



Stella Maris Catholic Church
Founded in the Marian Year 1954
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Perpetual Adoration: Come adore our Eucharistic Lord in our Little Flower Perpetual Adoration Chapel located in the basement of the Rectory. The Chapel is available for prayer at all times, however, a key fob is necessary to gain entrance. Key fobs are available in the Rectory, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. (A \$15.00 donation is requested for each key fob.)

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass:

Sundays: 5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
8:00am and 10:30am
Weekdays: 8:00am (Tuesday - Saturday)
Holy Days: 5:00pm Vigil; 8:00am and 7:00pm

Confessions: 4:00pm - 4:45pm Saturday in Church

Miraculous Medal Novena: Each Saturday immediately following the 8am Mass. Veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Laboure concludes the service.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

Baptism: Anyone who plans to have their child baptized is asked to call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents are required by Canon Law to attend a Pre-Jordan Class prior to the Baptism.

These classes will take place at the Rectory by appointment only. To register for a Pre-Jordan Class, please call the Rectory during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm). Baptisms may be held on any Sunday once the Pre-Jordan Class is completed.

Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation:

Anyone asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor should contact the Rectory regarding their Letter of Eligibility.

Matrimony: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. All couples are required to attend pre-marital instructions in preparation for marriage.

September 7, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please go to stellamarisphila.com and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for Information and/or to enroll. Thank you.

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:

Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Neil Baldwin, Lisa Baranek, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Bianculli, Kim Birch, Kelly Ann Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borges, Anthony Borzillo, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Loretta Bologna, Al Caruso, Clem Ciarabella, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Emilio Colella, Thomas Coco, Mary Conte, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Joseph Dalessio, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Daniel DiCarlo, Louis DiBruno, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Michelle Dolce, Marie Donato, Lisa Donoflio, Lucy Dougherty, Vera Dolan, Dolore Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Vera Freni, Virginia Faulkner, Marie Feehan, Russell Dalonzo SR., Russell Fiugalski, Jerry Francesco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Ellen Gabarino, Evelyn Gardella, Anthony Gentile, Gerta Goren, Margie Gurbuz, Charles Harron, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Bethany Hopkins, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Charles LaSpada, Jean LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Robert and Marie Liccio, Rita Lange, Stacey Loke Pelle, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Michael Macomber, Marsha Magen, Kathleen Magnotta, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Maryanne McCaffrey, Karen McConnell, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Harooz Morrall, Michelle Miller-Killian, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Joe Petrucci, Sophie Philipp, Johanna Pizzo, Christopher Pronio, Thomas Palagruto, Theresa Quiet, Angela Raffa, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Juan Rodriguez, Denise Romolini, Heather Russino, Patricia Resniak, Rich Rosati, Keith Ross, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Rocco Santangelo, Steve Scanlon, Lorraine Schelling, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Erica Siderio, Joe Shireta, Katie Signell Ventus, Grover Simpson, Karen Specht, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Steven Tropea, Cindy Tuohey, Stephen Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Paul and Geri Verdi, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, Caroyln Young, Deborah Young, the military disabled, the home-bound and their families.



We pray for our deceased Parishioners, Relatives and friends:
HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

*Mass Intentions for
the Week of September 7, 2025*

Saturday - September 6

5:00 + Charles Leuzzi

Sunday - September 7

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of the Zoller and Cosgrove Families
10:30 + Tony and Renate Nardy

Monday - September 8

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - September 9

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Wednesday - September 10

8:00 + Frank and Carmela Aquino

Thursday - September 11

8:00 + Louise Green

Friday - September 12

8:00 + Michael Di Orio

Saturday - September 13

8:00 + Maria Monteleone
5:00 + Robert De Renzi

Sunday - September 14

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Bryson and Family
10:30 + David Shaw



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Carolyn Wile
Requested by
Patricia and David O'Brien



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of
Rev. John Tumosa
Requested by
Joe and Barb Andrews

**Stella Maris/Epiphany
Religious Prep/CCD 2025-2026**
Classes are held on Sunday mornings
at Stella Maris beginning 9/14/2025.

