



Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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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.

June 1, 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Collection for weekend of May 17 & May 18

Income: Plate = \$3,614.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$3,699.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$9,510.26)

Total = (\$5,811.26)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

“The path God points out to us through His Word goes in the direction inscribed in man’s very existence. The Word of God and reason go together. For the human being, following the Word of God, going with Christ means fulfilling oneself; losing it is equivalent to losing oneself.”

-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 Borges, 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:

ANGELO AND LOUISE GIANNETTE

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 June 1, 2025*

Saturday - May 31

5:00 + Alfred and Marie Giosa

Sunday - June 1

8:00 + Margaret Zoller

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

Monday - June 2

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - June 3

8:00 + Joseph Di Orio

Wednesday - June 4

8:00 + Dmytro Ficiak and Giuseppe Calabretta

Thursday - June 5

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday - June 6

8:00 + Jennie and Tommy DiPlacido

Saturday - June 7

8:00 + Marie D’Ambrosio

5:00 + Annette Di Domenicis

Sunday - June 8

8:00 + Anthony and Mary Pizzo

10:30 + Joseph and Dolores Crusco



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Joseph Romeo
Requested by
Theresa Bier and Family



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Gerald Palestini II
Requested by
Mom and Dad



Adoration Chapel Candles

- 1) In Memory of
Sister Lawrence Elizabeth, SSJ
Requested by
DePamphilis Family
- 2) In Memory of
Sister Lawrence Elizabeth, SSJ
Requested by
Antoinette Delia



Paschal Candle

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





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Who among us doesn't like receiving in the mail an envelope that contains an invitation with an R.S.V.P.? While we like receiving invitations, do we ever stop to think that every day we receive an invitation from Jesus? An invitation to come, to follow Him. And then there's always the question, "How do we respond?"

The readings today give us something to think about regarding our response to that invitation. Some details, we find, are easier to accept than others, yet every invitation from Jesus offers ways for us to grow in faith.

In our reading from Acts, we hear how Stephen responded to the invitation with his whole heart. However, his response to follow Jesus isn't necessarily easy. Stephen is rejected and stoned to death. Yet, his last words as he lay dying were, "Lord do not hold this sin against them." Stephen clearly understood and accepted Jesus' message about the importance to forgiveness. In our second reading, John describes how he hears the voice of the Risen Lord inviting us to remember our baptismal promises. In accepting this invitation to "Come," we will not thirst, we "will receive the gift of life-giving water." Who among us would want to reject such an invitation? In the Gospel, Jesus not only invites us, but He also prays for us to be as one people, just as He and the Father are one. Jesus prays that the love the Father has for Him may be in us, His disciples, just as He is. Christ is extending an invitation to us to share in His life! Jesus' ultimate concern is the unity of the community of disciples. He wants us to share the love that He and the Father share. Jesus' relationship with the Father is a mutual relationship of giving and receiving love. The unity for which Jesus prayed has already begun in us. This unity is the result of perfect and ongoing self-sacrificing love and sharing. Jesus wants us, His disciples to be one, just as He and the Father are one. We who believe in Jesus are called to be one by mirroring Jesus. Jesus challenges us to love one another just as He loves us. He wants to share His glory with us. Are we ready to accept the challenge and love as Jesus loves and are we willing to share in His glory? Are we willing to mirror Jesus? Are we going to accept the invitations that Jesus offers us daily, so that we may grow in faith? How will you R.S.V.P.?

We welcome back Deacon Jude Arkesh Ragel. He has been assigned to Stella Maris for his Summer Diaconate Pastoral internship. Deacon Jude will begin his ministry Monday, June 2, 2025, until Monday, August 4th, 2025. Deacon Jude will preach his first Mass on June 08, 2025, at the 10:30am Mass. After mass we will have light refreshments to congratulate Deacon Jude on his ordination to the Diaconate. Please keep Jude in your prayers.

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

Annual Pro-Life Mass and March
Saturday, June 7, 2025

Please join the Pro-Life community at the Annual Pro-Life Mass, March and Rally

Saturday, June 7th

8:00 am: Mass at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral, 18th & Race Sets. Phila

9:00 am: March to Independence Mall

10:00 am: Rally at Independence Mall with music, prayer & guest speakers

You are invited to attend all or part of the morning's events.

Donations of diapers & wipes for moms in need will be collected at the Cathedral.



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

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**.

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 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

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RETREAT
Friday - Sunday, JUNE 20 - 22, 2025

"thus says the Lord,... Do not fear...you are mine"

Join us at the Malvern Family Life Center for a retreat with Father Joseph Ita-Sam, Kathleen McCarthy and music by REMNENT Music Ministry!

Location: Malvern Family Life Center, 313 S Warren Ave, Malvern, PA 19355

Register at: <https://archphilaccr.org/events/>

Questions: Maria C. Richardson at : mrichardson@archphila.org or 267-664-2878

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

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

**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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