



# Stella Maris Catholic Church

Founded in the Marian Year 1954  
2901 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148  
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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 Labouré 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Your Church Contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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 April 25 & April 26**  
**Income: Plate = \$ 4,302.00 + AWC = \$81.25= \$ 4,383.25**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$9,492.77)**  
**Total = (\$5,109.52)**



Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet. Be holy."  
 -- Mother Teresa

**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, 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 Gorenki, 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:**

***Holy Souls in Purgatory***

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, 2026**

**Saturday May 2**

5:00 + Alfred and Marie Giosa

**Sunday May 3**

8:00 + Vincent and Salvatore Moffo

10:30 + Marie Leuzzi

**Monday May 4**

8:00 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday May 5**

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

7:00 + May Procession

**Wednesday May 6**

8:00 + Sister Lawrence Elizabeth Sandoli, SSJ

**Thursday May 7**

8:00 + Sr. Lawrence Elizabeth, SSJ

**Friday May 8**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris Parish

**Saturday May 9**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the DeSanto, Neuman and Steenrod Families  
 5:00 + Living and Deceased Mothers of StellaMaris

**Sunday May 10**

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

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

For the Intentions of  
 Debbie Javes  
 Requested by  
 Anonymous



**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
 Sister Lawrence Elizabeth, SSJ  
 Requested By  
 Members of Stella Maris  
 Helping Hands



**Adoration Chapel Candles**

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| 1) For the Living and Deceased Members of the DeSanto Family | 2) For the Living and Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family |
| Requested By:<br>Patricia DeSanto                            | Requested By:<br>Patricia DeSanto                            |

**Paschal Candle**

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



## *Letter from* OUR PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel from St. John, Jesus gave answers not expected by the apostles who questioned Him. Thomas wanted to know how to get to the place where Jesus was going. Jesus told him that the way, the truth, and the life were already available to him, if he believed in Jesus. Jesus is not referring to a particular place or location. In essence, what Jesus is telling Thomas, as well as us, is that to know the way, the truth, and the life, is the same as knowing Him. Do we know Jesus?

Philip also misunderstands Jesus. He wants Jesus to show him the Father. Jesus tells him that he could see the Father when he saw Him. "Have I been with you for so long a time, and you still do not know me, Philip?" Philip is totally unaware that Jesus' entire work and ministry have been precisely doing what Philip requested, showing him the Father. When we do Jesus' work, we, too, are showing the Father to others.

Once again, Jesus explains the dynamics of divine mutuality. The Father is in the Son and the Son is in the Father. To see one is to see the other; to hear one is to hear the other. What neither Thomas or Philip understand is that they are being invited into this divine mutuality. This is the sacred unity from which flows the work of salvation. The disciples are being invited, through faith, to carry on that very same work of revealing God to the world.

We, too, are disciples and are being invited into this divine mutuality. We also are called to bring Jesus into the world to others that we encounter. We can waste a lot of time trying to figure out who is going to bring Jesus to the world. Jesus says to us today: "Have I been with you so long, and you don't realize that I mean you?" Are we up to the challenge?

Please note, our annual May Procession in honor of Our Blessed Mother will be held this Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to be a part of this annual devotion. Please mark your calendars.

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**

### **PARISH MISSION- ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE**

**Follow His Lead-**

**Monday-May 4—Wednesday-May 6**

Led by Dr. Nina Marie Corona, *FOLLOW HIS LEAD* is a three night parish mission that draws us into the lived story of Jesus—the people he met, the places he walked, and the moments he faced.

Through storytelling, music, and visual reflection, we discover how the life of Jesus meets our own and learn to recognize His presence in everyday moments. It will be held at 7:00 PM EACH EVENING at

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, 910 Watkins St.

**MONDAY, MAY 4—CHOOSING THE WAY**

**TUESDAY, MAY 5—THE WAY OF COMPASSION**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6—THE WAY OF HUMILITY**

For more information, please call St. Nicholas of Tolentine Rectory at 215-463-1326 or email at [stnicks910@verizon.net](mailto:stnicks910@verizon.net)

### **Event: Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

#### **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference**

**Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**Speakers: Patrick and Joy Campbell and Sr. Mary Gianna, DLJC and Vigil Mass with The Most Revered Efrén V. Esmilla**

**Location: Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting**

**More info: ArchphilaCCR - Archdiocese of Philadelphia Maria Richardson at [mrichardson@archphila.org](mailto:mrichardson@archphila.org) or 215-664-2878**

## **Catholic Charities of Philadelphia**

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

Manna Bags will be available at all of our Masses the weekend of **May 10-11**. 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)**

Now, more than ever, it is crucial to support our neighbours in need.

### **Event: Reboot: A Life-Changing Event**

**Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM**

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed **speaker Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY! It is perfect for everyone... even friends, family and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith. Space is very limited. Get your tickets today!

**Presenter: Chris Stefanick**

Location: Saint Elizabeth Church, 110 St. Elizabeth Dr., Chester Springs, PA

More Info: [annemarie@reallifecatholic.com](mailto:annemarie@reallifecatholic.com)

Purchase tickets:

**<https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1785111>**

**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

**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](mailto: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](http://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](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.

**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:**

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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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