Any questions:

Email: stellamarisdre@comcast.net

Call: 215-465-2336



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today the church rejoices because Pope Leo canonized two new saints. St. Carlos Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati. **St. Carlos Acutis**, the first Millennial Saint. Carlos Acutis was a young Italian born in 1991 who, despite his short life, left a profound legacy of love for the Eucharist. Known as the “cyber apostle of the Eucharist,” Carlo used his computer skills to evangelize, creating a digital exhibit of Eucharistic miracles. From childhood, Carlo showed a special devotion to the Mass as well as praying the rosary. When he was diagnosed with leukemia in 2006, he offered his sufferings “for the Lord, the pope, and the Church.” He died on Oct. 12 of that same year and was buried in Assisi, following his desire to be close to St. Francis. St. Carlos Acutis, pray for us. **St. Pier Giorgio Frassati** born April 6, 1901. At an early age he joined the Marian Sodality and the Apostleship of Prayer and obtained permission to receive daily communion (which was rare at that time). He developed a deep spiritual life which he never hesitated to share with his friend. The Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin were two poles of his world of prayer. What little he did have, Pier Giorgio gave to help the poor, even using his bus fare for charity and then running home to be on time for meals. The poor and the suffering were his masters, and he was literally their servant, which he considered a privilege. His charity did not simply involve giving something to others, but giving completely of himself. This was fed by daily communion with Christ in the Holy Eucharist and by frequent nocturnal adoration, by meditation on St. Paul’s “Hymn of Charity” (I Corinthians 13), and by the writings of St. Catherine of Siena. He often sacrificed vacations at the Frassati summer home in Pollone (outside of Turin) because, as he said, “If everybody leaves Turin, who will take care of the poor? He died on July 4, 1925, and his body is incorruptible. St. Giorgio Frassati, pray for us.

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.

This Thursday will be 24 years since the attack on America. Please remember in your prayers all those who lost their lives on September 11th and all those men and women who continue to serve in our armed forces making it possible for us to live freely.

In today’s Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus reminds us what it takes to be His disciple and it sounds a bit harsh. Hating parents, spouse, or children in order 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 in order 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.

God bless,
Father Di Orio



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

September 14, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers for the evangelization of the Black and Native American people throughout our country.

As we embark on another year of evangelization in the Black Catholic, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the mission in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, mission schools and the many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Locally, through grants awarded from this collection, a number of parishes within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. It is only through your continued generosity of this collection that such efforts are realized.

The Collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be held in parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of September 13 and 14, 2025. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D
Archbishop of Philadelphia

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork, and fish. We kindly ask that the meals you prepare contain meat or fish, a starch (pasta/potatoes/rice) and a vegetable. Those who receive these meals are elderly and it is healthy for them to get a balanced, nutritious meal.

Please do not put individual leftover items in the freezer. We ask that you please only put complete balanced meals in the freezer (each filled tray should contain a protein, a starch and a vegetable).

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

STELLA MARIS CHURCH WASHINGTON DC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA PILGRIMAGE

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, October 28, 2025
\$125 per person

- Full Payment required upon reservation
- First come, First served.
- Cash or checks payable to Stella Maris
- Drop off or mail payments to: Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 S. 10th St., Philadelphia PA. 19148

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



Stella Maris Events

2025

Sunday, Dec. 7th – Breakfast at Stella Maris
Join us after the 10:30 Mass for a Delicious Breakfast
athering for all ages with a special guest.

Adults \$15, Kids 10 and under \$5

2026

Saturday, April 25th – P & S – Spaghetti Dinner
Join us for our Annual Night of Delicious
P & S Spaghetti and Meatballs, Esposito's Porchetta,
Great Music and Fabulous Prizes!

Spring 2026 – \$50 Grand Raffle
\$50 Raffle tickets will be sold beginning in May 2026 for
A drawing of 6 prizes which will be held after each Mass the
weekend of Nov.22/23. More information to follow.

