



*Stella Maris Catholic Church*  
*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*  
*2901 South 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148*  
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*Pastor (ext. 3)*

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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 \$5.00 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.

**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 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.

**Anointing of the Sick:** In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***August 1, 2021***

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**God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life**  
**Collection for weekend of 07/24/21 & 07/25/21**  
**Income = Plate \$3,656.00 + AWC \$72.50 = \$3,728.50**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = \$10,200.52**  
**Total = (\$6,472.02)**

 Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

**Living Stewardship:** "The Eucharist has been called the 'bread of angels'. It is a free gift from God. It is offered to give us eternal life because through it we receive the life of Christ, 'the true bread from heaven'. Jesus promised that those who believe and eat it will hunger and thirst for nothing throughout all eternity."



**Sick Relatives and Friends-Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**

Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, 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 Di Orio, 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 & Theresa Sherwin, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohy, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.



*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 of August 1, 2021*

**Sunday-August 1**

8:00 + Pizzino and Sheller Families  
10:30 + Samuel Nicholas Guaglione-1st Anniversary

**Monday- August 2**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday-August 3**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Wednesday-August 4**

8:00 + Gaetano and Mary Pagano

**Thursday-August 5**

8:00 + Lorraine Vivone

**Friday-August 6**

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Gambacorta and Martino Families

**Saturday-August 7**

8:00 + Mario Calabretta  
5:00 + Mario Calabretta

**Sunday-August 8**

8:00 + Barbara Lalli  
10:30 + Joseph Santore and Carmela Corona



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Mario Calabretta  
Requested by  
His Wife, Children and Grandchildren

**Altar Bread and Wine**

In Memory of  
Raymond & Carmella Camilli  
Requested by  
Julie & Michael Vitale Jr. and Michael



**YO' SOUTH PHILLY PHESTIVAL**

The 7th Annual Yo' South Philly Phestival is being held on **Sunday, 09/12/21** in the Stella Maris School Yard at 10th & Bigler Streets from **10AM to 8PM**. There will be lots of fun-Entertainment, Food, Beverages, Vendors, Kid's Rides, and Free Parking! **Volunteers are needed** to help us with this event. If you can help in any way, please **call Dom Verdi at 215-416-8239**. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

**Please plan to join us for this wonderful event!**



**CCD REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2021**

Registration for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 school year continues.

**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**  
\*Registration fee of \$200 per child for **Non-Parishioners**
  - 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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,  
 In today's reading from the Book of Exodus and the Gospel according to John, Moses and Jesus have a tough time convincing the

people to change their focus from themselves to God. Jesus is the source of our subsistence; He gives us life and sustains us on the journey. In today's world it is countercultural to claim that we need God, that God is our source of life. And yet, in our 1st Reading from Exodus, we hear of the people of Israel who wholly depended on God for their very survival, and God was faithful.

In the Gospel, Jesus draws the crowd's attention to this familiar story – the Israelites wandering in the wilderness, in struggle, fear and disorientation. When the food ran out and their lives were on the line, God came through and it rained bread from heaven. Jesus, who is the bread of life, sustains us each day on our journey toward God's promise.

Jesus is our source of strength and new life. He invites the crowd to transformation, into a new way of experiencing Him and themselves, to be properly nourished. Jesus' followers must consume all that He teaches: this includes the cross, the dying and rising, and loyalty in both the good and bad moments of their journey. Jesus contains these ingredients in every morsel of His heavenly bread. For the crowd and for us, this means that by accepting Jesus as our bread of life, we have to cast off our old ways of thinking and living. We must shed our habits of toiling for perishable things. Clearly, we are being asked to live out of the faith, hope and love that God will sustain us. Jesus asks us to let go of all the distractions we often place at the center of our lives: things like success, power, money, and other people's opinions, and focus on Him. Then as we claim Jesus as the source and center of our lives, we are given the strength to, as St. Paul writes in Ephesians, "put away the old self of your former way of life ... and put on the new self."

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

Happy Summer!  
 God Bless!  
 Father Di Orio



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**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, you can 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.



**REINSATING OF THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS**

On July 15, 2021, Archbishop Nelson J. Perez released a statement regarding the obligation to attend Mass. This is an important excerpt from the Archbishop's letter:

**"...It is now time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy."** "As many aspects of life are now returning to normalcy, each Catholic Bishop in Pennsylvania will **reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**" "...Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is again possible for the faithful to assemble for the Eucharist. It is time to lift the dispensation from the obligation. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days comes from our Baptism as Christians." "...This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being a part of large groups at this time. Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for those who cannot attend Mass in person."**...This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in His Holy Body and Blood as well as the joy of gathering together as a people of faith."**



**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.



**PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM**

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork, and fish. We kindly ask that the meals you prepare 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.

**Please do not put individual leftover items in the freezer. We ask that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable.**

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

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### STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO A. C.

The Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to **Atlantic City on Wednesday, 09/29/2021 from 10:30am to 7:30pm.** Cost of the trip is **\$95.00 per person** and includes a \$25.00 slot bonus, plated lunch, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except for the driver). **Full payment of \$95.00 is due no later than 08/23/21.** For information, please call Marge Varley at 267-882-7717.

### TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE

The Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the **Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA on Thursday, 11/04/21,** to see the stage production of **"Queen Esther".** Cost is **\$135 per person** and includes the show, a buffet meal at Millers, free time at Kitchen Kettle Village, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except for the driver). **Deposit of \$70 is due upon reservation; \$65 balance is due no later than 09/01/21.** For information, please call Marge Varley at 267-882-7717.

### ONLINE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS AND FOR 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."**

-Sister Lucia of Fatima

Join us 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 a deeper conversion to the heart of Jesus Christ and institutional renewal at every level. The schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30PM 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).

### 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](http://malvernretreat.com).

### "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 12/08/21. 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 this 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:

August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard

August 4 - St. John Vianney

August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 7 - St. Sixtus II; St. Cajetan

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

### BIKING FOR VOCATIONS

Biking for Vocations is an exciting five-day pilgrimage designed to raise awareness of vocations to the priesthood and vocational discernment, as well as generating support for the seminarians currently in formation. Beginning in 2019 with eight bikers and one route, this initiative has grown to two routes and 10 bikers, who will be leaving St. Charles Borromeo Seminary heading in two separate directions, traversing the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, visiting many parishes along the way. The seminarians will participate in Holy Hours, panel discussions, Mass and giving their vocation stories. **This Wednesday, 08/04/21, seminarians will visit Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 1121 Jackson St., at 7pm** for Evening Prayer and Discussion. **Come out and support our seminarians!**

### MASS FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION

Addiction touches far too many families and has taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us as we draw strength from one another in the power of our faith. On Saturday, 08/14/21 at 12:05PM, a Mass for those suffering from addiction is being celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103. The celebrant is Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill. The parking lot is open at the rear of the Cathedral. For more information, visit: [archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope).

**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.

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**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND  
AUTISUM 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).

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**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: [ww.payingforseniorcare.com](http://ww.payingforseniorcare.com). This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

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**IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from on-going services such as meals, transportation, a senior companion, or 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.

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**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.Lily'sGift.org](http://www.Lily'sGift.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.



**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 #

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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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