



Stella Maris Catholic Church
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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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22, 2021

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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of 08/14/21 & 08/15/21	
Income = Plate \$3,685.00 + AWC \$72.50 =	\$3,757.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements =	\$15,660.70
Total =	(\$11,903.20)

 Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

Living Stewardship:

“Jesus, You came from the Father and returned to the Father and remain ever near the Father’s heart. You remain the Father’s Word of love to us, the Word of the Father’s commitment to us; draw us into being ‘Amen’ as You were also ‘Amen’ to the Father’s will. Amen!”



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, Deanna Sampson, 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 :

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 22, 2021*

Sunday-August 22

8:00 + Frank, Anna, Antoinette, and Sam Palesano
10:30 + Vincent Vernose

Monday- August 23

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday-August 24

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday-August 25

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday-August 26

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Friday-August 27

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday-August 28

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 + Rose and John Zambrano

Sunday-August 29

8:00 + Anthony Filippello
10:30 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Vincent Mirarchi
Requested by
Loretta Mirarchi

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Catherine Scafidi
Requested by
Grace Bonafino



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 a meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS

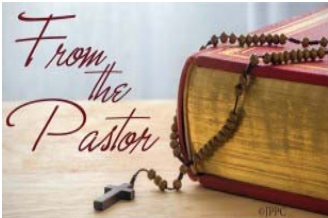
On Tuesday, 09/14/21, Stella Maris Star of the Sea Seniors will have their first meeting at 1PM in the Church Vestibule Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

ABBEYFEST

Join in the area’s largest Catholic music festival-**AbbeyFest: Faith, Family and Music Festival!** Families, individuals, youth groups-all are welcome! Look forward to welcoming His Excellency Archbishop Nelson J. Perez! Music provided by Matt Maher, Firehill Worship, The Scally Brothers and more! AbbeyFest is being held on **Saturday, 09/18/21** at **Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA**. For more information, visit: <https://www.theabbeyfest.com>

ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MONTH OPENING MASS

On **Sunday, 09/26/2021**, the Opening Mass for the Archdiocesan Respect Life Month will be held at the **11:AM** Mass at the **Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway**. Unite in prayer with Archbishop Perez to uphold the sanctity of life! Limited parking is available. Everyone is welcome.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Have you ever experienced a problem with a teaching of the Church? Have you ever felt that the Gospel demands are a bit unreasonable? Have you ever questioned your faith?

Well, if you have, you are not alone. Many of us have had to wrestle with issues of faith. Asking questions and wondering about the teaching of our Church and of our faith is a normal way of growing into a deeper understanding of what we believe.

Well, we have an example of this in today's Gospel from John. When Jesus stated that He is the bread of life come down from heaven to give life to the world, His followers struggled to understand. They ended up murmuring, disbelieving, rejecting, and going home because they just couldn't grasp this kind of intimacy with God. Unfortunately, not everyone accepted this teaching. They did not try to understand what it was that Jesus was offering-Eternal Life. People questioned what Jesus was teaching. Some worked through the doubts and questioning; others left and no longer followed Jesus. Jesus says bluntly that unless we eat of His flesh and drink of His blood, we will have no life within us.

As followers of Christ, as the bread of life to the world, Jesus calls out the best in us. How do we listen to Jesus' challenge? At the Last Supper, Jesus leaves us His legacy. "Do this in memory of me." We often limit our thinking so that "Do this" only references the blessing, breaking, giving, and sharing of the bread. Jesus calls us to more. What if we understand "do this" as "do my whole life"- healing, forgiving, including outsiders, challenging wrongful authority, taking time to go away and pray, serving others by washing feet-so that it is we who are blessed and broken open so that we can give and share ourselves to feed the world? When we act in loving ways, we are using that power, the power of the Holy Spirit. In our first reading, Joshua faced a similar challenge. Joshua poses a question for all of us. Shortly before his death, Joshua gathered the people and he asked them, "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your father served beyond the river or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling." Who do we serve? Do we serve the true God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? If so, then we must submit to Christ's teaching and commandments.

Just like the people of Jesus' time, we too must make a choice: do we choose Christ and the teaching of the Church, or do we turn away? Whenever we make the right choice, it will always lead us to eternal life. Like Peter, we must respond, "To whom shall we go?" To choose to serve the Lord orients everything in our lives. Being a disciple is worth the effort.

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

Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.



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.**

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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.

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 this Monday, 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.

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

"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

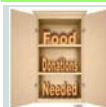
*Meditate at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. *Follow St. Joseph's example by performing a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. *Recite the Rosary with your family members and also among engaged couples. *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 23 - St. Rose of Lima
August 24 - St. Bartholomew
August 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
August 27 - St. Monica
August 28 - St. Augustine

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 for details and postings.

**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND
AUTISM HELP-LINE**

This convenient help-line assists families with connecting to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

To reach the Help-Line, please call 484-472-5041 or email IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.

**ASSISTED LIVING AND/OR LONG-TERM
CARE FOR SENIORS**

For information on the cost of, or questions about Senior Living and Care in Philadelphia, along with Financial Assistance Programs, please feel free to visit the following website: www.payingforseniorcare.com. This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

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.

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 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:

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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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