We know that Christ is present among us at Mass in the Word, the assembly, the priest and most especially in Eucharist. It's easy for us to acknowledge Christ on the cross in church but find it more difficult to recognize and serve Christ disguised in our everyday lives. He is present in our neighbors. If we truly believed that every act of kindness, we do for another we do for Christ, how would our actions change? Could we refuse a Christ needing a winter coat or an air conditioner? What about our treatment of the poor? What about our neighbor whose dog barks incessantly, or the one who doesn't take care of their property? What about the person who cuts you off on the highway? What about the person in the supermarket who gets into the less than 15 items check-out line with a cart full of groceries? Are we blinded and preoccupied with other things in our lives, or do we take time to see Christ in our midst? Recognizing Christ requires a response. Mary Magdalene ran to tell the disciples. The disciples on the road to Emmaus returned to Jerusalem to describe their encounter with the Risen Christ. We are more apt to see Christ in others if we try to be Christ to others. We need to recognize Christ in the "least of our brothers and sisters" as we travel the road in our lives. Like those early disciples, we have the ability to have our eyes opened by the breaking of bread whenever we take communion.

Please note, our annual May Procession in honor of Our Blessed Mother will be held on Tuesday, May 5th, at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to be a part of this annual devotion. Please mark your calendars.

Today is Deacon Jude's last official day with us. As you know, next weekend after the 10:30am Mass, we will have a farewell for Deacon Jude. Please note today is the last day to submit your R.S.V.P. for his party. Thank you.

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

Happy Easter!

Fr. Di Orio

## **STELLA MARIS/EPIPHANY**

**Religious Prep (CCD) 2026-2027**

**Early Registration is now open!**

### **Requirements:**

1. Students must be 6 or older by 9/1/26
2. Baptismal Certificate
3. Completed Registration Form by 7/6/26
- \*Early Bird Special \$140**
4. \$40 Deposit by 7/6/26

**Email: [stellamarisdre@comcast.net](mailto:stellamarisdre@comcast.net) or**

**Phone: 215-465-2336**

**for information and forms**

Please Note: **After 7/6/26 Registration Fee \$175**

Completed Registration Form

And \$75 deposit due by 8/31/26

**Classes are held on Sunday mornings at  
Stella Maris**



## **Stella Maris Events**

**2026**

**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.

## **Sr. Veronica and Sr. Claire Leshner's New Address:**

**Sr. Veronica Maier / Sr. Claire Leshner**

**St. Joseph Villa**

**110 West Wissahickon Ave.**

**Flourtown, PA 19031**

**Below are the Donations that have been  
made to honor the memory of loved ones  
who have passed on, but will never be  
forgotten.**

### **In Memory of**

Ellen Garbarino

### **Donors:**

Lynn D'Orio

Jerald & Jacqueline Archibald

Jeffrey & Ellen Hoover

Daniel & Jillian Ferry

Mary Jo Anthony

## **STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE**

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on Saturday 5/2/26, from 9:00AM to 12 Noon, to benefit St. Vincent DePaul. Look for the Thrifty Irishman Truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be able to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing/ shoes in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as linens, kitchenware, small appliances in good working condition, sporting goods, games, toys, bikes, tools and jewelry are also accepted.

We cannot accept furniture, large appliances, TV's, computers or computer monitors.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

Contact Maria at [mariamalone@mmredeemer.org](mailto: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:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**PHONE #**  
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**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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