



Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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Rectory: 215-465-2336 Convent: 215-462-1111

Perpetual Adoration: Come adore our Eucharistic Lord in our 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 in the Rectory, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. (A \$15.00 donation is requested for each key fob.)

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 and 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.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

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 a Pre-Jordan Class, please call the Rectory during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm). Baptisms may be held on any Sunday once the Pre-Jordan Class 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.

May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of May 10 & May 11
Income: Plate = \$4,557.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$4,642.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$26,811.91)
Total = (\$22,169.91)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

Living Stewardship:

“Love can be ‘commanded’ because it has first been given.”

-Pope Benedict XVI



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, Shyla Boetter, 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, 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, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petruzzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Thomas Palagruto, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, 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, Erica Siderio, 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, Caroyln Young, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:

JOSEPHINE SORRENTINO, ROSA NIGRELLI

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 25, 2025

Saturday - May 24

5:00 + Augusta Potito

Sunday - May 25

8:00 + Ronald Lalli

10:30 + Veterans Mass

Monday - May 26

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - May 27

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday - May 28

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

5:00 + Robert Scalia

Thursday - May 29

8:00 + For the Intentions of Andrews Family

7:00 + Pia Altomare

Friday - May 30

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Saturday - May 31

8:00 + John, Nina and Nicolas Cecala

5:00 + Alfred and Marie Giosa

Sunday - June 1

8:00 + Margaret Zoller

10:30 + Gerald Palestini II (9th Anniversary)



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Concetta Pace

Requested by
Hannah Dorsaneo and Nicholas Dorsaneo



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Concetta Pace

Requested by
Steiner Family



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
Anna Ficiak and Francesca Calabretta
Requested by

Marie, Children, and Grandchildren

2) In Memory of
Dmytro Ficiak and Giuseppe Calabretta
Requested by

Marie, Children, and Grandchildren



Paschal Candle

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





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel from John, the farewell discourses of Jesus have a faith-filled message to the apostles and to us. Jesus wants to teach His disciples why He must go and how they will carry on after His departure. He wants to emphasize the importance of the love of God and the abiding presence of God with them – even during times of stress and consternation. Jesus had to return to the Father so that He could eventually one day return to us. He prepared the apostles for this event. Although sad news for the disciples, this message was full of hope and promise. Jesus told them not to fear but rather to love. “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come and make our dwelling with him.” Loving God, loving yourself and your neighbor, living Jesus' commands and teachings focus our lives as His followers. It is not an easy path to follow, but it is one filled with joy and peace. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” This gift of peace that Jesus offered to the Disciples is not a “feel good” peace. It is the offering of “shalom”. Shalom has a more profound and deeper meaning. Loving Jesus leads to our own inner peace. This peace that the world cannot give is beyond understanding. It is the peace of God. It is not a peace meaning the absence of bad things going on. It is the peace that exists within us precisely when bad things are going on. It is the peace that can only exist when we are in union with and committed to God and with one another. The promised Advocate, the Holy Spirit, is with us always. Jesus promised He would never leave us alone. If we allow the Holy Spirit to guide, form, and inspire us, then we can be assured to be vibrant and grace-filled disciples full of love, joy and peace.

Monday is Memorial Day. Memorial Day itself was a day set aside as a solemn day of mourning and remembrance to honor those men and women who served in our armed forces who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Therefore, we remember and honor all who have served our country. A wonderful way to start the holiday is to attend Mass.

A reminder that Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the Ascension of Our Lord. There will be a 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 28, 2025; on Thursday, May 29, 2025, there will be 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM Mass.

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

God bless,
Father Di Orio

**Stella Maris/Epiphany
CCD 2025-2026
Early Registration for
Religious Education now open!**

Requirements:

1. Students must be 6 years or older by 9/1/25
2. Baptismal Certificate
3. Completed Registration Form by 6/30/25

Early Bird Special \$140

4. \$40 Deposit by 6/30/25

Email: stellamarisdre@comcast.net

Phone: 215-465-2336 for information and forms

Note: After 6/30/25 Registration Fee \$175
Completed Registration Form and
\$75 Deposit due by 8/29/25

Classes are held on Sunday mornings

**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**

MEMORIAL DAY RECTORY SCHEDULE



Stella Maris Rectory will be **closed this Monday, 05/26/25**, in observance of Memorial Day.

Have a safe and restful Memorial Day!

HEART TO HEART
An Archdiocesan Gathering of
Young Adult Women
JUNE 7, 2025
9:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Join women in our 20s and 30s for fellowship, keynotes, adoration, lunch, and much more of heart speaking to heart!

THE THEME FOR THE 2025 GATHERING IS
“ DAUGHTERHOOD!”

Registration: \$40
Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
Question? Contact: hearttoheartya@gmail.com



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE
ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

MARRIED COUPLES: When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experience is July 12-14 and Oct. 11-13 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit:

<https://www.wwme-philly.org>
Or contact Al & Mary Liz at:
Application@wwme-philly.org
Phone:610-449-1859

STELLA MARIS SODALITY TRIP TO
BLESSING OF THE WATERS IN OCEAN CITY, NJ
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

Stella Maris Sodality is sponsoring a trip to Ocean City for the Blessing of the Waters on **Friday, August 15, 2025**. **Cost is \$80 per person** and the schedule is as follows:

- *Depart Stella Maris Church at 7:45AM
- *Blessing of Waters Mass at St. Damien Parish at 10:00AM
- *Procession - Group walk to beach after Mass at 11:00AM
- *Depart for Resorts Casino at 12:00 NOON
- *Arrive at Resorts Casino at 12:30 PM and receive w/\$20 Meal Voucher & \$10 Slot Bonus
- *Depart for Home at 5:30 PM
- *Arrive at Stella Maris Church approximately 7:00 PM

To make your reservation or for more information,
please call Cathy Everett at 215-465-7451

- Full payment: due on or before July 15, 2025**
- Make Checks Payable to:** Stella Maris Sodality
- Mail payments to:** Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148

JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee of 2025 is a Holy year of grace and Pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. The Jubilee occurs every 25 years and is a time for Catholics to come together and grow in their faith. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is **“Pilgrims of Hope”**

For your desired Pilgrimage, please visit
www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com OR
coordinator@catholicpilgrimoffice.com

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of abortion-no matter how much time has passed-please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgiveable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

To contact our team to register or for questions:
Susan-610-716-4795; Georgeann-484-955-4278

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. Whether you are divorced and want to marry in the Catholic Church or are remarried outside the Church, please visit our website:

archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal

save the date

For one night and one night only the legendary actor, comedian, and performer at St. Monica for Friday with Frank!

with
Special Guest

Joe Piscopo

Michael Longoria

Best known for playing Frankie Valli in "Jersey Boys."

09/12/25

more information to follow

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There is an 8 week Bereavement Support Group which runs several times each year at TJUH Methodist Hospital. Each week participants will have the opportunity to support one another and learn about different topics within the grieving process. For more information, please call the Department of Pastoral Care at **215-952-9547**.

**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 #



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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