



## *Stella Maris Catholic Church*

*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*

*2901 S. 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148*

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*Rev. John R. Di Orio*

*Pastor (ext. 3)*

*Rev. Msgr. James F. Connelly  
Pastor Emeritus*

*Rev. James T. McCabe  
Parochial Vicar (ext. 4)*

### *Staff:*

*Mrs. Carmel Brabazon - Parish Secretary (ext. 9)*

*Mr. Cormac Brady - Music Director (ext. 7)*

*Mrs. Carmella DeSimone - Business Manager (ext. 6)*

*Sister Veronica Maier, SSJ - Parish Services Director (ext. 8)*

*Mrs. Marie Milano - Director of Religious Education (ext. 5)*

*Rectory: 215-465-2336*

*Convent: 215-462-1111*

**Perpetual Adoration:** Come adore our Eucharistic Lord in the 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 at the Rectory.

### **The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

*Sundays: 5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)  
8:00am; 9:30am; 11:00am*

*Weekdays: 8:00am (Monday – Saturday)*

*Holy Days: 5:00pm Vigil; 8:00am; 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 Pre-Jordan, please call the Rectory. Baptisms may be held any Sunday—once Pre-Jordan 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.

**January 14, 2018**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of January 14, 2018**

**Sunday—January 14**

8:00 + Frank and Marie Cosenza  
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
 11:00 + Immacolata and Tony Campese

**Monday—January 15**

8:00 + Rose Cochran

**Tuesday—January 16**

8:00 + Fred, Elizabeth, and Jane Maier

**Wednesday—January 17**

8:00 + Lorenzo Trimarco

**Thursday—January 18**

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

**Friday—January 19**

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

**Saturday—January 20**

8:00 + Rotolo Family  
 5:00 + Sebastiano Squillaciotti

**Sunday—January 21**

8:00 + Julia Bruno  
 9:30 + Domenico and Maria Romeo  
 11:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

<b>Collection for weekend of January 6 &amp; January 7</b>		
<b>Income: Plate</b>	<b>= \$5,155.00 + AWC = \$115.00</b>	<b>= \$5,270.00</b>
<b>Bills Paid= Total Disbursements</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>(\$20,122.59)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>(\$14,852.59)</b>

**Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:**

*"The better you know Jesus, the more His mystery attracts you. The more you discover Him, the more you are moved to seek Him."*

**Automated Withdrawal Contributions (AWC):**

Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish. Your offering can be in any amount. Please call the Rectory for more information. Thank you!

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

**Please pray for all the sick that they may be comforted:**

Jeanette Albanese, Rosario Allia, Ed Alioto, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Grace Carchidi, Vincent Carchidi, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Baby Matthew D'Imperio, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlori, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Maribel Guerrero, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Alice Idell, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Samantha LaSpada, Petronella MacCarter, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Carmela Martini, Joe Martino, Tina Martino, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Ernest Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Baby Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Lenny Olivieri, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Angela Raffa, M/M Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Alessandra Trimarco, Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Caila Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Robin Twaddell, Christine Upchurch, Christopher Vacante, Michael Valardi, Anthony Vanore, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
 Frank, Josephine, and John Pensabene  
 Requested by  
 Chuck and Rita Young



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
 Brian Mooney  
 Requested by  
 Pestacchi Family



**STELLA MARIS SODALITY**  
**DAY OF RECOLLECTION**



The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held on **Saturday, 03/03/18**, beginning at **8:30AM**. The schedule for the day includes Rosary, breakfast, speaker-Father Sacks, Confessions, quiet prayer time, Mass, and lunch. Donation for the day is \$15.00. For more information, please call Helen at 215-468-6618 or Cathy at 215-465-7451.



**We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:**

**ROSE CAPISTA**  
**MARIE ORDINE**

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.

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# rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

To all who gave of their time and energy last Sunday afternoon, to put Christmas away, thank you, thank you, thank you. I am grateful to all who were here to clean up and tidy up the Church.

