



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.

May 24, 2020
7th Sunday of Easter

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

Collection for weekend of May 23 and 24, 2020:
Income - Plate: \$4,480.00 + AWC: \$82.00 = \$4,562.00
Bills Paid - Total Disbursements = (\$17,323.65)
Total = (\$12,761.65)

Living Stewardship: Being real people of faith comes with a price. Have you ever been seen as unpopular, out of sync, or peculiar because of your faith? St. Peter tells us, "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you." If being a Christian comes easy for us, then we ought to rethink how we approach our faith. Developing habits of prayer, living in accord with the Gospel, setting time aside weekly for the practice of our faith, seeing our relationship with Christ as the center and focus of our families all come with sacrifice. We are going to look differently than other folks and we ought to. We are going to find ourselves doing less of the things we are "supposed to do" and more of the things we know we "ought be doing or want to do." This often means resisting secular tides and putting our boats into different waters. If this is what helps us know the one True God, then so be it. It also brings us to eternal life.

Sick Relatives & Friends

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

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine & Enrico Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr./Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, 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, 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:
GLORIA ANGELOZZI
THOMAS P. JONES
CONCETTA RICHARD

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.

Rest in Peace

**Mass Intentions For
The Week of May 24, 2020**

Sunday - May 24

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

Monday - May 25

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - May 26

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Reginelli Family

Wednesday - May 27

8:00 + Al Crivellaro

Thursday - May 28

8:00 + Chickie Rocca

Friday - May 29

8:00 + Richard Smith

Saturday - May 30

8:00 + Deceased Members of Stella Maris Parish
5:00 + John Gerace Sr. and John Gerace Jr.

Sunday - May 31

8:00 + Anthony and Rita Badame
10:30 + Gerald Palestini II (4th Anniversary)

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Barbara Lalli

Requested by
Jerry & Carmella DeSimone and Family



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Borzillo and Di Orio Family

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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 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 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 hope to live our lives in love.

This weekend is Memorial Day weekend. Memorial Day itself was a day set aside as a solemn day of mourning and remembrance to honor those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Therefore, we remember and honor all who have served our country.

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

Happy Memorial Day!
God Bless!
Father Di Orio



They devoted themselves to prayer.



DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Today, as we await Pentecost, we come to the end of the baptismal homily from Peter that we have heard over the past few weeks. This homily was written by a realist who knew the joy and the glory of a Resurrection faith, but also knew that the strength of that faith would be put to the test and tried in suffering. Earlier this year we heard Jesus preach, "Blessed are you when they insult you . . . because of me" (Matthew 5:11) and this is echoed today by Peter. These words are also formed in the image of Christ who prays to the Father in heaven today, a prayer that is placed in John's Gospel right before Jesus endures his suffering and death. Our awaiting the Spirit, awaiting our mission for Christ means that we are, most likely, awaiting some sort of trial and suffering. We don't endure the same degree of persecution that Peter and John knew, but each of us has our faith put to the test eventually. And it is for this reason that we, like Jesus and like those faithful followers gathered in the Upper Room, devote ourselves to prayer.

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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.

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.



**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!



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 make a call to 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program. This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

**ASSISTED LIVING AND / OR LONG TERM
CARE FOR SENIORS**

Information on the cost of Senior Living and Care in Philadelphia, along with Finance Assistance Programs, can be found at www.payingforseniorcare.com. This website will help you find eligibility and benefits information for over 300 programs regarding caring for an elderly loved one.

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.

**EVER WONDER WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF WE TREATED OUR BIBLE
LIKE WE TREAT OUR CELL PHONE?**



What if I we carried it around in our purse or pockets?
What if we flipped through it several times a day?
What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
What if we used it when we traveled?
What if we used it in case of emergency?
This makes you go...hmm...where is my Bible?

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you think “Where are my priorities?” And no dropped calls!

**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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REQUESTED BY:

Phone# _____



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 named, the Saint of the day, or the Saint of the month.

The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

- May 25 - Pope St. Gregory VII
- May 26 - St. Philip Neri
- May 27 - St. Bede, The Venerable
- May 28 - St. Augustine of Canterbury
- May 29 - St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi
- May 30 - St. Joan of Arc

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

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