



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
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*

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 22, 2017
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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

Collections for the Weekend of January 14 & January 15, 2017

Income: Plate = \$6,261.00 + AWC = \$85.00 = \$6,346.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$24,155.76)

Total = (\$17,809.76)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

How easy it is to be content with the superficial pleasures that daily life offers us; how easy it is to live only for oneself, apparently enjoying life! But sooner or later, we realize that this is not true happiness, because true happiness is much deeper: we find it only in Jesus.

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, Baby Matthew D'Imperio, 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 Tuohy, Allyson Turner, Robin Twaddell, Christopher Vacante, Mike Vicario, Michael Valardi, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the homebound, and their families.



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

LOUIS CARNEVALE
PASQUALE FIORENZA

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,

Mass Intentions For
The Week of January 22, 2017

Sunday—January 22

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

Monday—January 23

8:00 + Catherine and Vincent McConnell

Tuesday—January 24

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Wednesday—January 25

8:00 + Anthony Vivone

Thursday—January 26

8:00 + Judy Jacquindo

Friday—January 27

8:00 + Mike Viray

Saturday—January 28

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
 5:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Sunday—January 29

8:00 + In Honor and Thanksgiving to
 Our Blessed Mother
 9:30 + DeSimone and Pagnotto Families (L & D)
 11:00 + Henry Barone

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Charles Pestacchi
 At the Request of
 Fred and Jeanette McCoy



Adoration Chapel Lamp

- 1) In Memory of Rita Busillo
- 2) For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of Stella Maris



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Rita Busillo
 Requested by
 Carmella and Jerry DeSimone and Family



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.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

There couldn't be more pragmatic characters than first-century fisherman. They were tough-minded, generally skeptical, and probably cut and dry. In today's Gospel, we meet four residents of Capernaum: Peter, Andrew, and Zebedee's sons, James and John. These men were successful fishermen in partnership with Zebedee. The four must have done better than most, as Zebedee had hired servants, and they owned the equipment necessary to make a living. And yet, Jesus calls them, and, with no words, with no negotiation or debate, they simply follow. These four Galileans not only followed, they left behind secure and stable lives. All that they were used to and knew, they abandoned so that they may follow Jesus and start a new life. I sometimes wonder what was the state of mind of these men when they were called to followed Jesus? I wonder this because it has everything to do with you and me and how we are called by Jesus and the decisions we face on our long, winding road to discipleship.

What exactly is a disciple? How do we recognize one? A disciple is someone who is curious, someone who investigates, who hears and believes, but most importantly, acts. A disciple does something physical. He drops his nets and follows. She picks up her cross and carries it. He actually takes food to the hungry. She speaks out for those who cannot speak for themselves. Discipleship is a physical act, an animation of the converted heart.

Jesus calls each and every one of us by name. How do we respond to His call in our lives? Are we willing to start a new life for Christ? If yes, how? If no, why not?

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.**

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Eucharistic Shrine Pilgrimage to Hanceville, Alabama, from 06/03/17 to 06/09/17, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, "Mother Angelica's", Tour of EWTN, and Overnight in Pidgeon Forge, Tenn. Includes 6 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners, 2 Lunches, Snacks, 2 Shows, and a tour of the Smokey Mountains. All taxes, gratuities and donations are included. Cost is \$950 per person double occupancy. Bus leaves from Our Lady of Peace Parish. For information, please contact Mary Ricci at 215-969-5002.



OUR LADY OF HOPE OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, 02/01/17, families are invited to visit our school and to learn about the wonderful things that are happening at Our Lady of Hope School. The times of our Open House are 9:00AM to 11:00AM, 1:00PM to 2:30PM, and 6:00PM to 7:30PM.

Please check the school webpage at:

www.ourladyofhopephilly.com

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 215-467-5385. We look forward to meeting you!

JOB OPENING AT ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Roman Catholic High School has a job opening for a **Maintenance/Custodial** position. Candidate should be reliable, self-motivated and possess an attention to detail. This is a 12-month, full-time position. For complete job description, send resume to **avasallo@romancatholicchs.com**.

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 remaining 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 (final) 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!

TRIP TO RENAULT WINERY AND RESORTS CASINO

On Tuesday, February 21st, the Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Renault Winery and the Resorts Casino. The package includes: wine tasting, tour, family style luncheon, plus \$25.00 bonus at Resorts. **Cost is a non-refundable fee of \$56.00 which is due no later than February 7th.** Please make checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors. Please mail to: Star of the Sea Seniors, c/o Stella Maris Church, 2901 South 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148. For more information or reservations, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.



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/>

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.

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.



Feel free to share this link with friends and family!



SAINT MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saint Mary Interparochial School is having an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 29th, from 10:00AM to 12NOON, and an additional OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, May 3rd, from 8:30AM to 9:30AM. Parking will be permitted on both sides of Locust Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets. There is also a parking garage located at 249 South 6th St, Phila., PA 19106. To RSVP for either OPEN HOUSE, please call 215-923-7522.



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
- 4) 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

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

Friday, 02/17/17-Set-Up/Oldies Night-6:30PM, Hall

Saturday, 02/18/17-Oldies Night with Jerry Blavat-7:00PM, Hall

Sunday, 02/19/17-NO CCD CLASSES-Presidents' Day Weekend





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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