In today's Gospel when John the Baptist shouted "Behold the lamb of God," his disciples quickly followed Jesus. When Jesus called Simon, he left everything and remained with Jesus. For this, Simon became Peter. When Peter and the other disciples left all behind and stayed with Jesus, their transformation began. Soon, they were sent to do God's other work. We, too, are called to do God's work and become disciples of Jesus. When we were baptized, we became Christ's followers, Christians. However, discipleship is more than a simple "yes" to an invitation from Jesus to follow Him. What Jesus asks from those who answer His call is to abandon their past and have a willingness to come, to stay and to see a new path ahead. Jesus' expectation is that those who follow Him make their home with Him, just like the apostles did. God looks for the same response from the young Samuel, from our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Samuel, who abandoned his family to live in the temple near the ark. When God called, Samuel eagerly responded, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". God hopes to hear the same response when He calls us. While the call of Jesus to discipleship may be deliberately vague, the response Jesus desires is clear. Like the disciples and Samuel, Jesus desires that faith and trust be a part of our response.

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Pope Francis says it eloquently: "It means putting innocence in the place of malice, love in the place of force, humility in the place of pride, service in the place of prestige. It is good work!" It means being open, proposing the Gospel to everyone, testifying with our life that following Jesus makes us freer and more joyful.

God has chosen us and has called each of us by name. God chooses us as priests, as consecrated religious men and women to serve the Church and His people. God calls us to marriage, to live out a love for one another in the mission of raising a family. God can also choose for us to be single, to live celibate and chaste lives for the good of the Church. We all have a vocation, a specific call from the Lord to follow and serve in a particular way. Just as God called Samuel, God calls us to discipleship through His Son, Jesus. May our response be that of the psalmist, "Hear am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask you to pray for me.

God Bless!  
Fr. Di Orio



## THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow Him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

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## THANK YOU FROM HELPING HANDS

Many thanks to all parishioners who helped in any way with Helping Hands outreaches at Christmas. Our Christmas Tree serviced 23 families with gifts for children; 75 children received three gifts each. Our food outreach supplied 15 families with a full course Christmas dinner. New hats, gloves, scarves, underwear and socks filled eight cartons for St. John's Hospice for homeless men. Dawn's Place received 22 gift certificates to various stores. Toys and games numbered close to 100 for needy children. Our outreaches are possible only because you, our parishioners, are so generous.

**God bless your generous hearts!**

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## STELLA MARIS HELPING HANDS

Stella Maris Helping Hands is looking for some new members to join our group. This group serves the members of Stella Maris who are in need of assistance. We meet once a month. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Sister Veronica at the Rectory (215-465-2336) during regular business hours. Please consider joining Helping Hands-your help would be greatly appreciated!



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## PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great need of 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.

**Thank you for helping those in need!**

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## 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 a part of one of our ministries (Lectors, Singers/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours.

**Thank you and God bless you!**





**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS**  
**TRIP TO LANCASTER**

Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see the brand new show, "JESUS", on **Tuesday, 03/13/18**. Cost is \$130 per person and includes: Theater matinee show, buffet lunch at Millers Restaurant, Rockvale Outlets, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities. **Full payment is now due**. We are currently **sold out**, but have a **waiting list**. For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.

**TRIP TO DELAWARE PARK**

Star of the Sea Seniors are running a trip to Delaware Park on Tuesday, 02/13/18. The cost is \$35 with a bonus of \$30 free play. Full payment is due when you make your reservation, but no later than 01/15/18. The bus will leave Stella Maris parking lot PROMPTLY at 10:15AM. You may park your cars behind the Church ONLY. Lunch is on your own. The bus will depart for home at 5:00PM. For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.



**OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL NEWS**

There are two scholarship opportunities that have opened for the 2018-2019 School Year:

- 1) **Children's Scholarship of Philadelphia** is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are available through their website: [www.csphiladelphia.org](http://www.csphiladelphia.org). **Final deadline is March 1, 2018.**
- 2) **FACTS Financial Aid Application** replaces the SmartAid Financial Application. Financial Aid through FACTS requires an **application fee of \$30**. **Priority is given to applications completed by December 31, 2017.** Financial aid **deadline is March 15, 2018.**

**Tours of the School** are available by calling **215-467-5385** to make an appointment to learn more about school programs. For more information, you can also email Ms. Cody, the Principal, at: [pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com](mailto:pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com).

**STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR**

- Monday, 01/15/18-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/21/18-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Tuesday, 01/23/18-Seniors Birthdays (Jan., Feb., Mar.), 1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/28/18-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Saturday, 02/03/18-Sodality Meeting-8:30AM, Church/Vestibule
- Saturday, 02/03/18-First Communion Retreat-9:00AM. Off-Site (St. Richard's Hall)
- Sunday, 02/04/18-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Tuesday, 02/06/18-Seniors V-Day (Pizza/Soda)-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 02/11/18-CCD, 9:15AM, Church/School
- Wednesday, 02/14/18-Ash Wednesday-8:00AM-Mass; 12NOON-Prayer Service; 7:00PM-Mass



**COME JOIN THE FUN WITH US**  
**AT OUR OLDIES' NIGHT**  
**WITH JERRY BLAVAT**



Reunite with old friends and Dine, Dance & Party the night away with us on **Saturday, February 17, 2017 at Stella Maris Hall, 814 Bigler Street, from 7pm until 11pm** with great music (featuring Jerry Blavat), great food, and great fun.

Ticket cost is \$45 (non-refundable), \$55 at the door, which includes selections at our hot buffet by "Galdo's" Caterers, desserts, beer, soda, coffee, and tea. Door prize, 50/50 chances and chances on a basket of cheer. You may purchase tickets at the Rectory during regular business hours or please call Carol at 215-463-3410. Make all checks payable to: **Stella Maris Parish.**

**Hope to see you on the dance floor!**



**NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO**  
**ATTEND COLLEGE? APPLY FOR**  
**A STELLA MARIS SCHOLARSHIP!**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- 1) Applicants must be parishioners of the Parish Church of Stella Maris, Philadelphia, PA
- 2) Applicants must be active, participating members of Stella Maris Parish, recommended by the Pastor.
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need.
- 4) Applicants must demonstrate traits of high personal character and leadership
- 5) Applicants must plan to attend a public college or university located in the state of Pennsylvania or one of the four PA state-related colleges: Lincoln University, Penn State University, Temple University, or University of Pittsburgh.

The number of recipients and scholarship amount will be based upon the market value of the scholarship fund assets each year as determined by Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Trustee.

Scholarships may be renewable for up to three years or until a bachelors degree is obtained, whichever is earlier, providing scholarship requirements are met.

Eligible applicants may request an application from the parish office by calling 215-465-2336, Monday thru Friday, from 9am - 4pm, **until February 22, 2018.**

**Please send completed application to the Scholarship Administration address listed on the application form.**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS**  
**5:00PM ON MARCH 1, 2018!**



**FLAME OF LOVE EVENT**

On Friday, 02/02/18, at St. Charles Seminary in Wynnewood, there will be a Flame of Love Event, beginning at 6PM, including Holy Mass at 8:30PM. The Celebrant and Homilist will be Father James Blount, SOLT. Father Blount is a priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity based in Georgia, who teaches on the battle between Satan and the Woman of Genesis 3:15, Mary.

He is one of the major promoters of the prayers given by God to Elizabeth Kindelmann having seen the power of these prayers in his work to overcome Satan's influence on souls. Everyone is welcome to attend. Join us and bring a friend!



**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. All names and information will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY APPEAL**

We hope you will give prayerful consideration in contributing to the 2017-2018 Seminary Appeal. There are many ways in which you may contribute:

- Pledge Gift
- Electronic Fund Transfer
- One Time Gift
- Gifts of Securities
- Credit Card Gifts
- Planned Gifts
- Matching Gifts
- Tribute Gifts

All gifts to the 2017-2018 Annual Seminary Appeal are tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor on the tax treatment of all gifts, as they may vary from individual to individual. You may make a contribution in cash, online, or by direct mail, which you should have received from the Seminary. Gifts can be sent directly to: Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary  
100 E. Wynnewood Road  
Wynnewood, PA 19096

**Thank you for your generosity and support!**

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**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE**

Altar Bread and Wine may 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. All names and information 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, complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. All names will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly. Thank you!



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