



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.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Collection for weekend of May 16 and 17, 2020:
Income - Plate: \$4,722.00 + AWC: \$82.00 = \$4,804.00
Bills Paid - Total Disbursements = (\$21,130.10)
Total = (\$16,326.10)

Living Stewardship: Why is it still Easter? The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from six days of creation plus a Sabbath Day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of His Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee Year (fiftieth year) when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sunday is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the sprinkling rite at Mass. These customs point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

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 & 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, S. Jeanne Crane SSJ, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, 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 & 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, the home-bound, and their families.



**We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners,
Relatives and Friends:
JOHN KEENAN**

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 May 17, 2020**

Sunday - May 17

8:00 + Mary Pizzo
10:30 + Fannie & Fred Schiavoni and
Romeo & Josephine Verna

Monday - May 18

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - May 19

8:00 + Mary & Anthony DeLuca

Wednesday - May 20

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Vivone and Tecco
Families
5:00 + Gus Alba

Thursday - May 21

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli
7:00 + Mildred Alba

Friday - May 22

8:00 + Deceased Members of Stella Maris Parish

Saturday - May 23

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph
5:00 + Augusta Potito

Sunday - May 24

8:00 + Anna Salmieri
10:30 + Veterans' Mass

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Alfred Tropiano

Requested by
Lena Olivieri and Family



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
DeSimone & Pagnotto Families

Requested by
Family



PASCHAL CANDLE

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

Donated by
Robert & 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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend we would have had six new Priests for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. However, the Ordination to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has been postponed until Saturday, June 20, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please keep Rev. Mr. Wilmer Chirino, Rev. Mr. Cesar Izaguirre, Rev. Mr. Louis Monica, Rev. Mr. Kevin Okafor, Rev. Mr. Martin Okwudiba, and Rev. Mr. August Taglianetti in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their ordination.

In today's Gospel, Jesus said to His Disciples: "If you love Me you will keep My commandments." The question behind the passage seems to be: Can the disciples still love Jesus when He is gone? Jesus told the Apostles that, if they remained faithful to His teaching, they would be persecuted and "accused;" but, that they should not be afraid because He will send an Advocate to be with them. "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows Him." This Advocate, as we know, is the Holy Spirit. The question that we must ask ourselves is, How well do we know, believe, and love Jesus? "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Have you ever conquered one of your biggest fears? Jesus knew His Apostles were very ordinary men, despite their promises to stick with Him when things got rough. Only one of them was still with Him on Calvary. The Holy Spirit changed how the Apostles and the early Christians evaluated people. He helped the Apostles and the early Christians endure suffering for their faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit moves every disciple out of his or her comfort zone. If we are to be followers of Christ, then, like the disciples, we, too, are to keep His commandments; but, we can't do this on our own, we need help from the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit that Jesus sends keeps His memory alive and allows and helps us to be faithful until Jesus returns. The Holy Spirit is on our side.

Thursday, May 21, The Ascension of the Lord, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Due to the continued restrictions of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Mass attendance is still suspended until further notice. However, you can watch 8:00am Mass live on Facebook. **You do NOT need Facebook to view the Mass.** Just access the Parish Website (stellamarisphila.com). Under "Parish Giving" it reads "Video of Masses" and you can then click on "Stella Maris on Facebook." When asked to log in to Facebook, just click "Not Now" or "X" out of the box. The next page will be Stella Maris' Home Page on Facebook. There you can scroll down until you see "Videos" and then you will be able to click onto the Mass that you wish to watch.

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

Happy Easter Season! God Bless!
Father Di Orio

**LETTER FROM HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done as a group or individually; you can decide according to your

own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is simplicity and it is easy to find good models of prayer to follow on the internet.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in this month, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary, Our Mother, will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you and, with great affection, I send you my blessing. Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

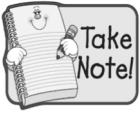
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**PRAYERS SUGGESTED BY POPE FRANCIS
FOR USE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY**

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For He took upon Himself our suffering and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. We fly to Your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

"We fly to Your protection, O Holy Mother of God." In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to You, Mother of God and our mother, and seek refuge under Your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future, the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of Mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with Your Divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers, and volunteers who are on the frontlines of this emergency and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity, and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick, night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illuminate the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude, and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity. Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all Your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out His all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To You, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



**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**.

POSTPONED - 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.

**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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**LIVE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS WITH THE
FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE**

Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary every night at 8 PM. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus. **When: Every Night: 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern)**. 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.

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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!



CCD REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2020!

Registration for our Religious Education Program for 2020-2021 is open.

Requirements:

- Students need to be 6 years or older by September 1, 2020
- Registration Form and Fee
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- Signed Letter of Permission from your Pastor, if not a member of Stella Maris Parish

Please send email stellamarisdre@comcast.net or call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 for more information and/or a Registration Packet.

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.



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.

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA - NOVENA & FEAST DAY

You're invited to join the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia for the feast of Saint Rita on Friday, May 22, 2020. The Mass will broadcast on EWTN as well as on the social media accounts (@SaintRitaShrine). Archbishop Nelson Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, will serve as the main celebrant, with Fr. Michael Di Gregorio, OSA, Prior Provincial of the Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, serving as the homilist. For more information and/or to learn more about our Solemn Novena, visit: www.SaintRitaShrine.org.



Solemn Novena of Saint Rita of Cascia

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 to Thursday, May 21, 2020 Daily Mass and the Novena Prayers to Saint Rita will be broadcast each day at 10:00am on the Shrine's Facebook and YouTube pages (@SaintRiteShrine)

Solemn Feast Day of Saint Rita of Cascia

Friday, May 22, 2020

Mass will be broadcast live on EWTN at 11:30am.

**YOU CAN WATCH STELLA MARIS
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS!**



Please Note: You do not need Facebook to view the video of 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 “Videos” and click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.

**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.

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.

**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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GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

During this "stay at home" time, the days can become monotonous. 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 name, the Saint of the day, or the Saint of the month.

The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

- May 18 - St. Eric
- May 21 - St. Andrew Bobola
- May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia (as mentioned on previous page)
- May 23 - St. John Baptist de Rossi
- May 24 - St. Joanna

Remember that the month of May is dedicated to Mary, Our Mother. You may want to find our more about Her many titles and feast days.

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