



## *Stella Maris Catholic Church*

*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*

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*Rev. John R. Di Orio*

*Pastor (ext. 3)*

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

*Rev. James T. McCabe  
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### *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*

**Anointing of the sick:** *In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the rectory.*

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

**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.*

***January 15, 2017  
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**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of January 15, 2017**

**God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life**

Collections for the Weekend of January 7 & January 8, 2017  
**Income: Plate = \$5,188.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$5,273.00**  
**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$22,174.60)**  
**Total = (\$16,901.60)**

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

*The response of those who follow Christ is rather to take the path chosen by the One who, in the face of evils of His time and of all times, embraced the cross with determination, following the longer but more effective path of love.*

**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:**

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

**Sunday—January 15**

8:00 + Frank and Marie Cosenza  
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
 11:00 + Frank and Rita Giunta

**Monday—January 16**

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of Saint Joseph

**Tuesday—January 17**

8:00 + Vincent and Catherine McConnell

**Wednesday—January 18**

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

**Thursday—January 19**

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

**Friday—January 20**

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

**Saturday—January 21**

8:00 + Domenico Rotolo  
 5:00 + John and Yolanda Nazzario

**Sunday—January 22**

8:00 + David Roselli  
 9:30 + Margaret and William Raisch  
 11:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
 Angelina and Charles Young

At the Request of  
 Chuck and Rita Young



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
 Thelma De Simone

Requested by  
 Jean LaSpada



Below is a list of donations that have been made to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed on, but will never be forgotten.

**In Memory/Honor Of**

Thanksgiving to Our Blessed  
 Mother and the Holy Family  
 Theresa M. Brandt  
 Joseph DeVito

**Donor**

Knights of Columbus  
 Council #315  
 Anonymous  
 Louis and Maryjane  
 Spadaccini  
 Kathleen and John Roberts  
 Rita and Donna DiBruno

Rose and Robert McCloskey  
 Alfred Tropiano

**BIBLE STUDY**



Everyone is most welcome to join us for our weekly Bible Study on Saturday mornings, immediately following the 8AM Mass. (Please note: There will be no Bible Study on Sodality meeting Saturdays). Sister Cathy Bones, SSJ, will lead the Bible Study, which will be held in the classroom in the Church Vestibule.



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

**JOSEPH CONNOR**  
**MARY MAIO**

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.

# rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here we are in the Ordinary time of the Church year. A great reminder, at this time of the year, is to try to do all the ordinary things that we learned and been taught as Catholic, extraordinarily well.

Speaking of doing things extraordinarily well; I am happy to announce that one of our Catechists, Ms. Lorrie Murray, an ordinary person who teaches in our CCD Program, was honored this past Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul by Archbishop Chaput for her dedicated service in teaching the Faith. Lorrie received the Our Lady of Guadalupe Award. This award is presented to catechists for 15 years of dedicated service, which she has done extraordinarily well. Again, Congratulations!!!

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 from St. John, John the Baptist points to Jesus as the "Lamb of God" so that we all might see and follow. As the Lamb of God, Jesus uniquely relates God and human beings. Human beings look at Jesus and see the kind and loving face of God. God, the Almighty Father, Creator of the universe, looks at Jesus, his Son, and sees a human face (humanity). Jesus puts the universe back together, taking away the sins of the world. When we echo the love of Jesus, who came down from heaven to reach out to us, then we can reach out to others and become a light for those around us. We cannot lead people to Christ if we are not demonstrating Christian values in our own lives. Being a model of virtue is key, but so is truly walking people on their own journey. When we demonstrate Christian values and live virtuously, we become a light for those around us and like John, we can point others to Jesus who is the Lamb of God.

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

God Bless!

Father Di Orio



## YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE- BECOME A FOSTER PARENT!

Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages and cultures whose families are in crisis. The love and commitment that foster parents provide can have a lasting and positive effect. For more information, call **Catholic Social Services at 267-331-2502.**

## THREE MISSIONS



Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.



## STELLA MARIS PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children in grades 1 through 12 are invited to join the Stella Maris Parish Children's Choir. Practices will be held on Monday or Thursday evenings. The Stella Maris Children's Choir would be singing for the 9:30AM Sunday Liturgies. If your child is interested in joining the Children's Choir, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours.

## BUS TRIP FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE TO THE NATIONAL BASILICA/SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Last year, here in Philadelphia, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, **with great courage**, bore witness to faith in Jesus Christ, **'the Light to the nations,'** in this often dark world in which we find ourselves.

