



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 \$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.

September 4, 2022
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Collection for weekend of August 27 & August 28
Income: Plate = \$3,250.00 + AWC= \$72.50 = \$3,322.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements = (\$18,708.85)
Total = (\$15,386.35)



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris.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

“The saints and the blessed did not doggedly seek their own happiness, but simply wanted to give themselves, because the light of Christ had shone upon them. They show us the way to attain happiness; they show us how to be truly human.”
-Pope Benedict XVI



Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted: Jeannette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Susan Benco-Castle, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly-Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, 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, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Fiugalski, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, 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, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophie Philipp, Barbara Polce, Christopher Pronio, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, 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, Baby 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, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends: **WILLIAM GRASSO**
LEONILDA KENNY

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 4, 2022

Sunday - September 4

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the Zoller and Cosgrove Families
10:30 + Vincent and Jennie Moffo

Monday - September 5 (Labor Day)

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - September 6

8:00 + Barbara Lalli

Wednesday - September 7

8:00 + Anthony Carelli

Thursday - September 8

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday - September 9

8:00 + Domenico Campese and Sons

Saturday - September 10

8:00 + Frank and Carmela Aquino

5:00 + Bob DeRenzi

Sunday - September 11

8:00 + Cass Matise

10:30 + Philomena Salvatore



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Rev. Msgr. George J. Mazzotta
Requested by
Jerry DeSimone and Family

Adoration Chapel Candles



1) In Memory of
Margaret and Vincent Giampocaro
Requested by
Their daughter, Rita Giampocaro



2) In Memory of
Debra DiBruno
Requested by
Robert and Donna Glynn

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Rev. Msgr. George J. Mazzotta
Requested by
Jean LaSpada



STELLA MARIS SODALITY

On Saturday, 09/10/22, Stella Maris Sodality’s first meeting of the new season will take place beginning with the 8:00AM Mass, followed by the Novena Prayer, the Rosary, and a meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS

On Wednesday, 09/14/22, 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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HELPING HANDS MEETING

On Saturday, 09/17/22, 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,

WOW! Time goes by quickly. 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 and relaxing summer and were able to get away for some fun in the sun.

Also, we pray for our children as they begin school. 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.

On Sunday, September 18, 2022, we will be hosting YO PHILLY PHESTIVAL LIVE in our parking lot, beginning after the 10:30am Mass. Plan on spending some time at the festival. There will be lots of fun: Entertainment, Food, Beverages, Vendors, and Kid's Rides.

In today's Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus reminds us of what it takes to be His disciple and it sounds a bit harsh. Hating parents, spouse, or children to be a disciple seems too steep a price. But our modern language is much different from the language of the biblical times. All of us know what "to hate" something or someone means. However, in biblical times, to hate something meant simply, "to prefer it less." That is quite different from what we mean by that word today! The Gospel tells us that to be a disciple, Jesus comes first. We are to love and embrace the way of Jesus above and beyond all else. We are called to set our priorities in order. If we love God, if we love Jesus first and foremost, all else will fall beautifully into place. From divine goodness flows the meaning of life itself. Our relationships will flower; our lives will be full of God's grace.

Therefore, firstly, we must be willing to sacrifice all family ties and to give absolute priority to following Jesus wherever this may lead. Nothing can be allowed to interfere, not even one's biological family. One's obligations to the demands of discipleship must always come before any concerns about family.

Second, we must carry and bear our cross. Believing in Jesus and His Church does not guarantee an easy life. Often the opposite is true. In suffering, we must cling to one thing and one thing only, and that is the cross of Christ. Jesus knew intimately the whole gambit of human suffering. Someone once said, "Christ did not come to end human pain and suffering – but to fill it with His presence." Suffering is part of every disciple's experience.

Third, we must forsake our possessions. This requires clear focus and strong commitment. Possessions are known to require great attention both in acquiring them and retaining them. A disciple has no time for possessions, which are simply a distraction incompatible with following Jesus.

Jesus' three-fold requirement of discipleship is a difficult undertaking. However, nothing must stand between us and following Christ.

