



Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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Pastor (ext. 2)

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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 \$15.00 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.

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

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.

August 24, 2025
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 16 & August 17	
Income: Plate = \$3,448.00 + AWC= \$68.00	= \$3,516.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$58,920.49)
Total	= (\$55,404.49)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

Thank you.

Living Stewardship: "If we think and live according to our communion with Christ, then our eyes will be opened. Then we will no longer be content to scrape a living just for ourselves, but we will see where and how we are needed. Living and acting thus, we will soon realize that it is much better to be useful and at the disposal of others than to be concerned only with the comforts that are offered to us."

— Pope Benedict XVI

Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:



Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciamarella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Emilio Colella, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Daniel DiCarlo, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Vera Dolan, Dolore Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Dalonzo SR., Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goren, Margie Gurbuz, Charles Harron, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Charles LaSpada, Jean LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Robert and Marie Liccio, Rita Lange, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petruzzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Thomas Palagruto, Theresa Quiet, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Erica Siderio, Joe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Karen Specht, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Caroyln Young, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:
ALFRED PIZZO

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 24, 2025

Saturday - August 23

5:00 + Gina Durham

Sunday - August 24

8:00 + Louise Wilusz

10:30 + Askold Oz Zagars

Monday - August 25

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - August 26

8:00 + For the Intentions of Lailah Rose and Nico Tilelli

Wednesday - August 27

8:00 + Guido Iconangelo

Thursday - August 28

8:00 + Mary and Walter Ratay

Friday - August 29

8:00 + Dolly Milione

Saturday - August 30

8:00 + Marion Iconangelo

5:00 + Joseph and Doris Castagno

Sunday - August 31

8:00 + Anthony Filippello

10:30 + Philomena Salvatore



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Raffaella Vigna
Requested by
Patricia DeSanto



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Marion Petrella
Requested by
Carol Ann Greco



Adoration Chapel Candles

- 1) In Memory of
Joseph James DiSipio
Requested by
Theresa Bier and Family
- 2) For the Living and Deceased
Members of Stella Maris





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel from St. Luke, someone asked Jesus, "Lord will only a few be saved?" In Jesus' answer about the narrow gate, He is warning us to avoid the vice of presumption which is an unwarranted and exaggerated hope. Jesus adds discipline and boundaries to His free gift of salvation. He maintains that discipleship does give His followers certain freedoms, but it also demands that they make concentrated efforts to help neighbors and strangers alike. Jesus encourages His disciples to be self-giving and selfless. He speaks about going the extra mile and sharing one's gift with poorer neighbors. Again, "love God and love your neighbor as yourself" is never far from His lips and heart. In fact, Jesus reminds His disciples that how they measure others is how His Father will judge them. Saying "Lord, Lord is not enough." The Lord Jesus expects deeds to be done in His name accompanying these words. Jesus holds up two images: the narrow gate and the locked door. The narrow gate refers to qualifications for entrance, and the locked door refers to tardiness and indifference in responding. This connects with the absolute need to be ready when Jesus returns. Failure in any of these areas will be reason for exclusion when Jesus comes again. Jesus is saying that there is room for everyone, but be aware that the door will not admit all. Jesus wants genuineness and sincerity of the Spirit to be the believer's breath. In the final days, we all will be called to stand before God in hopes of entering the gates of heaven. The gate, however, is a narrow one requiring concentration on an approach that is both disciplined and zealous. Once we stand before God, it will be too late to go back to mend our ways. The way to God demands more than casual involvement. Time is not on our side when it comes to salvation. We must use our time well.

