



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 August 27 & August 27

Income: Plate = \$3,334.00 + AWC = \$72.50 = \$3,406.50

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$9,028.14)

Total = (\$5,621.64)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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: "In the serene and faithful abandonment of our freedom to the Lord, our work also becomes solid, capable of bearing lasting fruit. Thus, our "sleep" becomes rest blessed by God destined to seal an activity that has meaning and coherence."
-Pope Benedict XVI



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 Goren, 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 Petrucci, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quiet, 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: ANTHONY CRISTALDI

GIUSEPPE ERMOCIDA RENATE NARDY

ANGELINA PANETTIERE

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 3, 2023**

Sunday - September 3

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the Zoller and Cosgrove Families

10:30 + Philomena Salvatore

Monday - September 4 (Labor Day)

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - September 5

8:00 + Marie Mazzola

Wednesday - September 6

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

Thursday - September 7

8:00 + Joseph Geoffredi

Friday - September 8

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Saturday - September 9

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Primerano and Procopio Families

5:00 + Bob DeRenzi

Sunday - September 10

8:00 + Frank and Carmela Aquino

10:30 + Charles and Marie Leuzzi



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Rosaria Tesouro

Requested by
Allison Malloy and The Malloy Family

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Joseph and Lucille Bryson

Requested by
Michael Bryson



Adoration Chapel Candles

1) In Memory of
Joseph and Viola Hicks

Requested by
Their Daughter, Mary Gatto

2) For the Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Stella Maris



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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here we are at Labor Day weekend. I can't believe that the summer is unofficially over. 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.

Also, we pray for our children as they begin school this week. We support and encourage our children and we thank our parents who choose Catholic Education. We hope and pray that they will have a good learning experience.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "That he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priest, and the scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Imagine the shock of the disciples, especially Peter. In last week's Gospel, Peter just confessed that Christ was the Son of the living God, and now he is being told that the Son of Man must suffer. Jesus rebukes Peter and tells him that he is, "Thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." After rebuking Peter for questioning the Father's plan for Him, Jesus shows the apostles the path to heaven. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Jesus teaches them clearly and simply that embracing the cross will gain life, while denying the cross will lose life. Jesus emphasizes that discipleship is about shedding the old life aimed at acquiring power, glory, fame, and fortune. That leads to nothing. It is only when one sheds oneself of that phony, inauthentic, but ever-attractive life that one will find real life. This real life is life lived by self-giving, through service to others, in imitation of the life of Jesus. It is a life rooted in Jesus and not in self-promotion. For a disciple, authentic life is modeled on the way of the cross. The good news is that the cross does not end in death. The cross leads to new life - unlike anything a person could earn or procure for oneself. The life that we are being encouraged as disciples to lose is actually no life at all. It is only when we have the faith to abandon that inauthentic life that we can experience real living. This is not an easy message for any disciple of Jesus to hear and understand.

Discipleship includes the cross, death on the cross and resurrection as part of the complete package. We can never avoid the cross. Jesus didn't, the disciples didn't, and as disciples of Christ, neither can we. Are we willing to be true disciples of Christ? Are we willing to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Christ?

Next Sunday, September 10th, after the 10:30 Mass, we will have our parish picnic. Hope to see you there!

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

Have a happy and blessed Labor Day.

God bless!

Fr. Di Orio



STELLA MARIS PARISH PICNIC

Please join us for a great time with your Stella Maris Parish Family **next Sunday, 09/10/23**, beginning at **12Noon in our parking lot**. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Barbeque Chicken, tossed salad and water will be provided. Bring your own snacks, drinks, desserts, and games! Please see the flyer included in this week's bulletin. **Please fill out and return the form at the bottom of the flyer which is due today, Sunday, 09/03/23**, so that we can have an accurate count for the number of people attending the Parish Picnic.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

LABOR DAY RECTORY SCHEDULE

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed this **Monday, 09/04/23**, in observance of Labor Day. **Have a safe and restful day!**

STELLA MARIS SODALITY

The first Sodality meeting of the season is being held on **Saturday, 09/09/23**, beginning with the 8AM Mass, followed by the Novena Prayer, Rosary and a meeting. All are welcome!



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Eucharistic Congress scheduled for **Saturday, 09/30/2023**, has reached maximum capacity and registration is now closed.

If you have any questions for the Eucharistic Congress organizers, please visit: revival@archphila.org.

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PRAYER FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
Heavenly Father, we come to you with joy and thanksgiving for the saving Sacrifice of your Divine Son present to us with every celebration of the Eucharist.

May we enter into this Sacred Mystery with deeper faith and unite our lives to the offering of Your Son on the Cross so to live Christian lives formed by His love for You and others.

May we desire always to receive Holy Communion worthily to grow in intimacy with Jesus, to keep free from sin, and to recognize the face of Your Son in all people, especially the poor.

May we adore the Real Presence of Your Son in His Holy Body and Blood with renewed certainty that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will be transformed into His likeness and be His witnesses in the world.

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, pray for us!**

**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO THE
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 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.

RETRouvaille FOR STRESSED OR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a healing program that offers a welcoming and loving space to married couples who feel lonely, frustrated, or angry in their marriage, often feeling shut-off from one another. Retrouvaille offers hope-that it is not too late for a different and better marriage. The next program is being held from Friday to Sunday, **10/06-10/08, 2023**, at Malvern Retreat House in the Family Life Center, 315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern, PA 19355. For more information or to register for the retreat weekend, please call **215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.** All inquiries are confidential. You can also visit the website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

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).

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Honor Flight Philadelphia is looking for *World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War Veterans* for a day of honor in Washington, DC on **Saturday, 09/09/23.** **There is NO COST for the veteran**, and includes transportation, meals, a USO show, memorabilia, and the opportunity to visit the memorials built to honor your service and sacrifice. Departure will be from Saints Simon and Jude in West Chester, PA. For more information, please contact Andrew Sciavello, President of Honor Flight Philadelphia, at **610-662-1812** or by email at andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org. To date, Honor Flight Philadelphia has honored over 3000 veterans from the Tri-state area. You can also visit: www.honorflight.org.

**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.

2023 WOMEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The 2023 Women's Catholic Conference is being held on Saturday, 10/28/2023, from 9AM to 4PM, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. The theme for 2023 is *Created for Love: Daughter-Sister-Friend-Bride-Mother.*

Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, OP, Sarah Swafford, Claudine Noel, Mallory Smith, Sr. Mary Peter, SOLT, Fr. Remigio Morales and the Sisters of Life. Cost: \$60 general admission; \$50 groups of 5+; \$20 college students; \$15 religious sisters. Registration includes a light breakfast, lunch, hospitality bag and full-day conference access.

To register online: www.catholicwomensconference.org.

For questions or more information, send us an email at archphillycwc@gmail.com.

**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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