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

Have a happy and blessed Labor Day.

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.



YO PHILLY PHESTIVAL LIVE

Yo Philly Phestival Live is being held on **Sunday, September 18, 2022**, in our Stella Maris parking lot, beginning after the 10:30am Mass. There will be lots of fun, food, beverages, music, vendors, and Kid's Rides. Join us for a day of Family Fun!



CCD REGISTRATION 2022-2023

For Registration in our Religious Education Program for the 2022-2023 school year:

Email stellamarisdre@comcast.net or call 215-465-2336.

Requirements:

- 1) Students need to be 6 years or older by 09/01/22
- 2) Completed Registration Form and Fee
*Registration fee of \$175 for Stella Maris Parishioners;
\$200 for Non-Parishioners
- 3) Copy of Baptismal certificate if not baptized at Stella Maris
- 4) Letter of permission from your pastor if not a member of Stella Maris Parish

Please email stellamarisdre@comcast.net or call **215-465-2336** for more information and a Registration Packet.



STELLA MARIS PARISH CLOTHING DRIVE

Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a Clothing Drive on **Saturday, 10/01/22**, 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 donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as kitchenware, small appliances in good working condition, 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 a full list of acceptable items, visit: www.gogreendrop.com.

LABOR DAY RECTORY SCHEDULE

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed this **Monday, 09/05/22**, in observance of Labor Day.

Have a safe and restful day!

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. More information coming soon.

"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.

PHILLY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Vocation Office invites you to the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA, to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, on **Thursdays between the hours of 9AM to 5PM**, praying that more young people generously respond to the Lord's invitation to serve Him as priests and religious. To sign up to spend time with our Lord, visit: [Heedthecall.org/Phillyadores](https://www.heedthecall.org/Phillyadores). If you have any questions or would like more information, please email:

Phillyadoration@gmail.com

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](https://www.heedthecall.org/poster).

POLISH AMERICAN FESTIVAL

The **Annual Polish American Festival** at the **National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa**, located at **654 Ferry Road in Doylestown, PA** continues **today, Sunday, 09/04/22** and **tomorrow, Monday, 09/05/22 from 12NOON to 8PM on both days**. There will be carnival rides, live music, stage shows, Polish and American food and refreshments, and highlighted in the Polish Village will be Polish traditions and customs and Polish Folk Dance groups. A **\$12 admission fee** includes all events and carnival rides. The festival will continue on **Saturday, 09/10/22 and Sunday, 09/11/22, from 12NOON to 8PM on both days**. For more information, visit: [PolishAmericanCenter.com](https://www.PolishAmericanCenter.com) or [PolishAmericanFestival.org](https://www.PolishAmericanFestival.org).

FERRAGUSTO FESTIVAL

St. Mary Magdalen dePazzi Lodge of the Sons of Italy is having a bus trip to the Ferragusto Festival in the Bronx, New York, **next Sunday, 09/11/22**. Cost is \$45 per person. Bus picks up at Baldi Funeral Home at Broad and Reed Streets at 9:30AM and also at 7th and Christian Streets at 9:45AM. Departing the Festival at 4:15PM to return to Philadelphia at 7:00PM.

For more information and availability, contact Victor Baldi at **215-888-7051** or VictorBaldi@verizon.net.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA PILGRIMAGE to the BASILICA of the NATIONAL SHRINE of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION in WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday, October 15, 2022**, leaving Stella Maris parking lot promptly at 9AM and returning to Stella Maris parking lot approximately 10PM. The **cost is \$75 per person** and includes: pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine, sit-down dinner at Phillip's Seafood Restaurant in Baltimore Harbor, round-trip motor-coach transportation via JC Tours, all taxes and gratuities except for the bus driver's tip. **\$75 must be paid in full at time of reservation. Act now-there are only 3 seats left!**

For reservations or for more information, please call Donna Glynn at 215-520-0699 or 215-465-2336. Please make checks payable to Stella Maris Church and drop checks off or mail to Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th Street, Phila., PA 19148.

