



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of 04/24/21 & 04/25/21:
Income = Plate \$4,354.00 + AWC \$72.50= \$4,426.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$4,712.47)
Total = (\$285.97)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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.

Living Stewardship:

“Jesus tells us: ‘If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you’ (John 15:7). Which words of His are calling you to life? Ask Him to help you to trust in the Father and surrender to what the Father wills for you.”

Sick Relatives & Friend—Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted: Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine 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, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D’Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Eric Farrell, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Lucille Labate, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Mildred Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Philipp, Theresa Quiet, 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, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, military disabled, home-bound, and their families.

Rest in Peace **We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**

BABY CHRISTOPHER NASH BINDER
DAWN DURANTE HARRY GIORDANO JR.
SAMUEL PALESANO

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 May 2, 2021

Sunday-May 2

8:00 + Frank, Anna, Antoinette and Sam Palesano
10:30 + Dolores D’Amore

Monday-May 3

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday-May 4

8:00 + Michael DeStefano

Wednesday-May 5

8:00 + Louisa Innaurato and Sisters

Thursday-May 6

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
7:00 + May Procession

Friday-May 7

8:00 + Robert Green

Saturday-May 8

8:00 + Marco Bianchini
5:00 + Living and Deceased Mothers of Stella Maris

Sunday-May 9

8:00 + Living and Deceased Mothers of Stella Maris
10:30 + Living and Deceased Mothers of Stella Maris

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Stephanie McMahon Swales

Requested by
Uncle Tom and Aunt Tinker



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Frank Frick

Requested by
Mary Simeo and Family



Paschal Candle

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

Donated by
Robert and Donna Kubicky



ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION

This Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:00PM, we will have our annual May Procession in honor of Our Blessed Mother. All are encouraged and welcome to be part of this annual devotion. Fr. John Weber, Pastor of St. Richard’s will be our guest homilist.



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rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches". He knows exactly what He is doing when He introduces His disciples to the image of the vine. In the Old Testament, when Isaiah used this symbol, it designated deprecation. Jesus mentions the popular symbol of the vine to introduce a new mandate to His followers.

Jesus announces to Pharisees, Sadducees and any Jewish listeners, that simply being a member of the Chosen People is no longer enough to be a follower. Jesus, the vine, looks to His followers as branches to set up an intimate relationship bearing fruit for all to see. It is important from this moment on that Jesus' followers establish this intimate relationship with Him. Since Jesus' message comes from His Father in heaven, everyone must accept both God's Son and believe in His message. No other external qualification is needed. Only if the branches are loyal and faithful to Jesus can they be fruitful, or else they will wither and die. However, fruit-bearing disciples enrich their own lives while simultaneously giving praise and glory to God. Only through the observances of God's commandments do each branch/disciple bear abundant fruit.

John reinforces this in the second reading, "And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us". Like Jesus, John sees the inseparable character of both these commandments, (love of God and love of neighbor). The image of the vine highlights an even deeper level of union. Jesus is as intimately one with creation as He is with the Father. It is an intimacy that produces all the good that is done with each day lived. Even if members of His creation are not always as aware as they should be, Jesus lives in them as long as they do not sin. If Jesus' followers are struggling to live as honestly as possible, then be assured Jesus is walking with them. We remain a part of the vine and produce fruit by celebrating the sacraments and praying to Him and listening for His answers. Communion with God and God's Church is the connection to the vine which feeds us. Deep faith in the acting power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the love of others can initiate all the good changes we need. It is not easy! Nothing worthwhile and lasting ever is.

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio



BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God "prunes" us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly "pruned" by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials "pruned" him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.



MANNA FOOD DRIVE

Manna Bags will be distributed at all Masses this weekend, 05/01/21-05/02/21. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on Saturday, 05/15/21 or Sunday, 05/16/21. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruits, vegetables, pastas, soups, and pork and beans.

If you are not able to bring a filled bag, feel free to donate online at:

<https://yougivegoods.com/ndsmanna>

Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.



CCD REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2021



Registration for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 school year is now open.

The following is required for Registration:

- 1) Students need to be 6 years or older by 09/01/21
- 2) Completed Registration Form and Fee
 - *Registration fee of **\$175** per child for **Stella Maris Parishioners-\$75 deposit due by July 15, 2021**
 - *Registration fee of **\$200** per child for **Non-Parishioners-\$100 deposit due by July 15, 2021**
- 3) Signed letter of permission from your pastor (only if you are not a member of Stella Maris Parish)
- 4) Baptismal certificate for all **new** registrations (only if your child was **not baptized** at Stella Maris)

Early Bird Special for those who register on or before May 15, 2021.

- ***\$140** per child for **Stella Maris parishioners: Paperwork and \$40 deposit no later than 05/15/21**
- ***\$160** per child for **Non-Parishioners: Paperwork and \$60 deposit no later than 05/15/21**

Please email stellamarisdre@comcast.net or call **215-465-2336** for more information and a Registration Packet.



PROPERTY TAX REBATE

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that **Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that **qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year.** Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. **This application must be filed by Wednesday, June 30, 2021.** To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. **Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline.** For more information or an application, call **United Social Services, Monday through Friday, between 10AM and 4PM at 215-923-1900** and a staff member will assist you.



LIVE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. **The schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern), until further notice.** 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.

VOCATION PRAYER PARTNERS

Each day, numerous men and women in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pray a rosary for the specific intention of an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Prayer is the foundation of all that we do, and these faith-filled and supportive individuals are spiritual prayer-warriors, praying specifically for the men to whom God is calling to follow Him as His priests, and that they listen and heed His voice. On the **first Saturday of each month**, this group gathers online to pray as a community and in support of each other. If you wish to join this dynamic and growing community of Prayer Partners, please contact: Sue Matour at **610-667-5778** or smatour@archphila.org.

AVAILABILITY

"God does not ask for our ability or our inability, but our availability."

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

For the safety of everyone, those in leadership positions of Stella Maris organizations are asked to call the Rectory before resuming regular meetings in order to receive instructions for keeping within the safety guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Stay safe and stay well! God bless!



"YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 12/08/20, the Holy Father proclaimed the "Year of St. Joseph", which extends to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 12/08/2021. Pope Francis shares his beautiful reflections on St. Joseph in the new Apostolic Letter named, *With a Father's Heart*. He shares his intent with the proclamation: **The aim of this Apostolic letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.**

Ways to Gain a Plenary Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph

*Meditate at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. *Follow St. Joseph's example by performing a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. *Recite the Rosary with your family members and also among engaged couples. *Entrust your daily activities to the protection of St. Joseph and invoke his intercession for those seeking work so they can find dignifying work to support themselves and their families. *Recite the Litany to St. Joseph or any prayer to St. Joseph proper to liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering persecution. *Recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph. *This indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes.

GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

As our Easter Season continues, 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 named, the Saint of the day, or the Saint of the month. The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

May 3— Saints Philip and James

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



ARCHDIOCESAN LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE!

If you have been fully vaccinated and are healthy, we encourage you to return to Church to celebrate Mass with your Stella Maris Parish Family.

For those still unable to attend Mass in person, we invite you to watch the live-streamed Archdiocesan Masses celebrated at the Cathedral, by accessing the Archdiocesan website at: (<https://vimeo.com/channels/catholicphillymass>). On the right-hand side, under "Browse this Channel", click on "Videos", then 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. 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 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.



IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from on-going 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 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program.

This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



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 a 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.Lily'sGift.org or call Sister Kathleen Schipani (215-587-3530). This information has been provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Office for Life and Family.



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 HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

Phone# _____



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.

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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, 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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