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Rectory: 215-465-2336

Convent: 215-462-1111

Perpetual Adoration: Come adore our Eucharistic Lord in the Little Flower Perpetual Adoration Chapel located in the basement of the rectory. The chapel is available for prayer at all times. However, a key fob is necessary to gain entrance. Key fobs are available at the Rectory.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Sundays: 5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
8:00am and 10:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am (Tuesday– Saturday)

Holy Days: 5:00pm Vigil; 8:00am; 7:00pm

Confessions: 4:00pm - 4:45pm Saturday in Church

Miraculous Medal Novena: Each Saturday immediately following the 8am Mass. Veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Laboure concludes the service.

Bible Study: Bible Study is held in the classroom in the Church Vestibule every Saturday after the 8:00am Mass. (**Please note:** No Bible Study on Sodality meeting Saturdays, and July and August.)

Baptism: Anyone who plans to have their child baptized is asked to call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents are required by Canon Law to attend a Pre-Jordan Class prior to the Baptism. These classes will take place at the Rectory, by appointment only. To register for Pre-Jordan, please call the Rectory. Baptisms may be held any Sunday—once Pre-Jordan is completed.

Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation: Anyone who is 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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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life:

Collection for weekend of August 15 and August 16, 2020:
 Income - Plate: \$3,398.00 + AWC: \$82.00 = \$3,480.00
 Bills Paid - Total Disbursements = (\$12,505.55)
 Total = (\$9,025.55)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

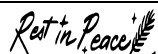
Living Stewardship:

“Prayer is the best armor we have, it is the key which opens the heart of God.” -St. “Padre” Pio of Pietrelcina

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine & Enrico 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, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Anna Philipp, Sophie Philipp, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, 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, Grover Simpson, Evelyn & Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Matt Watson, Askold Zagars, military disabled, home-bound, and their families.



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

ALBERT FERRANTI THERESA MacDONALD
 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 23, 2020

Sunday - August 23

8:00 + Rose and John Zambrano
 10:30 + Frank Rua

Monday - August 24

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - August 25

8:00 + Andrew Cacciatore

Wednesday - August 26

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

Thursday - August 27

8:00 + Living & Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday - August 28

8:00 + Joan Cacciatore

Saturday - August 29

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano
 5:00 + Caroline Rucci

Sunday - August 30

8:00 + Anthony Filippello
 10:30 + Living and Deceased Members of the O'Brien, Larkin, and Connolly Families

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Marion Giordano
 Requested by
 Gerry and Family



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 John Guerrero Sr.
 Requested by
 His wife, Sandy Guerrero



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
 John Guerrero Sr.
 Requested by
 His son, John Guerrero Jr.



2) For the Living and Deceased
 Parishioners of Stella Maris



WATCHING STELLA MARIS
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE



Please Note: Our on-line celebrations of the Liturgy are being suspended until Wednesday, 09/09/20. We thank you for your patience and understanding. On-line viewing of our Liturgy Celebrations will return on 09/09/12.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel, Jesus asked the questions, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" and "Who do you say that I am?" The answers to both these questions varied. At first Jesus let the disciples off the hook by asking, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The response was, "some say John the Baptist, others Elijah..." Then He quickly puts them on the spot and asks them, "But who do you say that I am?" Now they need to think about who they truly believe Jesus to be. We know that Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". So, who is Jesus? Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is God's Anointed, the one who carries the message of God, and the presence of God to the world. Each of us was anointed at Baptism to carry that message. What will our response be? We reveal our response in the way we live our lives who Jesus is for us. Each of us is called to reflect Jesus in his own way. After Peter's response, Jesus responded by saying that He is the rock on which He will build His Church. This begs the question, What is the Church to me? Do I allow the Church to have the authority Jesus gave it through Peter? Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom to the newly formed Church, embodied in Peter, but including all who believed. The Church holds the keys to binding and loosening. It has the power to overcome evil. The Church is to be the continuation of the work and mission begun by Christ on earth. The Church is about faith and service. How do we live our lives? We are called to serve and not be served. We are called to go out into the world and become another Christ for others. The Church is a community of faith united in its mission to announce and build the kingdom of God. Jesus teaches us that so great is the community of faith - the Church- that not even death (the gates of the nether-world) can prevail against it. Are we Church? Do we build up the kingdom of God? Jesus relies on us, individually and as a faith community, to grow in our understanding of who He is and to share that understanding with others. When we reach out to help those in need or share with those who have no one to share with them, it is then that we reveal who Jesus is in our lives.

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

Happy Summer!

God Bless,
Fr. Di Orio



VACATION TIME IS PASSING BY

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

As you travel this summer with family and friends, please remember your Parish Family. You are respectfully asked to continue to support Stella Maris over the summer by keeping up with your contributions. God will surely reward you.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. May you enjoy the beauty of summer and return home safely and in good health!