**On Friday, January 27, 2017**, Stella Maris Parishioners hope to bear witness to the **sanctity of life, gifted and redeemed** by God, in the annual **March for Life** in Washington, DC. We will join Archbishop Chaput in offering Mass at the **National Basilica/Shrine of The Immaculate Conception** at 10am. The bus will leave from our parking lot at 6:30am. (Parking for the March will be in a designated area **behind** the Church.) This will be an opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence that is offered for anyone who attends the Mass and pilgrimage according to the usual conditions, namely, confession, communion and prayers for the Holy Father's intentions. The indulgence may be gained for yourself or a soul in purgatory.

You will have the option to go into center city Washington for the March for Life **or** stay at the shrine to visit its' many altars representing the apparitions and devotions to Mary from countries around the world. **During the March in Washington, there will be a Holy Hour for Life in the Basilica.** Those who go to the March will be picked up at **Union Railroad Station at 3pm. Those who are not there at that time will have to make their own way back to Philadelphia, at their own expense**, by train). Hopefully, after stopping for dinner, we will return to the parish, by 7:30pm.

Reservations will be taken on a **first come basis**, by calling the rectory at 215-465-2336. Cost to subsidize the bus rental, will be \$20 per person.

**We hope you can join us!**

## HELLO DOLLY STARRING BETTE MIDLER

The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to New York to see the Broadway Musical "Hello Dolly" with Bette Midler on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017. **Due to the popularity of this show, seats are limited!** The cost is **\$300 per person**, which includes the show, dinner at Carmine's, and round trip motor coach. **A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is now due.** The balance of \$150 is to be paid in two payments of \$75 each: First payment of \$75 is due on or before May 10, 2017 and the second payment of \$75 is due on or before August 1, 2017. For more information or reservations, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.



## 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 18, 2017 at Stella Maris Hall, 814 Bigler Street, from 7pm until 12 Midnight** with great music (featuring Jerry Blavat), great food, and great fun.

Ticket cost is \$40 (non-refundable), \$50 at the door, which includes selections at our hot buffet by "Galdo's" Caterers, desserts, beer, soda, coffee, and tea. Chances will be available for a 50/50 drawing and a basket of cheer. For tickets, please call Carol at 215-463-3410. Make all checks payable to:

**Stella Maris Parish**

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

## ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

As part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Fr. Dennis Gill will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes on June 5 through June 12, 2017. This pilgrimage promises to be a deeply spiritual event in communion with the Mother of the Lord, with prayers for peace and healing for all of us, especially for the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Cost per person is \$3,395 (double occupancy); add \$395 more for a single. For more information on our 100th Anniversary of Fatima celebration, visit:

<http://archphila.org/fatima/>



## 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 demonstrate academic achievement
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate traits of high personal character, leadership, and financial need
- 1) Applicants must be an active, participating member of the parish

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.

## DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS IS MARCH 15 2017!

### STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Monday, 1/16/17-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/22/17-CCD-9:15AM-Church/School
- Tuesday, 01/24/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 01/29/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Thursday, 02/02/17-1st Communion Parents Meeting-7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 02/04/17-Sodality Meeting-8:30AM, Church/Vestibule
- Sunday, 02/05/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Tuesday, 02/07/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 02/12/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School

## 9th ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for MAN UP PHILLY 2017! On Saturday, 03/04/17 at St. Joseph University Hagan Arena, men from throughout the Archdiocese are invited to attend this conference. Speakers include EWTN's Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, inspirational speaker Kevin Reilly, former Philadelphia Eagle whose career was ended by a rare cancer that led to the removal of his left arm, and Damon Owens, director of JoyTOB and an international speaker on the Theology of the Body. Acclaimed Irish tenor, Mark Forrest will provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. Register now and save \$10 (Early Bird Special) at [manupphilly.com](http://manupphilly.com).

### FREE VIDEO SERIES:

### THE BIBLE AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Join folks from all over the greater Philadelphia area in a 12 week long encounter with the Virgin Mary right from your own home! The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, founded by Dr. Scott Hahn, is offering limited-time free access to its new video Bible study series, *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. You can access this 12-part series online at no cost beginning January 18, 2017. The videos can be used for individual or group study. To take advantage of this great opportunity to grow spiritually, sign up at:

[BibleandtheVirginMary.com/Philadelphia](http://BibleandtheVirginMary.com/Philadelphia).

Feel free to share this link with friends and family!



### STELLA MARIS ALL CLASS REUNION

We are in the process of forming a Committee for an "All Class Reunion of Stella Maris Students" to plan to reach out to All former Stella Maris students regarding a possible All class reunion in the future. If you would like to be part of this committee, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336.



### 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.

**Thank you and God bless.**





**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.

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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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