



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)
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Mrs. Stephanie Grossman - Parish Secretary (ext. 3)
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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 six months prior before intended wedding date. All couples are required to attend pre-marital instruction in preparation for marriage.

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Your Church Contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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 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 25 & April 26
Income: Plate = \$ 3,748.00 + AWC = \$81.25= \$ 3,829.25
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$ 15,379.02)
Total = (\$ 11,549.77)

STEWARDSHIP

Living

**"The Good Shepherd knows each of us and loves us
with a love that is stronger than death."**

St. John Paul II

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 Parishioner

Mina Sammarone

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, 2026**

Saturday April 25

5:00 + Joseph Nuzzi

Sunday April 26

8:00 + Frank and Ilda Colelli

10:30 + First Holy Communicants

Monday April 27

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday April 28

8:00 + George and Clare Weinhardt

Wednesday April 29

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday April 30

8:00 + Ann and Al Morrone

Friday May 1

8:00 + Maria Curcio

Saturday May 2

8:00 + Sarahina Baranowski

5:00 + Alfred and Marie Giosa

Sunday May 3

8:00 + Vincent and Salvatore Moffo

10:30 + Marie Leuzzi

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Intentions of
Jean Laspada
Requested by
Anonymous



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Andeo Novelli
Requested by
Joanne Perri



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
Arman A. Santorsola

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 today's Gospel from St. John, Jesus says "...whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hears his voice, as the shepherd calls his own by name and leads them out." If we think about this Gospel passage, we soon realize that it is not only the shepherd, but also the sheep, who must enter through the gate of the sheepfold. Easter is our gate. A sheepfold was a stone enclosure out in the fields, with walls high enough that the sheep could not jump over them. The enclosed space is small enough to keep the sheep warm and snug inside during the night, while being too closely packed together for predators to be able to snatch one of the sheep away. Easter challenges us to hear the voice of Jesus and follow Him into the warmth, safety, and security of the sheepfold. We cannot climb over the wall or sneak through the gate to get into the sheepfold. We have to follow Jesus through the gate as well. Jesus, by His passion, death and resurrection, leads the way for us into safety and the rest of the sheepfold. We must follow, because there is no other way that we can enter except through the fullness of Easter.

We need the sheepfold as our place of refuge and safety. Easter is Jesus opening the sheepfold to us. We know about the world that St. Peter described in his letter, a world with suffering, insults, sins, and wounds. Most especially, it is a world where from time to time, we have gone astray like sheep in the wilderness – a world where we have sinned, a world where we choose not to listen or follow the Shepherd. But Peter reminds us that through the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ our Shepherd, the Gate to the sheepfold, there is forgiveness of sins. Listening to God is one thing, but following Him is another. We can listen to God without following His words.

We need to listen to our Shepherd, Christ. We need to develop deep trust in the one voice of the Shepherd who guards us, and we need to respond quickly to His call when we stray. Our Shepherd is not always an easy Shepherd to follow. However, if we follow, Psalm 23 gives us a description of life in the sheepfold of heaven that God, through Christ, offers all of us: "beside restful waters He leads me"; "He guides me in right paths for His name's sake"; "You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes." He is the Good Shepherd who has come to deliver us from evil, and the path leading away from evil is not always smooth. Therefore, coming to know the Good Shepherd allows us to know how we are to live our lives. We are called to trust in and be reliant on God.

Last Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, Jill Tropea was received into full communion in the Catholic Church. She made a public confession of faith, was confirmed and received Holy Communion. We congratulate her and her family.

Today, at the 10:30am Mass, five of our young parishioners will be making their First Holy Communion. We congratulate these young boys and girls, along with their families. Let us keep them in our prayers as they receive the Lord for the first time:

Josue Jonathan Bautista Banchon

Edward Eusebio-Hernandez

Anthony J. Tropea, III

Brooklynn DeSalvo

Joshua Alan Perez Martinez

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

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

God bless

Father 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 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**

St. Mary Magdalen dePazzi
Lodge of the Sons of Italy is
having "A Night At The Races"
on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at
dePazzi Hall, 714 Montrose
Street. Doors open at 5:00
p.m. Post Time 6:30 p.m.
Come early to watch the
Kentucky Derby. Admission
\$5.00. Purchase a horse for
\$25.00. If interested, call
267-582-1685.

Sight and Sound Theatres presents JOSHUA!!—

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Roundtrip, deluxe motorcoach transportation
to Lancaster, PA. Bus departs ACME lot,
Passyunk Ave. and Reed St. at 8:45 AM. Lunch at
Miller's Smorgasbord at 11:30 AM. Taxes and
Gratuities included. Show is at 3 PM. Leave for
home at 6:00 PM. Coach returns approx. 8:00
PM Adult fee: \$235. Child fee: \$155. (3-12 years
old). Down payment is \$50. when you sign up.
Payment of \$100. per person is due 4/1/26.
Balance is due on 5/1/26. NO REFUNDS AFTER
4/10/26. Cash is accepted. Make checks payable

to

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church.

For more info, call Fr. Nick at

215-463-1326.

Sr. Veronica and Sr. Claire Lesher's New

Address

Sr. Veronica Maier / Sr. Claire Lesher
St. Joseph Villa
110 West Wissahickon Ave.
Flourtown, PA 19031

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 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.

Contact 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 #

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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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