



**Stella Maris Catholic Church**  
Founded in the Marian Year 1954  
2901 S. 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148

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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 3, 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

Collection for weekend of April 25 and 26, 2020:  
Income: Plate = \$2,468.00 + AWC = \$102.50 = \$2,570.50  
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$ 677.14)  
Total = = \$1,893.36

**Living Stewardship:**

Peter, the Apostle, shows us one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the ability to suffer for doing good. That takes a lot of courage. It's hard enough to suffer for our sins; who wants to suffer for doing good? Yet, that is just what Jesus did for us. It is what all disciples are called to do. Following Jesus' example on the cross, we accept the suffering that comes to us. We accept pain because we love the Lord and so love others enough to bear the pain of helping them. As Jesus became flesh through power of the Holy Spirit, so the same Spirit shows us that Jesus is present today in His disciples, in the poor, the homeless, the sick and dying. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us repent from selfishness to a new life of love for God and our neighbor.

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**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 Belfi, 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, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna Del Vecchio and Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Frank Filippello, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, 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 Spina, 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:**

**LOUISE GREEN  
MARIE LIVECCHI**

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 3, 2020**

**Sunday - May 3**

8:00 + Flavio and Stella Palestini  
10:30 + Domenico and Maria Romeo

**Monday - May 4**

8:00 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - May 5**

8:00 + Lisa, Carmela, and Anna Innaurato

**Wednesday - May 6**

8:00 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Thursday - May 7**

8:00 + Robert Green

**Friday - May 8**

8:00 + Marco Bianchini

**Saturday - May 9**

8:00 + All Poor Souls and the Marion Family  
5PM + Living & Deceased Mothers of Stella Maris

**Sunday - May 10**

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

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Husband, Charles and Son, John

Requested by  
Grace Bonafino



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
Theresa (Teri) Di Orio

Requested by  
Sisters of St. Joseph



**PASCAL CANDLE**

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

Donated by  
Robert and 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](http://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,

In today's Gospel from St. John, Jesus says, "whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own by name and leads them out". If we think about this Gospel passage, we soon realize that it is not only the shepherd, but also the sheep, who must enter through the gate of the sheepfold. Easter is our gate. A sheepfold was a stone enclosure out in the fields, with walls high enough that the sheep could not jump over them. The enclosed space is small enough to keep the sheep warm and snug inside during the night, while being too closely packed together for predators to be able to snatch one of the sheep away. Easter challenges us to hear the voice of Jesus and follow Him into the warmth, safety, and security of the sheepfold. We cannot climb over the wall or sneak through the gate to get into the sheepfold. We have to follow Jesus through the gate as well. Jesus, by His passion, death and resurrection, leads the way for us into safety and the rest of the sheepfold. We must follow, because there is no other way that we can enter except through the fullness of Easter.

We need the sheepfold as our place of refuge and safety. Easter is Jesus opening the sheepfold to us. We know about the world that St. Peter described in his letter, a world with suffering, insults, sins and wounds. Most especially, it is a world where, from time to time, we have gone astray like sheep in the wilderness - a world where we have sinned, a world where we choose not to listen or follow the Shepherd. But Peter reminds us that through the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ our Shepherd, the Gate to the sheepfold, there is forgiveness of sins. Listening to God is one thing, but following Him is another. We can listen to God without following His words.

We need to listen to our Shepherd, Christ. We need to develop deep trust in the one voice of the shepherd who guards us, and we need to respond quickly to His call when we stray. Our Shepherd is not always an easy Shepherd to follow. However, if we follow, Psalm 23 gives us a description of life in the sheepfold of heaven that God, through Christ, offers all of us: "beside restful waters He leads me"; "He guides me in right paths for His name's sake"; "You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes." He is the Good Shepherd who has come to deliver us from evil, and the path leading away from evil is not always smooth. Therefore, coming to know the Good Shepherd allows us to know how we are to live our lives. We are called to trust in and be reliant on God.

As we continue in our current situation with this pandemic, it pains me to inform you that Confirmation, which was to have taken place in March, will now be postponed until the fall. As I receive updates from the Archdiocese, I will keep you informed. Know that I miss you and can't wait 'til we can celebrate Eucharist together again.

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

Happy Easter!  
Fr. Di Orio



### JESUS SAVES

Be honest with yourself. Have you ever gone astray? Have you ever given in to temptation or weakness? Do you sometimes feel that you need someone to help you get your life back on track? Most people could answer "yes" to any of these questions. As people of faith, we know that Jesus understands the struggles we face and gave His life to save us from our human frailty. The Lord knows that we need help in order to live as God's people in the world. There are people and powers that seek to mislead us, who offer a way that may (for a time) be appealing, even though it does not lead to the true way of life, love, and peace. We can be readily dissuaded and distracted from the ways of holiness. We easily lose our way, lured by the trappings of material possessions, wealth, or social status. Jesus is our only real way, the door that leads to meaning and peace in this earthly time, and to life everlasting.

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### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger.

O glorious and blessed Virgin. Pray for Us.



### STELLA MARIS RECTORY SCHEDULE

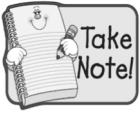


Due to the present Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation and for the safety of everyone, Stella Maris Rectory will be closed until further notice.

### 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](http://stellamarisphila.com)). Click the link and it will take you to Facebook, when asked to log in just click "now" or "x" out of the box. Go to video 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**.

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**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](http://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!



**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES  
AND AUTISM HELP**

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese are offering this convenient help line to assist families to connect to the disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To reach the Help-Line please call **484-472-5041** or email: **IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org**.

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**IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Are you home-bound? Would you benefit from on-going services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and short-term services (housekeeping and/or personal care)? The In-Home Support Program may be able to help you. If you are at least 60 years of age, need assistance/supervision when leaving home and are basically home-bound, please call 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program. (This information provided by Catholic Health Care Services, Archdiocese of Philadelphia)

**RESCHEDULING OF  
MOTHERS OF CHILDREN  
WITH DISABILITIES RETREAT**

*“Embracing the Gift”*

The annual retreat for Mothers of Children with Disabilities (originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2020, from 9:30AM to 2:00PM, at Malvern Retreat House) has been **rescheduled for next year on May 4, 2021**. This retreat welcomes mothers and grandmothers raising children or have adult children with disabilities. Come experience a time set apart just for you. There will be time to pray, reflect, chat with moms and grand-moms, and celebrate Mass. For information, call Malvern Retreat House at **610-644-0400**, or Office for Persons with Disabilities at **215-587-3530**. Or go to **www.malvernretreat.com**.



**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.**

**GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS:** During this “stay at home” time, the days can become boring. Why not take the 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, or grandparents to do together. You can start with your favorite Saint, the Saint for whom you are named, or the Saint of the day (for May 3, we honor Saints Philip and James, Apostles). ENJOY!



**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](http://archphila.org/hope) for details and new postings.

**HEALING MASS FOR ADDICTIONS**

On the **THIRD TUESDAYS** of every month there is a Healing Mass for all those in alcohol and drug addiction and families affected by these addictions at 6:00PM at Saint Gabriel's, 29th and Dickinson Streets. The service will include: Mass, prayers, adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; followed by a social and meeting. Join us as we ask God to help us. All are invited.



**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.



**FLAME OF LOVE EVENTS**

Many Flame of Love Events and Prayer Candles throughout the nation have been suspended due to the Coronavirus. To access Flame of Love Meditations and Prayers, please go to: <https://flameoflove.us/> and click on prayers. Flame of Love Prayer line: 712-770-4340; Access Code #: 331973.

**COUNTING SHEEP**

When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.



**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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