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

Happy summer,
God bless,
Father Di Orio



**Stella Maris/Epiphany
CCD 2025-2026
Registration for Religious
Education open**

Requirements:

1. Students must be 6 or older by 9/1/25
2. Baptismal Certificate
3. Completed Registration Form by 8/29/25
4. \$175 Tuition Fee (\$75 Deposit by 8/29/25)

Email: stellamarisdre@comcast.net

Phone: 215-465-2336
for information and forms

Classes are held on Sunday mornings at Stella Maris

**STELLA MARIS CHURCH
WASHINGTON DC ARCHDIOCESE OF
PHILADELPHIA PILGRIMAGE**

[Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#)

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025
\$125 per person**

- Full Payment required upon reservation
- First come, First served.
- Cash or checks payable to Stella Maris
- Drop off or mail payments to: Stella Maris Rectory,
2901 S. 10th St., Philadelphia PA. 19148

For Information call: Stella Maris Rectory: 215-465-2336

STELLA MARIS SENIORS

Please join us on Wednesday, September 10th at 1:00pm for our first meeting of the new year that promises to be filled with friendship, food and fun. New members are always welcome!

**For more information, please call Lorinda @267-250-0186
We look forward to seeing you!**

STELLA MARIS SODALITY

Please join us on Saturday, September 6th for the 8:00am Mass, recitation of the joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, and our first meeting of the year. New members are always welcome!

**For more information, please call Lorinda @267-250-0186
We look forward to seeing you!**

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in need of frozen diners: 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!



Stella Maris Events

2025

Sunday, Dec. 7th – Breakfast at Stella Maris

Join us after the 10:30 Mass for a Delicious Breakfast athering for all ages with a special guest.
Adults \$15, Kids 10 and under \$5

2026

Saturday, April 25th – P & S - Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our Annual Night of Delicious P & S Spaghetti and Meatballs, Esposito's Porchetta, Great Music and Fabulous Prizes!

Spring 2026 – \$50 Grand Raffle

\$50 Raffle tickets will be sold beginning in May 2026 for A drawing of 6 prizes which will be held after each Mass the weekend of Nov.22/23. More information to follow.

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRANK STARRING JOE PISCOPO LIVE AT ST. MONICA SCHOOL



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

Doors Open: 5:30 PM
Concert Starts: 7:30 PM
2500 S. 16th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19145

JOE PISCOPO

Starring Joe Piscopo — endorsed by Frank Sinatra himself — and Broadway's Michael Longoria (Frankie Valli in Jersey Boys)

Sinatra. Valli. One unforgettable night.

VIP TABLES AVAILABLE | DINNER & SHOW: \$100 | CONCERT ONLY: \$75
FOR TICKETS OR VIP TABLE RESERVATIONS,
CONTACT: EVENTS@SMSPA.ORG | 215-467-5338

STELLA MARIS PARISH
FALL
CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR
SATURDAY, OCT. 18TH
FOOD & DJ ENTERTAINMENT
9 AM - 3 PM
2901 S 10th St
Philadelphia, PA 19148
[Rain Date: Oct. 25th]
Craft/Vendor Spaces:
Two 10x18 spots for \$50
To apply to be a vendor, email:
StellaMarisParish@comcast.net

2025 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women on Mission

*"The Feminine Genius in the new
Apostolic Age"*

Saturday, October 18

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Czestochowa Shrine Doylestown

Keynotes:

Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig

Sister Faustina Maria, S.V

Full details & registration:

catholicwomensconference.org

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Support the retired Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia with a day of golf, fellowship, raffles, and more — all for a great cause! Proceeds benefit the elder care for our sisters who have dedicated their lives to service.

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 29
PENN OAKS GOLF CLUB
WEST CHESTER, PA**

Check-in + Breakfast: 09:00 AM
Shotgun starts 10:00 AM

osfphila.org/events/30th-annual-golf-tournament

foundation.events@osfphila.org 610-558-6143

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TELEVISION MASS

Every Sunday, at 5:30AM on Channel 6-WPVI TV, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia celebrates Sunday Mass, which is broadcast through the courtesy of Channel 6-WPVI.

**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.

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.LilysGift.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.

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

This group is open to anyone interested in learning more about the process of adopting children, in the process of adopting a child, or already a parent through adoption. Meet and talk to caring, supportive families that share their experience with the adoption process and parenting. **This group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.**

Meetings are in person or virtual. In person location is Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church, 1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454.

Contact Maria at mariamalone@mmredeemer.org to attend in person, to get a virtual meeting link and to get any updates on meeting times and locations.



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 MEMORY OF or FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:

REQUESTED BY:

PHONE #



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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