



*Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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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.

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.

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God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of September 2 & September 3	
Income: Plate = \$4,477.00 + AWC = \$72.50	= \$4,549.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$42,692.41)
Total	= (\$38,142.91)

 Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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:
 “God’s justice seems to me clothed in love...He takes into account our weakness. He is perfectly aware of our fragile nature. What then should I fear?”
 -St. Therese of Lisieux

 **Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**
 Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borges, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila., Elaine Cipparone, Thomas Coco, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D’Angelo, Anna DelVecchio & Family, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D’Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Deborah Dolce, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Gerta Goreni, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Robert and Marie Liccio, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petruzzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quietzi, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Joe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Karen Specht, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.

 **We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:** **CATHERINE BRENNAN**
 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 September 10, 2023**

Sunday - September 10
 8:00 + Frank and Carmela Aquino
 10:30 + Charles and Marie Leuzzi

Monday - September 11
 7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - September 12
 8:00 + Cosimo Salamone and Nicholas Bozzi

Wednesday - September 13
 8:00 + Concetta Salmieri

Thursday - September 14
 8:00 + For the Intentions of the Andrews Family

Friday - September 15
 8:00 + Vaughn Potere

Saturday - September 16
 8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 5:00 + Len Dolce

Sunday - September 17
 8:00 + Vincent and Jennie Moffo
 10:30 + Charles Pandelakes



Church Sanctuary Lamp
 In Memory of
 Richard Quici
 Requested by
 The Bier Family

Altar Bread and Wine
 In Memory of
 Loretta and Bernard Young
 Requested by
 Rose Giovannelli



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS

On **Wednesday, 09/13/23**, Stella Maris Star of the Sea Seniors will have their first meeting of the new season at 1:00PM in the Church Vestibule Meeting Room.


Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

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BIBLE STUDY

On **Saturday, 09/16/23**, the first Bible Study Class of the new season will take place immediately following the 8:00AM Mass in the Church Vestibule Meeting Room. All are Welcome!

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HELPING HANDS MEETING

On **Saturday, 09/16/23**, Stella Maris Helping Hands will have their first meeting of the new season at 10:00AM in the Msgr. JFC Conference Room in the Rectory. New members welcome!



Dear Sisters and Brothers,
We welcome back our family members of Stella Maris who have been away for the summer. We also hope that all of you had a nice relaxing summer and were able to get away for some fun in the sun.

We pray for our children as they begin PREP/CCD today. We also welcome those families from Epiphany Parish who have become a part of our PREP/CCD program. We support and encourage our children and we thank their parents who are honoring the promise made at their child's Baptism to educate them in the faith. We hope and pray that they will have a faith-filled learning experience.

I hope to see you today after the 10:30 Mass at our parish picnic.

Our annual Forty Hours Devotion will take place after the 10:30AM Mass on October 08, 2023, and will conclude on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7:00PM with evening prayer. Fr. Joseph Kelley, Pastor of St. Monica Parish, Philadelphia, will be our homilist during this wonderful grace-filled time for our parish.

This Monday will be 22 years since the attack on America. Please remember in your prayers all those who lost their lives on September 11th, and all those men and women who continue to serve in our armed forces, making it possible for us to live freely.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that they are their brothers' keeper. Jesus instructed His followers on what to do when one of them did not live up to the expectations of the community. We know that learning to live together and learning to learn together always involves coming to an understanding of the consequences of our behavior. There are lots of people who will help us see the consequences of our behavior. When we are young, those "prophets" in our lives are usually parents and teachers. As we grow older, friends often become such powerful informers of conformity in our behavior, that we all understand the term "peer pressure." But the goal that St. Paul set before us when he wrote to the Romans was that, as Christians, we should each seek to conform our behavior and our lives to only one expectation: love. Therefore, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to help each other to get to heaven. We are called to correct and point our brothers and sisters on the right path; of course, this is always to be done with love. Everyone's gifts are needed to build a loving community; hurtful distractions among the community deter us from this important task. Jesus offers, "the way, the truth and the life" as a path to restore harmony. We are called to be open to the Lord's voice and message in our hearts, "If today you hear His voice harden not your hearts." The Lord speaks to us through His words in scripture and through others. Let us be open to the Lord's love in our lives.

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

God bless,
Father Di Orio

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR PARISH FOOD PROGRAMS!

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. **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).**

Our *Food Pantry* can use some help as well. Non-perishable items needed are: cereal, jars of peanut butter and jelly, bags or boxes of pasta, jars or cans of pasta sauce, boxes of instant potatoes, boxes or bags of rice, canned tuna, beans, canned stew, canned vegetables, soups, boxes of crackers, canned fruit, and applesauce. Please leave your donations in the Outreach Room.

We are very grateful to those who bring pantry items on a regular basis.

May God bless you for helping those in need!

STELLA MARIS MINISTRY

As Christians, we are called to share our time, talents, and treasures. Our Parish is asking you to share some of your time and talents by volunteering to be part of one of our ministries (Lectors, Choir/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 9:00AM to 4:00PM.



STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday, 10/07/23, from 9:00AM to 12Noon**, to benefit the *St. Vincent de Paul Society of Philadelphia*. Look for the **truck in the church parking lot** where an attendant will be able to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as kitchenware, small appliances, electronics, sporting goods, games, toys, books, CD's and videos are also accepted. **Unfortunately, we cannot accept furniture, large appliances, TV's, computers, or computer monitors.** For more information, please visit: svdp-phila.info.



ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Eucharistic Congress being held on **Saturday, 09/30/23, from 9AM to 4PM**, at the **National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa**, has reached capacity. Although the in-person registration is sold out, due to continued interest, the Committee has made it possible to participate VIRTUALLY in the Eucharistic Congress via livestream. **The cost is \$20.00 per household. Please note: only the events/speakers for the Adult English track will be livestreamed (the other tracks will not be livestreamed).**

The link to register for virtual participation is:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/cst=U7s42v>

STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO THE TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE

The Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the **American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA on Thursday, 11/09/23**, to see the Christmas Show, *"The First Noel"*. **Cost is \$135 per person** and includes the show, a buffet luncheon at Millers Restaurant, round-trip motorcoach transportation, and all taxes and gratuities (except for the bus driver). **Full payment of \$135 is due upon reservation.**

To make reservations, please contact **Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or 267-882-7717. Deadline for reservations is 09/27/23.** Make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors and mail payments to: Rose Giovannelli, c/o Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the USA, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit: phillyeucharisticrevival.org.

"Prayer for the Revival"

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

ST. MARIA GORETTI CLASS OF 1963 -60th REUNION

The 60th Reunion of the St. Maria Goretti Class of 1963 will be held on Saturday, 10/28/23, from 1PM to 5PM at Galdo's Catering in South Philly. For more information, please contact any of the following committee members:

JoAnne Belfatto: jrmodonnell@verizon.net

JoAnn Fiorentino: joanntthomas@yahoo.com

Lydia Carbone: leelu740@verizon.net

Joanne Tampanello: jm122000@yahoo.com

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There is an 8 week Bereavement Support Group which runs several times each year at TJUH Methodist Hospital. Each week participants will have the opportunity to support one another and learn about different topics within the grieving process. For more information, please call the Department of Pastoral Care at 215-952-9547.

OUR LADY OF CONFIDENCE RETREAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

A three-day midweek retreat for adults with intellectual, physical, or emotional disabilities is being held from **10/10/23 to 10/12/23**, at Malvern Retreat House, Our Lady's Hall, 315 Warren Ave, Malvern, PA 19355. The retreat will be directed by a team: Fr. Dennis Weber, Fr. Amal Sawarimuthu, Fr. Mike Speziale, and Fr. Steve Surovic. The theme is: *"Communion with God; Communion with Each Other"*. If you or someone you know would enjoy having their faith in God refreshed and strengthened, call **215-587-3530** or email OPD@archphila.org for a brochure and registration form. If you would like to be a volunteer companion on this retreat, contact Jenny Mars at marsfam1@gmail.com.

WEEKLY WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Every Monday at 8PM you can pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Fulton Sheen via Zoom. To join in the Monday evening Live Rosary, please visit the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/494480541>. Join in as we ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our Catholic faith, world peace, personal intentions, and for the Missions worldwide!

Sponsored by the Pontifical Missions Society
(phillymissions.org).

GO FORTH: DEEPEN YOUR DISCIPLESHP, GROW IN MISSION

Archbishop Perez wants to text you! Join Archbishop Perez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Through the *Go Forth* initiative, you can subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others.

There are two ways to subscribe to receive the texts: (1) use your phone to **text goforth to the number 84576**, or (2) visit the website phillydisciples.org/goforth.

Texts continue weekly through February 2024.

JOHN W. HALLAHAN CATHOLIC GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 1973 50th REUNION

The Hallahan Class of 1973 50th Class Reunion is taking place on **Saturday, 10/14/23**; 4PM-pictures at the fountain, immediately followed by a 5:15PM Mass and Procession at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. **On Sunday, 10/15/23**, there will be a **Brunch from Noon to 4PM at IATSE**, 2401 S. Swanson St., Phila., PA 19148. For information contact: **Marie Angell** at mef51477@gmail.com or **Nancy Stewart** at smithers1955@aol.com (please include your maiden name, e-mail address, and mailing address).

AbbeyFest

FAITH, MUSIC, and FAMILY FESTIVAL

The annual AbbeyFest is being held on **Saturday, 09/16/23**, with **doors opening at 12NOON**, at **Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA**. This festival features amazing music, (featuring Matthew West, Riley Clemens, and more!), Catholic and Christian vendors, the presence of Religious orders, food trucks, and family and kid-friendly activities and games. Priests will be available throughout the day and evening to hear confessions, There will also be prayer and healing teams. A unique aspect of AbbeyFest is its engaging atmosphere for children, teens, youth groups and families to experience the fullness of faith and truth in Jesus Christ. You won't be disappointed! For tickets and information visit theabbeyfest.com.

MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

Missionaries of Mercy are priests who have been commissioned by the Holy Father to give particular emphasis to the duty of all priests to "hear confessions and preach on behalf of and promote the Sacrament of Reconciliation." In addition, they have the authority, granted by the Holy Father, to pardon certain sins reserved to the Holy See. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia rejoices to have 10 more of our priests newly appointed to this ministry. You are invited to solemn vespers and the commissioning of the new Missionaries of Mercy on **Sunday, 09/24/23 at 4:30PM** at the **Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul**. Archbishop Nelson J. Perez will be the Presider.

All are welcome to attend.

For full details, visit archphila.org/mercy.

**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 Thursdays 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.

Email 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 HONOR/MEMORY OF:

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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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