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRANK

STARRING JOE PISCOPO
LIVE AT ST. MONICA SCHOOL



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

Doors Open: 5:30 PM
Concert Starts: 7:30 PM

2500 S. 16th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19145

JOE PISCOPO

Starring Joe Piscopo — endorsed by
Frank Sinatra himself — and Broadway's
Michael Longoria (Frankie Valli in Jersey
Boys)

Sinatra. Valli. One unforgettable night.

VIP TABLES AVAILABLE | DINNER & SHOW: \$100 | CONCERT ONLY: \$75
FOR TICKETS OR VIP TABLE RESERVATIONS,
CONTACT: EVENTS@SMSPA.ORG | 215-467-5338

STELLA MARIS PARISH
FALL
CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR
SATURDAY, OCT. 18TH
FOOD & DJ ENTERTAINMENT
9 AM - 3 PM
2901 S 10th St
Philadelphia, PA 19148
[Rain Date: Oct. 25th]
Craft/Vendor Spaces:
Two 10x18 spots for \$50
To apply to be a vendor, email:
StellaMarisParish@comcast.net

Star of the Sea Seniors

American Music Theatre

Friday, December 5, 2025

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

\$145.00 per person

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

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

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

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

30 YEARS GOLF TOURNAMENT
THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF PHILADELPHIA

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Support the retired Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia with a day of golf, fellowship, raffles, and more — all for a great cause! Proceeds benefit the elder care for our sisters who have dedicated their lives to service.

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 29**
PENN OAKS GOLF CLUB
WEST CHESTER, PA

Check-in + Breakfast: 09:00 AM
Shotgun starts 10:00 AM

osfphila.org/events/30th-annual-golf-tournament

foundation.events@osfphila.org 610-558-6143

**SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION:
HOPE IN CHRIST**

You are not alone! The Church desires to be close to her children who are struggling with addiction and to bring them the healing power of Jesus Christ's love. Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those struggling with an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for Catholic resources, ongoing support, testimonies, and events that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to spiritually support you in your journey towards recovery.

You may visit archphila.org/hope for details and postings.

**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND
AUTISM HELP-LINE**

This convenient help-line assists families with connecting to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

To reach the Help-Line, please call 484-472-5041 or email IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.

**ASSISTED LIVING AND/OR LONG-TERM
CARE FOR SENIORS**

For information on the cost of, or questions about Senior Living and Care in Philadelphia, along with Financial Assistance Programs, please feel free to visit the following website: www.payingforseniorcare.com. This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

LILY'S GIFT MINISTRY

Lily's Gift Ministry is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced, or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. To expectant parents, we offer unique insight and sensitivity regarding such difficult issues as:

- +Maintaining hope when prognosis is poor
- +Sorting through medical decision making
- +Grieving the loss of the anticipated baby
- +Stillbirth and neonatal critical care

For more information, visit www.LilysGift.org or call Sister Kathleen Schipani at 215-587-3530.

This information has been provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Office for Life and Family.

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

This group is open to anyone interested in learning more about the process of adopting children, in the process of adopting a child, or already a parent through adoption. Meet and talk to caring, supportive families that share their experience with the adoption process and parenting. **This group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.**

Meetings are in person or virtual. In person location is Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church, 1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454.

Contact Maria at mariamalone@mmredeemer.org to attend in person, to get a virtual meeting link and to get any updates on meeting times and locations.



CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE

Our Church Sanctuary Candle is available to be offered for the living or deceased, and will remain lit for seven days. If you would like to reserve a candle, please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN MEMORY OF or FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:

REQUESTED BY:

PHONE #



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Altar Bread and Wine is available to be offered for an entire week for the living or deceased. If you are interested, please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$25 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

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ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES



Two Adoration Chapel Candles are available to be offered, (\$20 each), for the living or deceased, and will remain lit for seven days. If you would like to reserve a candle,



please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

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