



*Stella Maris Catholic Church*  
*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*  
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*Pastor (ext. 3)*

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*Rectory: 215-465-2336      Convent: 215-462-1111*

**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.


***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***  
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**God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life**  
**Collection for weekend of 08/07/21 & 08/08/21**  
**Income = Plate \$4,373.00 + AWC \$72.50 = \$4,445.50**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = \$14,652.96**  
**Total = (\$10,207.46)**

 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:** "Commemorating the death of someone we love can bring bittersweet emotions, at best. We hope that they are with God. We hope we will be with them again someday. Today we confirm our belief that a human being, Mary, shares in Christ's victory over death. So can our loved ones, and so can we."

 **Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:** Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Susan Benco-Castle, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann 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, 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, William Parrish, 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, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, 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:**  
**THERESA STRATI**

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 15, 2021*

**Sunday-August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**  
8:00 + Frank, Anna, Antoinette, and Sam Palesano  
10:30 + Rose and Mauro D'Ambrosio

**Monday- August 16**  
8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

**Tuesday-August 17**  
7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday-August 18**  
7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday-August 19**  
7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday-August 20**  
7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday-August 21**  
7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration  
5:00 + Anthony and Lydia D'Etorre

**Sunday-August 22**  
8:00 + Frank, Anna, Antoinette, and Sam Palesano  
10:30 + Vincent Vernose



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Anna Gajewski  
Requested by  
Her husband, Joseph



**Altar Bread and Wine**

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**In Memory of**

Anthony Cappelto  
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Rose Concilio  
Louise Maraldo  
Dante Massi Sr.  
John Pomarici  
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John Pomarici  
Renee Sciascia  
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**Donor**

The Family of Anthony Cappelto  
Joan LoMaistro  
Helen Carnuccio  
Robert and Elizabeth Sheppe  
Stuart and Judy Rosenthal  
Denise Bartdoletti  
Roselyn Cacciatore  
John and Nancy Gioffredi  
William and Patti Griffin  
Ralph Lawrence  
Dan and Bea Mazzola  
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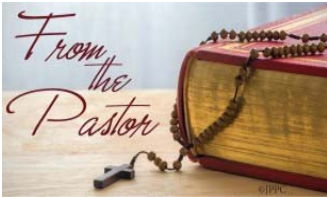
**STELLA MARIS SODALITY**

On Saturday, 09/11/21, Stella Maris Sodality will meet for the 8:00AM Mass, followed by the Novena Prayer, the Rosary, and Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS**

On Tuesday, 09/14/21, Stella Maris Star of the Sea Seniors will have their first meeting at 1PM in the Church Vestibule Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, August 15th, the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As we celebrate Mary's assumption into heaven, we should be full of joy because we celebrate our future; the victory of death into eternal life, the plan that God has in mind for all who believe in Jesus Christ. Our lives belong to God. The

Assumption of Mary reminds us that we have been called to live according to God's will that all may share in eternal life. So, how do our lives reflect God's will to bring Christ into the world today? Discipleship calls us to live according to the word of God. Considered to be the first disciple, Mary shows us what it means to bring the love of Christ into the world. Above all, we live less for ourselves and more for others so that all of humanity may have new life both now and in the accomplished kingdom of God. Mary accepted God's plan for her. She trusted God totally and surrendered totally to God. Mary dedicated her life to Jesus and put the needs of others before her own. Through countless interruptions in her plans (pregnancy, fleeing to Egypt for safety, watching her Son suffer and die, etc.), she placed her trust in the "Mighty One" who gave supernatural vale to her human life.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior". Mary's song proclaimed in today's Gospel serves as a reminder of the saving activity that was done in the past and will continue in the future. What was begun in the past will be completed in the future by Jesus. It will involve a radical reversal of fortunes for Israel. The lowly will be raised up and the powerful will be brought down. This is a victory hymn. God is praised for both past and future victories.

In the Book of Revelation, the Son is glorified with the proclamation, "Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God." Christ won for us victory over sin and death. Let us pray for the grace to receive the precious gift, as Mary has done. We look to Our Lady as a model of how to faithfully live our daily lives with hope in God's eternal mercy.

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

Happy Summer!  
God Bless!  
Father Di Orio



### 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.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

Join us on Friday, 09/10/21 at 7:05pm at Citizen's Bank park to watch the Philadelphia Phillies take on the Colorado Rockies! Join us for a night of fun, faith, and baseball while supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the CCA and our other incredible beneficiaries. If 500 tickets are sold, Father Sean Bransfield, Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will throw out the first pitch of the game with special guest, Archbishop Perez! For information or to purchase tickets, please contact Gina DeColli at [gdecolli@thecfgp.org](mailto:gdecolli@thecfgp.org).



### 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.**

### [CatholicPhilly.com](http://CatholicPhilly.com)

CatholicPhilly.com is the online successor to the Catholic Standard and Times. Read local and world Catholic news every day. Sign up for their free, weekly email newsletter!

### 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, so if you can help in any way, **please call Dom Verdi at 215-416-8239**. Your help will be greatly appreciated! If you'd like to be a **Non-Food Vendor**, please call **215-416-8239**; if you'd like to be a **Sponsor**, please call **215-336-5101**. See you at the PHESTIVAL!

### 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, show, 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**.

### 2021 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2021 Catholic Women's Conference Mini-Conferences are being held on **Saturday, 10/23/21**. An early sell out is expected! CWC2021 will be a highly modified version of our usual event. This year, Catholic women are invited to attend one, 2-hour, in-person mini-conference (morning or afternoon) and then enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. This year's theme is "Strong and Beautiful". The morning keynote speaker is Lisa Brenninkmeyer; the afternoon keynote speaker is Mother Clare Matthias, CFR. The location of the in-person mini-conferences is the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. For full details and to register, please visit: [catholicwomenconference.org](http://catholicwomenconference.org).

### SIXTH ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

St. Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, PA (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Sixth Annual Festival in honor of St. Pio of Pietelcina, better known as "Padre Pio", being held on Saturday and Sunday, **09/18/21-09/19/21**. This two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games, amusements for children, food, craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a 5:30pm Vigil Mass, followed by blessings with holy relics. The Sunday 12:30pm Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pio Mandato, followed by a procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food, craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment. Plenty of free parking will be available and pilgrim buses are welcome.

For more information, call **215-357-5720** or visit: [padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com](http://padrepiofestivalhollandpa.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

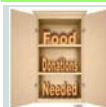
\*Meditate at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. \*Follow St. Joseph's example by performing a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. \*Recite the Rosary with your family members and also among engaged 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 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary  
August 19 - St. John Eudes  
August 20 - St. Bernard  
August 21 - St. Pius X

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!



### 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!

### ST. JOSEPH RETREAT AT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

Join us on **Tuesday, 09/28/21**, from 9:00am to 2:30pm for a series of talks on Saint Joseph by Father David Friel, our new Archdiocesan Vocations Director. Mass, Adoration, Confession, and free time to walk the beautiful retreat grounds are all part of the schedule. Continental breakfast and a lunch are included in the cost of \$45 per person. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with others and learn more about the role Saint Joseph has in our lives. For information, please contact Judy Magee at **484-473-8205**. **Deadline** to register is **09/13/21**.

**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: [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.

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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:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**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.

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**PHONE #**

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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.

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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