RCIA
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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 2020!

Registration for **New Students** for our Religious Education Program for 2020-2021 continues.

Requirements:

- Students need to be 6 years or older by 09/01/20
- Registration Form and Fee
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- Signed Letter of Permission from your Pastor, if not a member of Stella Maris Parish

REGISTRATION-\$175

*Paperwork due upon registration

1) Option 1: \$175 by 09/01/20

2) Option 2: \$75 by 09/01/20 and

\$20 monthly (Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar)

If you have any questions, please email at:

stellamarisdre@comcast.net

**Registration forms are available in the Rectory,
Monday through Friday, 9:30AM to 4:00PM.**

STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO LANCASTER



Important Notice: The Star of the Sea Seniors trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the show, “Queen Esther”, has been cancelled. If you have any questions, please call Marge Varley at **215-463-3386**.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS



Due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Eucharistic Congress that was scheduled to be held here in Philadelphia on October 9-10, 2020, has been postponed until the Fall of 2021. As soon as new information is available, full details will be published in our parish bulletin.

CYO ATHLETICS

Matthew Hasher, the Archdiocesan Coordinator of CYO Athletics, announced that the CYO Department has decided to suspend all competition between programs for the foreseeable future due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



ARCHDIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding

Anniversary Mass has been rescheduled for **Saturday, 10/17/20 at 5:15PM** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City Philadelphia. Archbishop Nelson Perez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This Mass will be celebrating, in particular, those couples who have been married 1-5 years, 25 years or more, and 50 years or more. To RSVP, please visit www.phillycatholiclife.org or call the Office for Life and Family at **215-587-0500**.



LIVE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary. We will ask 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. **New schedule: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern), until further notice.** 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: **490 480 541**. Hosted by: Meghan Cokeley, Office of New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

+ Please check with organizations, schools, parishes, etc. who have postings in our bulletin to see if their events and/or functions have been cancelled or postponed. Thank you. Be safe. God bless!



PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in need of dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that meals prepared 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. We are grateful to those who take home trays and return them with their leftovers/prepared meals, and/or those who bring pantry items on a regular basis.



Registration for Our Lady of Hope School

Registration for students for the 2020-2021 school year continues. Appointments can be made by calling the school office at **215-467-5385**. Documents needed for registration are: Original birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Records, most recent Report Card, standardized testing for students entering grades 1 through 8, Registration fee of \$150, and a \$200 tuition deposit. For Financial Aid, Grants, or Scholarship information, please call 215-467-5385. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Hope School. Tours of the school are available by calling the school office to make an appointment.

If you have any questions, please call the school at **215-467-5385** or email the principal at: pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com.

ATTENTION: EPIPHANY CLASS OF 1960

Graduates of Epiphany of Our Lord School Class of 1960- we need your help! Are you interested in reuniting with your friends from 8th grade? No date, time, or place is scheduled yet, so please contact us so we can begin to make plans! Please call: Loretta Joy Portaro (DeSalis) at 215-271-5192 (home) or 267-971-0378 (cell); or you may also call Maryann Cancila (Gahagan) at 215-389-0306 (home) or 215-460-3199 (cell). Please pass this on to any graduate you know who might be interested! Thank you for your help!

GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

As we continue in the “open phase”, 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 of the month.. The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

August 24 —St. Bartholomew

August 25 —St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

August 27 —St. Monica

August 28 —St. Augustine

August 29 —The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Which Saint is celebrated on your birthday?

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

For the safety of everyone, all those in leadership positions of Stella Maris organizations are asked to call the Rectory before resuming your regular meetings in order to receive instructions for keeping within the safety guidelines set by the Archdiocese.

Stay safe and stay well! God bless!



**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**

Information on the cost of Senior Living and Care in Philadelphia, along with Finance Assistance Programs, can be found at www.pavingforseniorcare.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 ongoing 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 at **215-587-3530**. This information has been provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Office for Life and Family.



**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES, AND
OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**

Although the Mass Book for 2020 is full, there are Adoration Chapel Candles and Offerings of Bread and Wine still available in 2020. Each of these are lit or offered for an entire week, seven days. Just like a Mass, you may offer these for a living or deceased person, or special intention. The donations are: \$20 for each Adoration Chapel Candle and \$25 for the offering of Bread and Wine. You may call or come to the Rectory during regular business hours to see which weeks are available, or you may complete one of the forms below, being sure to include your phone number, in case we need to contact you. Attach your donation to the form, and place it in an envelope. You may drop it in the collection basket when you attend Mass, or mail it to our Stella Maris Rectory: 2901 S 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE



Altar Bread and Wine may be offered for an entire week, for the living or deceased. If you are interested, please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$25 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

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.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

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