



# 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  
Laboure 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Your Church Contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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](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 May 9 & May 10**  
**Income: Plate = \$ 4,609.00 + AWC = \$81.25= \$ 4,690.25**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$34,422.78 )**  
**Total = (\$29,732.53)**



“Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother.”  
 – St. Padre Pio



**Please Pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**

Blaise Ambrosini, Dominick Anastasi, 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, 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, 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 and Relatives:**

**Alberta (Chippy) Spagnoli**

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, 2026**

**Saturday May 16**

5:00 + Augusta Potito

**Sunday May 17**

8:00 + Ronald Lalli  
 10:30 + Joseph Gatto

**Monday May 18**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday May 19**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday May 20**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday May 21**

8:00 + Milton Kosmin

**Friday May 22**

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

**Saturday May 23**

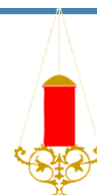
8:00+ Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
 5:00 +Yolanda DiGiacomo

**Sunday May 24**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the Nardy and Delia Families  
 10:30 + Living and Deceased Veterans

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

For the Intentions of Charles Brett  
 Requested By Anonymous



**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of Barbara DiLetto, Angie Rescigno and Dorothy Scavetti

Requested By Rescigno and DiLetto families



**Adoration Chapel Candles**

1) In Memory of Gloria Angelozzi and Phyllis Pardo  
 Requested By Vicki and Bob Pardo



2) In Memory of 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,

At this time of the year, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia confers the Sacrament of Holy Orders on young men who have been called to priesthood. This year we congratulate our eight new priests Rev. Charles H. Cappelli, Rev. Thomas G. Cipolla, Rev. Declan J. Cole, Rev. Alexander B. Cross, Rev. Michael J Gokie, Rev. Dominic W. Mirenda, Rev. Jude U. Opara and Rev. Griffen T. Schlaepfer, who have been ordained for our Archdiocese by Archbishop Nelson J. Perez this past Saturday May 16, 2026. We congratulate them and pray that their journey as priests be happy and blessed. As you can see the need for priests is great. There has not been a vocation to the priesthood from Stella Maris Parish for many decades. Keep this intention, “a vocation to the priesthood and religious life” from our parish in your prayers.

The theme of today’s reading is prayer. Jesus prays for us, but not random prayer, rather prayer that highlights a dependence on God and an openness to what God may want. Jesus is at the Last Supper with His closest followers. He is praying a lengthy prayer to His Father. What Jesus is asking is that His mission be brought to its redemptive conclusion. Jesus is offering His life-giving death as the culmination of His total submission in glorifying His Father. Jesus thanks His Father for glorifying Him in turn by bestowing on Him His rightful titles as Son and Lord. Jesus further adds glory to the Father by extending to others the life Jesus enjoys with His Father. Didn’t His Father promise to claim anyone as His own who accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior? From today’s readings, it may become obvious how Jesus’ model of praying influenced His disciples. Throughout their moments together, Jesus’ disciples notice how many times He called upon His Father in prayer. They also saw that it was not because of obligation, but because Jesus had an intimate relationship with Him. What His followers admired most was Jesus’ sincere love for His Father. The bond forged between them was loving and irreversible. This quality is what the apostles and women followers bring to the Upper Room as they gather in anticipation of the appearance of the Holy Spirit. Coming together in faith, the disciples realize that when prayer has God as its center, God comes quickly. God gave us to Jesus, which reminds us that we belong to God because of our Baptism. Therefore, God wants to be a part of our lives just as He is a part of Jesus’ life. Through His prayer Jesus is also reassuring them of His ongoing care and protection. He knows that they will struggle with the events of the next few days, and He wants to plant these words deep in their hearts and minds. When our lives get chaotic and we are dealing with difficult situations, it is hard to hear the words of Jesus. Jesus prayed that just as He “knows” the Father, He hopes His followers will also “know” the Father. Coming to know God is the whole point of prayer. Knowing God has consequences in our world, and in fact, knowing God is the basis of joy in eternal life. We must learn to “offer it up” so that our intimacy with God can grow. Jesus shows us how prayer anchors us in God all our days, including the day of our death. He shows us how prayer binds us to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in an intimate relationship of lasting love. We are also shown how prayer deepens our union with God and each other, enabling us to live the faith we profess. We need to develop regular habits of prayer and resting in God’s presence.

Jesus also cautions His followers that the world will hate them for the message that He brings. This is a theme throughout John’s Gospel, the battle between the dark and the light. But we know from the very first chapter that the darkness will not overcome the light. These words from Jesus aren’t a call to engage in the culture wars that at times seem to surround us. While threats to Christianity around the world are very real, the Gospel reminds us to focus on the light and to remember the prayer that Jesus prayed for His followers, (us). The reality of the Resurrection does not make life easy. However, it does give us hope to live our lives in love. Now that we are nearing the end of the Easter Season, I believe that all the Easter donations have been made by now. Our Easter collection total is \$19,168.00. Thank you for your generosity and support of the Parish in our recent Easter Collection.

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](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**

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

<b>In Memory of:</b>	<b>Donors:</b>
Louis and Ellen Garbarino	Anthony and Debora Borzillo
Geraldine (GiGi) DiOrio	Anthony and Debora Borzillo
Alberta (Chippy) Spignoli	Paul Giannette

### **BE ENCOURAGED CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools, and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at:

**[www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support)**



## **Stella Maris Events**

**2026**

### **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.**

## **Catholic Charities of Philadelphia**

### **Manna Bags**

**Please help support one of the biggest food  
drives from the Archdiocese!**

Manna Bags will be available at all of our  
Masses this weekend. Kindly return your filled  
Manna Bags OR bring in your own paper,  
plastic or reusable shopping bag(s) of canned  
goods on

**Saturday, May 16 or Sunday May 17.**

Canned food items in greatest need are : beef  
stew,

tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soup, and  
beans (red, black, pinto). These will help  
restock food cupboards throughout all five  
counties of the Archdiocese.

If you are unable to bring a bag of food, please  
consider donating online at:

**[www.nutritionaldevelopmentservices.org](http://www.nutritionaldevelopmentservices.org)**

**CatholicPhilly.com**

CatholicPhilly.com is the online successor to  
the Catholic Standard and Times. Read local  
and world Catholic news every day. Sign up  
for their free, weekly email newsletter!

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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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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