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, 11/10/22**, to see the stage production of **"DAVID"**. **Cost is \$138 per person** and includes the show, a buffet meal at Millers, free time at Kitchen Kettle Village, round-trip motor-coach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except for the driver). **Full payment of \$138 is 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. To make reservations, please contact **Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or 267-882-7717.**

ST. PEREGRINE DAY

St. Peregrine Day is a free all-day event on **Saturday, 09/10/22, from 8:00AM to 6:00PM**, with the purpose of bringing encouragement and spiritual renewal to those with cancer and their loved ones. This event is being held at **Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, 2000 Shelmire Ave., Phila., PA 19152**. The day includes free childcare with crafts and activities for kids, free health screenings, Eucharistic Prayer and Adoration, free music concert of praise and worship, neighborhood holistic health expo, opportunity to touch actual relic of St. Peregrine, Healing Service with Anointing of the Sick, inspirational talks about faith with cancer, memorial service honoring loved ones lost to cancer, priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the day will conclude with a 4:30PM Mass honoring health care professionals.

For more information, please call 215-745-3211.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

Catholic men between the ages of 29 and 55, who are discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate, (and their wives if married), are invited to a Permanent Diaconate Information Session being held on **Thursday, 09/22/2022 at 7:00PM** at St. Charles Borromeo, Seminary in the Vianney Auditorium, 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096.

For more information about the Information Session, visit [archphila.org/deacon](https://www.archphila.org/deacon).

For information for the School of Diaconal Formation, visit <https://www.scs.edu/diaconal-information>.

**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.pavingforseniorcare.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.

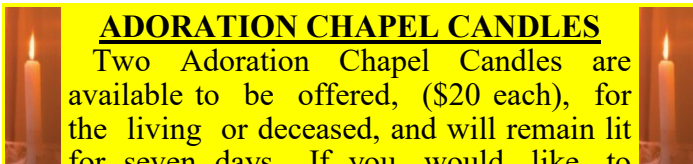
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COLLECTION

Catholic Social Services (CSS) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is collecting feminine hygiene products to support women and girls who face difficulties in obtaining them. This initiative, “Take Back the Month”, addresses the wide-spread need of women and girls throughout the Philadelphia area who are unable to afford feminine hygiene products due to poverty, homelessness, and other issues, and ensures that they have access to these products at no cost. All goods donated will benefit CSS’ housing and homeless programs. If interested donating new, unopened items directly to CSS, contact Amy Stoner at astoner@CHS-ADPHILA.ORG or Cindy Volkert at cvolkert@CHS-ADPHILA.ORG. You can also support this program financially by making an on-line donation at:

<https://yougivegoods.com/takebackthemoth>

**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE AND
CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Please note regarding Altar Bread and Wine and Church Sanctuary Candle Memorials: Although we do not have any more Altar Bread and Wine Memorials or Church Sanctuary Candle Memorials available in 2022, we still have Adoration Chapel Candles available for many weeks in 2022. There are two candles available each week with the donation being \$20 per candle. If you are interested in an Adoration Chapel Candle, please see the article below. Thank you.



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.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

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2022 CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

The 2022 Catholic Women’s Conference (CWC) is being held on **Saturday, 10/22/22, from 9AM to 4:40PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road in Doylestown, PA.** An early sell out is expected! This year’s theme is “Be Not Afraid: Finding Your Freedom in Christ”. CWC 2022 includes: opening Mass with Archbishop Perez, keynote speakers, breakout session, meals, and a closing prayer service. Cost-\$60 per person; Groups of 5 or more-\$50 per person; College Students-\$20 per person; Religious/Consecrated Women-\$15 per person. For full details about speakers, topics, and to register, please visit:

catholicwomenconference.org.

150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church is celebrating its 150th Parish Anniversary with a Mass and dinner on **Sunday, 10/16/22**. Ticket price is \$75 per person. For more information, please call the Rectory at **215-465-4050** or visit their website at www.sacredheartchurchsp.com.

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

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).**

May God reward your efforts for feeding those in need!