



Stella Maris Catholic Church
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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 \$5.00 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.


Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life
Collection for weekend of 09/18/21 & 09/19/21
Income = Plate \$4,754.00 + AWC \$72.50 = \$4,826.50
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$13,725.51)
Total = (\$8,899.01)

 Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

Living Stewardship: "We ask for the discernment to recognize when God is working in unexpected ways through unexpected people who do unexpected things...and for the wisdom to distinguish the wise from the wacky, much less the wicked. And we pray both that we never let ourselves fall from grace or lead another away from God."

 **Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:** Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Bianculli, Elaine Belfi, Susan Benco-Castle, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr. and 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, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Mildred Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, William Parrish, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Rich Rosati, 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, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.

 **We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**
DENIS BARR CATHERINE MATISE

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 26, 2021*

Sunday-September 26

8:00 + Harry Reynolds
10:30 + Anthony Sr. and Marie DeMarzio

Monday- September 27

8:00 + Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday-September 28

8:00 + Connie D'Agostino

Wednesday-September 29

8:00 + Luisa R. Manzo

Thursday-September 30

8:00 + Annemarie McDonald

Friday-October 1

8:00 + Portia Spina

Saturday-October 2

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
5:00 + Len Dolce

Sunday-October 3

8:00 + John Juliano
10:30 + Tony Portella and Pete Demchenko



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Louise Maraldo
Requested by
Bernadette and Tony Mercurio

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Connie Vernacchio
Requested by
Bernadette and Tony Mercurio

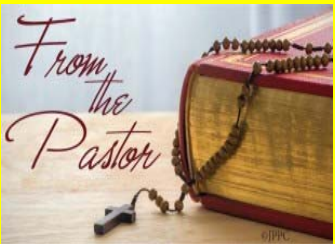


STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday, 10/23/21**, from **9:00AM to 12Noon**, to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Look for the **Green Drop truck in the church parking lot** where an attendant will be able to assist you with your donations. Please place your 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 or computers. For a full list of acceptable items, visit: www.gogreendrop.com.

SENIOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging seeks to increase access to Pennsylvania's Senior Food Boxes, a supplemental food program available free for adults 60 or older, whose annual household income is at or below 130% of the U.S. poverty level (\$16,744/individual or \$22,646/couple). The state has removed several barriers to participation, including giving the program a new name and removing proof of income requirements to encourage older adults to take advantage of the program. For more information, **call 800-468-2433** to be directed to the regional food bank in your county.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our annual **Forty Hours Devotion** will take place **after the 10:30AM Mass on October 10, 2021, and will conclude on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 7:00PM with evening prayer.** Fr. Eric J. Banecker, Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish, and a native South Philadelphian, son of Epiphany Parish, will be our homilist during this wonderful grace-filled time for our parish.

Also, the **Mass book for 2021 will open on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.** More information about this will be forthcoming.

In today's Gospel from St. Mark, Jesus makes it clear that anyone who is not against the kingdom of God is for it. John came to Jesus to complain that someone who was not a member of the disciples was expelling demons in the name of Jesus. Jesus had no problem with such actions on the part of someone perceived as an outsider. He made it clear that He didn't make distinctions between "outsiders" and "insiders."

Our Scripture readings today remind us that God dwells within all people, from our earliest ancestors in faith, to all of us in this present day and age. Since the days of Moses, this is a divine mystery that we all-too-often forget. We are God's beloved. Our readings show us how much God cares, and how much we, too, should care for one another. God dwells in each of us. Our faith traditions and sacraments make this a reality in our lives. Unfortunately, this reality is often lost to us when we suffer the pains and anxieties of life, for example, financial woes, losing a loved one, loss of income, etc. However, no matter what we experience in life, God is with us and within us always, no matter how often we forget. What do we consider our true treasures to be? So often it is in the intangible that we find our true wealth. The blessed gift of family or a true-blue friend is too often overlooked until they are gone. To be the most loving person you can be is a true gift and treasure to others. Generosity and hospitality are treasures. Sometimes it is in the little things we experience that big things are revealed, and lasting memories are made. Love and hospitality live on in the giver and receiver and do not fade away like temporary earthly treasures. Also, the innocent is to be always protected. How often we hear of innocent people being killed in war, famine, or terrorism. Peace and goodness begin with us. We need to live our lives as an example of our faith.

Moses came to the realization that God was deeply immersed in all the chosen people, not just a few. St. James reminds us to treasure the wonderful, blessed things in our lives; material possessions will fade away after time. Jesus tells His disciples, "Those who are not against us are for us." Jesus also has stern words about protecting the innocent. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." Jesus made a strong statement against those who will harm the faith of others. "If your foot causes you to sin cut it off... If your eye causes you to sin pluck it out." Jesus emphasizes how serious He is about following Him so we may enter the Kingdom of God. We are called to follow the example of Christ. Being a member of God's kingdom is not contingent on membership in a certain group, social class, or race. We are all called to be followers of Jesus to spread the Good News and in so doing, we are to be examples to others, leading them in the faith to grow closer to Jesus.

Be assured of my prayers. I ask you to please remember me in your prayers.
God Bless!
Father Di Orio



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.



15th ANNUAL NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

Everyone is invited to pray the Rosary on **Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 12Noon.** We will Pray the Rosary for peace and healing. We will meet and pray the Rosary at 10th & Bigler Streets by the gate in front of the alcove with the image of our Blessed Mother.

All are welcome!

