



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.

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.

September 21, 2025
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of September 13 & September 14
Income: Plate = \$5,026.00 + AWC= \$85.00 = \$5,111.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$28,046.50)
Total = (\$22,935.50)

Living Stewardship: "We cannot communicate with the Lord if we do not communicate with one another. If we want to present ourselves to Him, we must also take a step towards meeting one another. To do this we must learn the great lesson of forgiveness: we must not let gnawing of resentment work in our soul, but must open our hearts...to listening to others,...to understanding them, eventually to accepting their apologies, to generously offering our own."
— 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 Borges, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciaramella, 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 Petrucci, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Heather Russino, 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, Carolyn Young, Deborah Young, 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 September 21, 2025

Saturday - September 20

5:00 + Len Dolce (10th Anniversary)

Sunday - September 21

8:00 + Marion Iaconangelo
 10:30 + Charles Pandelakes

Monday - September 22

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - September 23

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Andrews Family

Wednesday - September 24

8:00 + Joanne Bryan

Thursday - September 25

8:00 + Joseph and Florence Fragala

Friday - September 26

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Saturday - September 27

8:00 + Rotolo Family
 5:00 + Sebastiano and Maria Squillaciotti

Sunday - September 28

8:00 + Anthony DeMarzio Sr.
 10:30 + James and Anna Bryan



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Agnes Brett
 Requested by
 Charles Brett



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
 Sebastiano and Maria Squillaciotti
 Requested by
 Tina Squillaciotti



Below is a donation that has been made to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed on, but will never be forgotten.

In Memory of

Michael Fioravanti

Donor

Ms. Alice M. Penna



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today is Catechetical Sunday, therefore, we thank and recognize all of our Catechists for their dedication and support in sharing the faith with our young parishioners and O.C.I.A. candidates. They have each generously answered God's call to be stewards of the Church.

Our annual Forty Hours Devotion will take place after the 10:30AM Mass on October 12, 2025, and will conclude on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7:00PM with evening prayer.

Rev. John Masson, Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Ambler, PA, will be our homilist during this wonderful grace-filled time for our parish.

Also, the Mass book for 2026 will open on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. More information about this will be forthcoming.

The parable of the dishonest steward and its interpretation are told as an example story by St. Luke. It is not an easy story to interpret because it is wrapped up in business practices of first-century Palestine, which appear very strange to us. How could Jesus praise a corrupt steward? The reality is that scholars struggle mightily with this parable and still come up short in understanding it. What is clear, though, is that Jesus was expressing concern about wealth and material possessions and what people do with them. We cannot be stewards to both God and money. At the heart of the story is St. Luke's conviction, that those who have possessions should share them with the needy and thus, use them to benefit others. That emphasis holds together the parable of the dishonest steward and its interpretation. Therefore, followers of Jesus should not pursue wealth to acquire money and possessions. No, the followers of Jesus should pursue wealth to become generous. It is important to remember that money belongs to God and not to us. We cannot live a split life. We are either with Jesus, or we are not. There is not an in-between status. Jesus acknowledges that living according to faith would not make us popular. What Jesus wanted of His followers - and what He stills wants of us - is that we will be just as focused on protecting our faith as the steward was on protecting his own welfare. God has entrusted us with wealth. Can we be trusted by God to act as good stewards?

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

God bless,
Father Di Orio

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

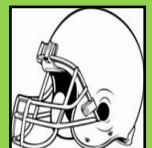
For Information call: Stella Maris Rectory: 215-465-2336

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
TELEVISED 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.



FOOTBALL MANIA
WINNING NUMBERS



WEEK ONE

No Winner

WEEK TWO

#2944 — \$25

Winning numbers will be posted weekly!

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**.

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in 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!



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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of abortion-no matter how much time has passed-please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgiveable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

To contact our team to register or for questions:
Susan-610-716-4795; Georgeann-484-955-4278

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Whether a Catholic marriage or a marriage between two non-Catholics was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding, or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances. For information, please visit our website:

archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal

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

Star of the Sea Seniors

American Music Theatre

Friday, December 5, 2025

- American Music Theatre Show “Deck The Halls”
- Buffet Luncheon @ Hershey Farm Restaurant
- Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation via JC Tours
- All Taxes and Gratuities (except driver)

\$145.00 per person

Full Amount due by **SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

Make checks payable to: **Star of the Sea Seniors**
Mail payments to: **ATTN: Marge Varley or Fran Giaquinto@ Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 S. 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148.**

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

Marge Varley 215-463-3386 or 267-882-7717
Fran Giaquinto 215-284-4686

STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday, 10/25/25** from **9:00AM to 12Noon**, to benefit the **St. Vincent De Paul Society**. An attendant will be in the parking lot to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing/shoes in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as linens, kitchenware, small appliances in good working condition, sporting goods, games, toys, bikes, tools and jewelry are also accepted.

We cannot accept furniture, large appliances, TV's, computers, or computer monitors.

**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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