



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

**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.

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 13, 2021**

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**God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life**  
**Collection for weekend of 06/05/21 & 06/06/21**  
**Income = Plate \$4,213.00 + AWC \$58.00 = \$4,271.00**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$20,150.15)**  
**Total = (\$15,879.15)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

**Living Stewardship:**

**"God of life, we thank You for the many ways life continues to flourish in our world and in our land. Bless the life You have entrusted to our care. Guide us in raising it to harvest. Remove any obstacles we place in its way. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen."**

**Sick Relatives & Friend—Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine 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, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Mildred Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Philipp, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Rich Rosati, 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, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, military disabled, home-bound, and their families.

*Rest in Peace* **We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**

**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 June 13, 2021**

**Sunday-June 13**

8:00 + Anthony Filippello  
10:30 + Gerald Palestini II

**Monday-June 14**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday-June 15**

8:00 + William, Anna and Robert Green

**Wednesday-June 16**

8:00 + Sr. Mary Agnes Kinee, I.H.M.

**Thursday-June 17**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Friday-June 18**

8:00 + Theresa (Teri) Di Orio

**Saturday-June 19**

8:00 + Frank, Anna, Antoinette, and Sam Palesano  
5:00 + Living and Deceased Fathers of Stella Maris

**Sunday-June 20**

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

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Theresa (Teri) Di Orio

Requested by  
Her daughter, Lynn



**Bread & Wine**

In Honor of  
Patricia and David O'Brien

Requested by  
Patricia DeSanto



**IS THE RITE OF  
CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS  
(R.C.I.A.) FOR YOU?**



Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you curious about the Catholic faith, but not sure you want to make a commitment? Are you married to a Catholic spouse, raising the children Catholic, and interested in knowing more to be able to share with them? Are you a Catholic who desires to complete the initiation process by receiving Eucharist and/or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the R.C.I.A. may be for you.

**The R.C.I.A. is designed to assist youth and adults who:**

- \*Have never been baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church
- \*Have been baptized in another Christian Tradition (Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) and wish to become Catholic
- \*Were baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation

There's no time like the present to begin your inquiry in the faith. If you are interested in learning more about R.C.I.A., please contact Mrs. Marie Milano at 215-465-2336, ext. 5.

# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus' parables reveal that God's reign is growing undetected throughout time and is present in the most ordinary peoples and places of everyday living. We need to patiently wait and trust in God's working behind the scenes in everyone's life. Unfortunately, our consumerist culture brainwashes us to expect almost instant, visible results for everything. But that's seldom how God works.

**God's time vs. our time:** "Days are coming," says the Lord, when (something good) will happen. This is a favorite expression of Amos, Jeremiah, and the Letter to the Hebrews. Our reaction: Great, but when? We could use it now! Our instant gratification training kicks in, sometimes making us doubt that God will fulfill the promise. Those "days are coming" may not arrive in our lifetime, but they will come. We must accept that. "For who has known the mind of the Lord?" (Romans 11:34).

**We must learn patience with growth in holiness: The Kingdom of God is within us.** We expect God to be very thrilled that we ask for something good (e.g., national healing or an end to division) and that God jumps on it, as He seemingly did with Solomon's request for wisdom. But Solomon's wisdom may not have arrived fully mature and instantaneously. We commonly request for ourselves good things, such as strength to overcome a habitual fault or sin, greater self-discipline, relief from impediments, a deeper spiritual life, relief from debt, and numerous other petitions. We may typically request good things for others such as return to the faith, good marriage and career decisions, return to good health, finding employment, and numerous others.

**We can draw lessons about the kingdom of God from the parable of the seed.** Jesus compares the kingdom of God to that of a mustard seed. Growth toward fruition is part of the kingdom's DNA. In spite of seeming obstructions, it is inexorable. The only question is whether we will be part of it. The kingdom's growth is often hidden, "under-ground", or behind the scenes. Saint Mother Teresa said, "God did not call me to be successful; God calls me to be faithful." Thomas Merton said, "Be content that you are not yet a saint." Doing nothing, however, is not the lesson of this Gospel parable. Building the kingdom is a cooperative venture. "So ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). When our request for good things seems unanswered, self-recriminations are not helpful. For example, I did not pray hard enough, I should have made a novena, I must have upset God, etc. This parable is one of hope; it invites us to hope when nothing hopeful is happening. It invites us to hope for spiritual progress when we do not feel it, to hope for conversion in someone we love and ourselves when we do not see it, and to hope that the good seeds we have sown will blossom even though we may be gone. Remember the conclusion of the lyrics of "The Rose", "Just remember in the winter, far beneath the bitter snows, lies the seed that with the sun's love, in the spring becomes the rose." God's love is stronger, and the good seeds that we plant will bear fruit abundantly.

As summer approaches, the school bells are silenced! Graduation time surrounds us. Already some of our young men and women of the parish have graduated from colleges and universities. This past week our high school students who attend Catholic High Schools celebrated their Baccalaureate

Masses and commencement exercises, and this coming week our young parishioners who attend Catholic Elementary Schools and Public Schools will be graduating. Congratulations on their achievements!

At this time of the year, many are blessed to be able to go away for the summer months or summer weekends. Be safe and enjoy yourself. Remember, God does not take a vacation from us, so we should remember to keep holy the Lord's Day by attending Mass when we are on vacation.

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

God Bless!  
Father Di Orio



## OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 13, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our Archdiocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection. Our participation supports the charitable work of Pope Francis as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and suffering around the globe.