DIACONAL FORMATION

Are you being called to be a deacon in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia? Catholic men, and their wives if married, with a deep spiritual life, who are between the ages of 29 and 55 are invited to join in a live webinar with a panel of clergy on **Tuesday, 10/12/21, from 7pm to 9pm**, about discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program. This virtual event will explore the call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as permanent deacons. After the introductory talk, there will be time for questions and answers. No commitment is required to attend this event taking place via Zoom.

For more information or to take the next step and register for the upcoming virtual Permanent Diaconate Information Night, visit: <https://archphila.org/deacon>.



PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great 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!

PONTIFICAL MASS
CELEBRATING ST. JOHN HENRY NEUMAN

A Pontifical Mass celebrating St. John Henry Newman is being celebrated on **Thursday, 10/07/21 at 7:00pm** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, 18th St. and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila., PA 19103.

This Mass is being celebrated according to the Divine Worship Missal of the Ordinariates.

The celebrant is Bishop Steven J. Lopes, Bishop of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, and the homilist is Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO A. C.

The Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City this Wednesday, 09/29/2021 from 10:30am to 7:30pm. Cost of the trip is \$95.00 per person and includes a \$25.00 slot bonus, show, plated lunch, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except for the driver). Full payment of \$95.00 is now due. For information, please call Marge Varley at 267-882-7717.

TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE

The Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA on Thursday, 11/04/21, to see the stage production of "Queen Esther". Cost is \$135 per person and includes the show, a buffet meal at Millers, free time at Kitchen Kettle Village, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except for the driver). Full payment of \$135 is now due. For information, please call Marge Varley at 267-882-7717.

2021 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2021 Catholic Women's Conference Mini-Conferences are being held on Saturday, 10/23/21. An early sell out is expected! CWC2021 will be a highly modified version of our usual event. This year, Catholic women are invited to attend one, 2-hour, in-person mini-conference (morning or afternoon) and then enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. This year's theme is "Strong and Beautiful". The morning keynote speaker is Lisa Brenninkmeyer; the afternoon keynote speaker is Mother Clare Matthias, CFR. The location of the in-person mini-conferences is the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. For full details and to register, please visit: catholicwomenconference.org.



SSJ ANNUAL CHANCE DRIVE

The Sisters of St. Joseph Annual Chance Drive to benefit St. Joseph Villa has begun! Grand Prize is \$10,000; 5 additional prizes of \$500 each. Donation is \$5 for each ticket or \$20 for a book of 5 tickets. **Winners will be drawn on December 5, 2021.**

Please help make this year's Chance Drive especially successful by getting your tickets online!

Visit our Chance Drive page at:
<https://ssjphila.org/home/support-our-mission/fundraising-events/annual-chance-drive>

or
<https://bit.ly/3vg4gRO>

For additional information, contact any Sister of Saint Joseph or the Development Office at **800-482-6510** or visit: **Development@ssjphila.org**

HEALING RETREAT FOR VETERANS

The David Healing Retreat for Veterans is being held from **Thursday, 11/18/21 through Sunday, 11/21/21** at Discovery House, 3730 Richards Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037. Active Duty, Reservists, and Retired Military Personnel are welcome!

This retreat is directed by Veterans, and includes daily Mass and Confession, 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration, Sunrise Hikes, Outdoor Activities, Gourmet Food, Peaceful and Tranquil Setting, Military Comaraderie, Encouraging Conversation, and Transformational Moments.

For more information and to register, please call **Mark** at **267-980-5507** or visit **www.davidretreat.com**.

This retreat is sponsored by The King's Men, who want to make a difference in the lives of these heroes.

THE FAITH AND LIBERTY DISCOVERY CENTER

The Faith and Liberty Discovery Center is a technologically immersive state-of-the-art museum, illuminating the influence of the Bible's role as an essential freedom text and even a founding document. St. Katharine Drexel and Dorothy Day are among those featured in one of the exhibits. The Center is located on Independence Mall in Center City Philadelphia.

For full details, visit: **<https://www.faithandliberty.org/>**

WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1956 REUNION

West Catholic Girls' High School, Class of 1965, is having their 65th Reunion at "Anthony's at the Lamb" in Springfield, PA, next Sunday, 10/03/21, at 12NOON. For more information, please contact: **Cass Jarrett Coakley** at **610-353-1017** or by email: **CassCoakley@Verizon.net**; **Betty Steuber Neville** at **856-783-1711** or by email: **ElizNeville@gmail.com**.

We hope to see you there!

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia is sponsoring a Post-Abortion Healing Retreat from Friday, 10/22/21 through Sunday, 10/24/21, in Malvern-Frazer, Pennsylvania.

A woman's testimony: "I received great inner healing during my retreat. I recommend it to anyone suffering from abortion. I was able to forgive myself and found Christ's unconditional love."

A man's testimony: "For 18 years I had been haunted by guilt that no one could take away. Through the retreat, I was able to forgive myself. God has given me a peaceful mind, cleansed my heart and washed away my guilt."

For information call/email:

Georgeann-**484-955-4278** or **geemcgarrv@gmail.com**
Susan-**610-716-4795** or **susiemck@comcast.net**

All inquiries are strictly confidential.
Financial aid is offered if needed.

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SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

As we pray for vocations to the priesthood, a good way to get to know our seminarians studying for ordination in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is by listening to their vocation stories by visiting: **Heedthecall.org/poster**.

**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.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from on-going services such as meals, transportation, a senior companion, or 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 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.



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.

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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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