



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 16 & September 17
Income: Plate = \$4,075.19 + AWC = \$72.50 = \$4,147.69
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$32,181.50)
Total = (\$28,033.81)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

“Love must not simply abide by earthly laws but must let itself be illumined by the truth which is God and must be expressed in that superior measure of justice which is mercy.”
-Pope Benedict XVI



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, 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, 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, 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, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petruzzi, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, 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: 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 24, 2023**

Sunday - September 24

8:00 + Ralph Dougherty
10:30 + Cass and Joe Matise

Monday - September 25

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - September 26

8:00 + Elsie Kenny

Wednesday - September 27

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Thursday - September 28

8:00 + John, Nina, and Nicholas Cecala

Friday - September 29

8:00 + In Honor the Angels and Archangels

Saturday - September 30

8:00 + Tina Rinaldi
5:00 + Nicholas and Madeline Devita

Sunday - October 1

8:00 + Barbara Polce
10:30 + Portia Spina

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Rose Rafferty

Requested by
Marie Milano



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Sebastiano and Maria Squillaciotti

Requested by
Tina Squillaciotti



SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL CHANCE DRIVE

Please support the Sisters of St. Joseph who call the Villa their home by participating in the Annual Chance Drive! **The grand prize is \$10,000! Winners will be announced on 12/07/23.** You can go online and purchase your chances on their website, by visiting www.ssiphila.org and look under the **Support Our Mission** tab. Please call the Development Office at **215-248-7238** if you need help or have any questions.

Thank you for your support of the Sisters of St. Joseph!



STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday, 10/07/23**, from **9:00AM to 12 Noon**, 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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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.

Also, the Mass book for 2024 will open on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Our readings today show how living life in God's kingdom is surprisingly different from living life on earth. In our first reading from Isaiah, the prophet urges the chosen people to see these differences and "seek the Lord where he may be found". In our second reading from St. Paul, Paul embraces these differences when he declares that either in death or freedom he joyfully lives for Christ. And in today's Gospel from St. Matthew, Jesus astounds His listeners by using workers' wages to highlight what standard His Father uses for followers of Jesus to gain entrance into eternal life. Jesus challenges us to examine our notions of fairness and justice. Hearing Jesus tell this parable, many of His listeners, including us, want to cry "Unfair!" It does seem unjust that those who came to the last hour of work receive the same wage as those who arrived at the first hour of the day, who worked the longest hours during the heat. The anger from the first group is not that they were cheated of their rightful pay. They received the exact wage they were promised. Their quarrel is with the landowner's generosity toward those who came so late in the workday. To them, he simply gave too much to those who came at the end of the day.

Jesus is clearly saying this parable is not about worker's wages, but about salvation. It is showing God's goodness and the disciples' response to Jesus' message. Jesus wants His followers to understand that demanding hard work in the vineyard is not enough to earn salvation. God does not want anyone to be lost. A longtime faithful follower and a recent remorseful sinner stand before the Lord equally. God's goodness counterbalances any human standard as a reward for hard work. Jesus looks far and wide in seeking those tainted by sin and brokenness. This includes those faithful to His message and those in their last hours who have a sudden change of heart. God sees where each of His children are and waits to give us what "we need at any given moment."

The general opinion is that those who stay the course longer should get the greater reward - even in heaven. However, God's ways are not our ways, especially in areas of love, forgiveness, and generosity. God is generous; however, we must learn to let God be generous in His own way. We try too hard to create God in our image and likeness rather than the other way around. We often think our ways are better or make more sense than God's; guess again.

We cannot earn grace. It is a gift. It is given for reasons other than putting a lot of hours in the fields. God will treat those who have done His will justly giving what He has promised: life with Him in the Kingdom. But God is also merciful. All His children are equally precious to Him, and He wants nothing more than to have all of us with Him. The challenge is to let God be merciful and generous even when "It's not fair!" We must let God be God. How is it that sometimes it is the very generosity of God that we resent? Let God be God. It's better for all of us. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

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

God bless,
Fr. 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 (Altar Servers, Cantor/Choir, Helping Hands, Lectors, Ushers). If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours.



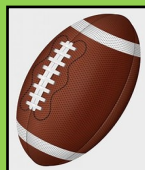
STELLA MARIS 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR

Stella Maris 2024 Lottery Calendars are now available! \$40 will give you 365 chances to win prizes ranging from \$45 to \$300! Winning numbers are determined by the three (3) digit "**Pick 3**" **Evening Drawing** of the Pennsylvania Lottery, (all numbers are played straight as they are drawn-there is no "box" option). Calendars are available at the Rectory during regular business hours, (Monday to Friday, 9AM to 4PM), and before and after the Saturday evening Mass and Sunday Morning Masses in the Parking Lot Vestibule.

*These calendars make great Christmas gifts!
Be sure to get your 2024 Lottery Calendar...
It's the gift that keeps on giving!*

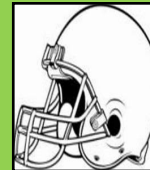


**FOOTBALL MANIA
WINNING NUMBERS**



WEEK ONE
#28-3S003-\$25

WEEK TWO
#98-3S003-\$25
#106-3S003-\$25



Winning numbers will be posted weekly!

STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO THE AMERICAN MUSIC 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 and full payment are now due!** Make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors and mail payments to: Rose Giovanelli, 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.



ARCHDIOCESAN EUCCHARISTIC 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>

ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTIVAL

St. Nicholas Annual Italian Festival will be held next Sunday, 10/01/23 on 9th Street between Moore and Morris Streets from 12Noon until 8PM. The Festival begins with the procession of the Saints led by the Verdi Band. There will be great Italian food, drinks, desserts, and more! There will also be games, raffles, and inflatables for the children! Entertainment includes The City Rhythm Band, Vivaci Italian Dancers, Opera, Jenna Esposito, and DJ Bob Kelly. Special tributes to Bobby Rydell, Jerry Blavat, and Charlie Gracie.

Come out and enjoy a fun-filled traditional Italian Festival!

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).

CAMILLA HALL OKTOBERFEST AND CRAFT FAIR

The annual Camilla Hall Oktoberfest and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, 10/07/23, from 10AM to 4PM on the grounds of Camilla Hall. Join them for a fun-filled day including craft vendors, merchandise tables, food concessions, children's games, theme basket raffle, money chances, white elephant flea market, and more! Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and healthcare center for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM). Camilla Hall is located at 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA 19355, which is near the campus of Immaculata University.

For more information, visit: camillaoktoberfest.org.

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 **this 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:

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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