



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.

April 26, 2020
Third Sunday of Easter

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God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life:

Collection for weekend of April 11 & 12, 2020:
Income: Plate = \$3,867.00 + AWC = \$102.50 = \$3,969.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$9,731.06)
Total = (\$5,761.56)

Collection for weekend of April 18 & 19, 2020:
Income: Plate = \$2,666.00 + AWC = \$102.50 = \$2,768.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$33,238.38)
Total = (\$30,469.88)

Living Stewardship - STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord, along the road of Resurrection! Explain for us, so slow to believe, the things that Scripture says of You. Break the Bread of the Eucharist with us whenever we share our lives with our Brothers and Sisters. Stay with us each time night approaches and the daylight fades in our hearts!

- From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSP

Sick Relatives & Friends

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

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Gloria Angelozzi, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Maryann Baranek, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr./Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, 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 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, 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, Sophie Philipp, Sophia Phillips, 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, 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, Matt Watson, the military disabled, home-bound, and their families.



**We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners,
Relatives and Friends:**
HELEN CENTOLA
JOSEPH ITALIANO

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 26, 2020**

Sunday - April 26

8:00 + Joseph and Francis Badolato
10:30 + Those Preparing to Receive
First Holy Communion

Monday - April 27

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - April 28

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Wednesday - April 29

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Thursday - April 30

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Friday - May 1

8:00 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Saturday - May 2

8:00 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris
Sodality
5PM + Armenia Lauria

Sunday - May 3

8:00 + Flavio and Stella Palestini
10:30 + Domenico and Maria Romeo

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Tom Gracey

Requested by
Tom and Tinker



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Richard Smith

Requested by
Lorinda Fina



PASCAL CANDLE

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

Donated by
Robert and Donna Kubicky



Parish Giving: 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

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 or 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, in today's Gospel did not recognize the Risen Christ, 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. 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. 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. 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 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? 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. How do we recognize Christ in our midst? 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.

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

Happy Easter!
Fr. Di Orio

STELLA MARIS RECTORY SCHEDULE

Due to the present Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation and for the safety of everyone, Stella Maris Rectory will be closed until further notice.



GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter.

Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize Him - in the breaking of the bread. - Copyright @ J. S. Paluch Co.

A PRAYER TO COMBAT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Most merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.



We place before You the disease present in our world. We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

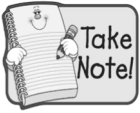
Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen.

YOU CAN WATCH STELLA MARIS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS!



Please Note: You do not need Facebook to LITURGY view the video of the Liturgical Celebrations. Just access the Facebook page on the Parish's Website (stellamarisphila.com). Click the link and it will take you to Facebook, when asked to log in just click "not now" or "x" out of the box. Go to video and click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.



**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS
TRIP TO LANCASTER**

Important Notice: Star of the Sea Seniors trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the brand new show, “Queen Esther”, which was scheduled for **Thursday, 03/19/20 has been postponed until Thursday, September 17, 2020**, due to health concerns regarding public gatherings and the safety of those attending this trip. More information to follow as the trip date gets closer. If you have questions, please call Marge Varley at **215-463-3386**.

PARISH BREAKFAST!

Our Parish Breakfast, originally scheduled for **Sunday, 05/17/20**, has been postponed for the safety of all during this Covid-19 pandemic. We will provide all important information for this event as soon as it is re-scheduled. If anyone has purchased a ticket for the Parish Breakfast, please be assured that all tickets will be honored for the new date.

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

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. 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.



**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.

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Please check with organizations, schools, parishes, etc. who have postings in our bulletin to see if their events and/or functions have been cancelled or postponed. Thank you. Be safe. God bless!

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STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

Due to the present situation with Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the safety of all involved, all Stella Maris events are suspended until further notice. God bless!



**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES
AND AUTISM HELP**

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese are offering this convenient help line to assist families to connect to the disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To reach the Help-Line please call **484-472-5041** or email: **IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org**.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from ongoing 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 at 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program. This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

**MOTHERS OF CHILDREN
WITH DISABILITIES RETREAT**



“Embracing the Gift”

The annual retreat for Mothers of Children with Disabilities is being held on Tuesday, 05/05/20, from 9:30AM to 2:00PM, at Malvern Retreat House. The presenters of this retreat are David and Mercedes Rizzo, parents of a daughter with autism and author of the book: *Praying For our Special Needs Child*. This retreat welcomes mothers and grandmothers raising children with disabilities and also for those who have adult children with disabilities. Come experience a time set apart just for you. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with moms and grand moms and celebrate Mass. Cost is \$35. For information, call Malvern Retreat House at **610-644-0400**, or Office for Persons with Disabilities at **215-587-3530**. Register online at **www.malvernretreat.com**.

**REGISTRATION
FOR OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL**

School Registration for new students for the 2020-2021 continues, and is by appointment only. Appointments can be made and all questions answered by calling the OLH school office at **215-467-5385**. Documents needed for registration are: Original birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Records, most recent Report Card, standardized testing for students entering grades 1 through 8, Registration fee of \$150 per family (non-refundable), and a \$200 tuition deposit. You may email the principal at: **pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com**.



**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.

Visit archphila.org/hope for details and new postings.

HEALING MASS FOR ADDICTIONS

On the **THIRD TUESDAYS** of every month there is a Healing Mass for all those in alcohol and drug addiction and families affected by these addictions at 6:00PM at Saint Gabriel's, 29th and Dickinson Streets. The service will include: Mass, prayers, adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; followed by a social and meeting. Join us as we ask God to help us. All are invited.



Prayer for those in Addiction

Oh Lord, I come to You to pray for all who are weighed down with some form of addiction. Lord, You are the One Who came to set the captives free and to release the sinners from chains that bind them-so I lift before Your throne of grace all those addicted to drugs and alcohol. Lord, I know some personally, and others that I know nothing about - but You know everyone that is enchained by the curse of addiction. Look with compassion on all that are ensnared by any form of addiction and send help and freedom to all who would accept help. Lord, I pray so that they may be released from this imprisonment and returned to a life that has dignity and meaning. Give wisdom to their family members and those who care for them that they may be given the help and support to put them back on the road to recovery. Endow them with patience, understanding and perseverance, knowing that this can take time to address. More than anything Lord, I pray for their salvation. You died for every sinner and it was Your love for them that caused You to die on the cross of shame that they might be lifted up and seated with Christ in heavenly places. Amen.

FLAME OF LOVE EVENTS



Many Flame of Love Events and Prayer Candles throughout the nation have been suspended due to the Coronavirus. To access Flame of Love Meditations and Prayers, please go to: <https://flameoflove.us/> and click on prayers.

Flame of Love Prayer line: **712-770-4340;**
Access Code #: 331973.

**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES, AND
OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**



Although the Mass Book for 2020 is full, there are Adoration Chapel Candles and Offerings of Bread and Wine still available in 2020. Each of these are lit or offered for an entire week, seven days. Just like a Mass, you may offer these for a living or deceased person, or special intention. The donations are: \$20 for each Adoration Chapel Candle and \$25 for the offering of Bread and Wine. You may call or come to the Rectory during regular business hours to see which weeks are available, or you may complete one of the forms below, being sure to include your phone number, in case we need to contact you. Attach your donation to the form, and place it in an envelope. You may drop it in the collection basket when you attend Mass, or mail it to our Stella Maris Rectory: 2901 S 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148.



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.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

Phone# _____

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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