In March of 2019, a powerful tropical cyclone struck south-eastern Africa, devastating homes and vital infrastructure, destroying villages, killing hundreds of people, and displacing hundreds of thousands. In an expression of spiritual solidarity, the Holy Father prayed for all the victims during his General Audience, and he followed by contributing \$180,000 for the immediate relief of the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi.

This year the Peter's Pence Collection will be taken at all Masses on the weekend of June 19 and June 20, 2021. Please join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach those who are marginalized. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the collection this year.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,  
+Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia



## CCD REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2021



Registration for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 school year is now open.

### **The following is required for Registration:**

- 1) Students need to be 6 years or older by 09/01/21
- 2) Completed Registration Form and Fee
  - \*Registration fee of \$175 per child for **Stella Maris Parishioners-\$75 deposit due by July 15, 2021**
  - \*Registration fee of \$200 per child for **Non-Parishioners-\$100 deposit due by July 15, 2021**
- 3) Signed letter of permission from your pastor (only if you are not a member of Stella Maris Parish)
- 4) Baptismal certificate for all **new** registrations (only if your child was **not baptized** at Stella Maris)

Please email [stellamarisdre@comcast.net](mailto:stellamarisdre@comcast.net) or call **215-465-2336** for more information and a Registration Packet.

Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.

## **COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS LIFTED**

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has released updated directives for the celebration of Mass and other parish ministries in light of most pandemic restrictions being lifted. To read these new directives and to stay informed about other important matters, visit our Archdiocesan Arise website at:

[archphila.org/arise](http://archphila.org/arise)



### PROPERTY TAX REBATE

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that **Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that **qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year.** Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. **This application must be filed by Wednesday, June 30, 2021.** To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. **Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline.** For more information or an application, call **United Social Services, Monday through Friday, between 10AM and 4PM at 215-923-1900** and a staff member will assist you.



### ONLINE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS AND RENEWAL IN CHURCH

**“...there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary.”** -Sr. Lucia of Fatima

During the month of May, join us anew as we storm Heaven with Mother Mary, St. Joseph and all the saints. Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary, asking the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. **We are also asking Our Lady to obtain a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, bringing about our deeper conversion to the heart of Jesus Christ and institutional renewal at every level. The schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30 PM until December 8, 2021.** 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

### VOCATION PRAYER PARTNERS

Each day, numerous men and women in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pray a rosary for the specific intention of an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Prayer is the foundation of all that we do, and these faith-filled and supportive individuals are spiritual prayer-warriors, praying specifically for the men to whom God is calling to follow Him as His priests, and that they listen and heed His voice. On the **first Saturday of each month**, this group gathers online to pray as a community and in support of each other. If you wish to join this dynamic and growing community of Prayer Partners, please contact: Sue Matour at **610-667-5778** or [smatour@archphila.org](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).

### CHARISMATIC RETREAT

A Charismatic Retreat is being held at the Malvern Retreat House on 06/25/21 to 06/26/21. The retreat leader is Fr. Bill Halbing, who has been in the Charismatic Renewal since 1975. Retreat includes prayer, Mass, and sessions discussing spiritual warfare. The cost is \$175pp-Onsite; \$75pp-Virtual. Retreat begins at 5pm on 06/25/21. To register, call 610-644-0400.

### “YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH”



On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 12/08/20, the Holy Father proclaimed the “Year of St. Joseph”, which extends to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 12/08/2021. Pope Francis shares his beautiful reflections on St. Joseph in the new Apostolic Letter named, *With a Father’s Heart*. He shares his intent with the proclamation: **“The aim of this Apostolic letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.”**

### Ways to Gain a Plenary Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph

\*Meditate at least 30 minutes on the Lord’s Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. \*Follow St. Joseph’s example by performing a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. \*Recite the Rosary with your family members and also among engaged couples. \*Entrust your daily activities to the protection of St. Joseph and invoke his intercession for those seeking work so they can find dignifying work to support themselves and their families. \*Recite the Litany to St. Joseph or any prayer to St. Joseph proper to liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering persecution. \*Recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph. \*This indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes.

### “SAFEGUARDING THE DIGNITY OF MAN”

This Wednesday, 06/16/21, from 7PM to 8:30PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City Philadelphia, there is a special event from the Faith Formation Series *Forming a People of Life*. The topic is “Safeguarding the Dignity of Man”. At the root of all of the Church’s moral teachings-from abortion to immigration to sexuality-can be found a set of core, non-negotiable beliefs about what it means to be human. This talk will give an overview of these core beliefs and show how they form the foundation of our Catholic position on every social issue of our day. This will equip us to speak more eloquently about our faith and explain to others how the Catholic position on any issue fundamentally preserves and protects the great splendor of humanity. The speaker is Meghan Cokeley of the office for the New Evangelization. This event is FREE! Free parking is available on the Cathedral lot. Please RSVP to: [cathedralphila.org/life](http://cathedralphila.org/life).



### ARCHDIOCESAN LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE!

**If you have been fully vaccinated and are healthy, we encourage you to return to Church to celebrate Mass with your Stella Maris Parish Family.**

For those still unable to attend Mass in person, we invite you to watch the live-streamed Archdiocesan Masses celebrated at the Cathedral, by accessing the Archdiocesan website at: (<https://vimeo.com/channels/catholicphillymass>). On the right-hand side, under “Browse this Channel”, click on “Videos”, then click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.



**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 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.



**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 call 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program.

This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



**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 a 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.Lily'sGift.org](http://www.Lily'sGift.org) or call Sister Kathleen Schipani (215-587-3530). This information has been provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Office for Life and Family.

**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 HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**Phone#** \_\_\_\_\_

**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:**

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**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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