



Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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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.

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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of 06/26/21 & 06/27/21
Income = Plate \$ 3,867.00+ AWC \$72.50 = \$3,939.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$10,317.42)
Total = (\$6,377.92)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please visit us at stellamarisphila.com and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll.

Living Stewardship:

"We pray that when we gather on Sundays, we know ourselves as the family of Jesus, striving to hear the word of God and keep it. We pray that we might recognize in others the brothers and sisters of the Lord, the beloved children of God."

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, Michelle Miller-Killian, 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.

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

KATHLEEN AGRESTI HOWARD HORNER
DANTE MASSI RENEE SCIASCIA

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 July 4, 2021

Sunday-July 4

8:00 + Francesco Muoio Sr.
10:30 + Gerald Palestini II



Monday-July 5

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday-July 6

8:00 + Rita Garramone

Wednesday-July 7

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday-July 8

8:00 + Joseph Newell

Friday-July 9

8:00 + Frank, Anna, Antoinette, and Sam Palesano

Saturday-July 10

8:00 + Theresa McDonald
5:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Sunday-July 11

8:00 + Maria Muoio
10:30 + David Shaw

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
The Bianchini Family
Requested by
Rose Giovanelli



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Donald Varley
Requested by
His wife, Marge Varley



MATT TALBOT SHRINE

We now have a Matt Talbot Shrine at St. Gabriel Parish in the Grays Ferry section of South Philadelphia! Venerable Matt Talbot was a recovered alcoholic from Ireland who is being considered for sainthood by the Vatican. He is popularly considered the patron saint of those struggling with addiction. Help us fight the plague of addiction in our communities with prayers and devotion to a Servant of God who fought the battle. The Shrine is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays following the 8:30AM Mass until 6:00PM. For more information, visit:

<https://www.matttalbotshrine.org/>



4th of JULY RECTORY SCHEDULE

Since the 4th of July falls on a Sunday this year, Stella Maris Rectory will be closed this Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, July 4th, we celebrate our Independence. We should be grateful to God for all that we have as a nation. We also need to pray for all the men and women in the Military service of our country. We also remember, as we do on Memorial Day, all who have given their lives so that the United States of America can be free! May you have a Happy 4th of July.

In today's Gospel from Mark, the person who originally spoke "gospel truth", literally, is having a hard time reaching His audience. Jesus has come back to the area where He grew up, to familiar faces - too familiar, it seems. The initial admiration and enthusiasm of His neighbors and kinfolk turn to skepticism, then to opposition and finally to outright disbelief. It is almost scandalous for us to hear that Jesus "could work no miracle there." Isn't it unthinkable that Jesus can be rendered virtually powerless? How is it possible that God's message, especially in the person of Jesus, can be ineffective? The people of Nazareth dismiss Jesus for whatever the reason. Mark tells us that because of their lack of acceptance, Jesus was rendered powerless. What a terrible thought: our disbelief or shallow acceptance of the teachings of Christ could make it difficult for God to heal or guide us! The powerlessness of Jesus spoken of by Mark is not saying anything about what God can and cannot do. This Gospel passage is primarily about us, about those of us who stand in the way of things good and holy. Not only might we be blocking ourselves from God's power, but we might also be thwarting His ability to work miracles for others! In our pursuit of living as Christians, do we prevent God's work from being done by our actions and attitude?

Do we just want Jesus to make us feel good but no longer want His message? Is Jesus someone I admire, but not someone I adore? If I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, can that be proven by how often I put myself in His presence before the Blessed Sacrament? Do people see me as a person of faith or as someone whose priorities put attachment to Christ below job, family, possessions, and fun?

How many families bring a child for baptism, then never follow through on their promise to raise their children in the practice of the faith? How many young couples desire to be married in a church, but really do not desire to be married in the Church? How many profess their vows as if they want God to be part of their marriage, but are hardly involved thereafter? How many of us say we believe we should help the poor, but our service or charitable contributions are nil? How many of us state our belief in the Eucharist, but rarely show up?

As Christians, we share in Jesus' prophetic mission. God's word challenges us today to stop being

stubborn and to open our lives to the power of that word proclaimed here in our midst. We can bear witness to God's word in our workplaces, in our political systems and structures, and even in our own communities and home. We cannot allow rejection to deter us, but we need to move on and take God's message to others who want to hear it. Our actions speak louder than our words in bearing witness to God's truth. Let us not be like the people of Nazareth whose lack of faith prevented Jesus from working many miracles. Let us be open to God's will in our lives and listen and live the message of Jesus so that our faith can allow Jesus to work miracles. Who is Jesus?

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

Happy Summer!

God Bless!

Father Di Orio



RCIA

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.



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 or call **215-465-2336** for more information and a Registration Packet.

Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.

BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY CELEBRATION

Celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Solanus Casey at the National Center for Padre Pio Spirituality Center, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA on Friday, 07/30/21. Opportunities to pray the Rosary, venerate his relic, and view an inspirational movie about his life. The rosary begins at 11:30AM, followed by the movie at 12:15PM (movie runs about 90 minutes). There is no cost to attend, however, please register to view the movie by contacting Angela@PadrePio.org or call 610-845-3000.

PRIVATE PERSONAL RETREAT AT MALVERN

Private Personal Retreats are now being offered at Malvern Retreat House. Retreatants are welcome to register for the August 23 through August 27 program.

You will have the opportunity for spiritual direction, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Liturgy of the Hours. For more information, please contact Malvern at 610-644-0400 or visit malvernretreat.com.

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; 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.

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

“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.

GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

During these summer months, why not take some 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, and/or grandparents to do together. You can start with your favorite Saint, the Saint for whom you are named, the Saint of the day, or the Saint for your birthday. The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

July 05 - St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

July 06 - St. St. Maria Goretti

July 09 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!



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 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 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.



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 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:

REQUESTED BY:

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.

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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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