



## *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 28, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| <b>Collection for weekend of January 20 &amp; January 21</b> |   |
| <b>Income: Plate</b>   | <b>= \$6,136.00 + AWC = \$115.00 = \$6,251.00</b> |
| <b>Bills Paid = Total Disbursements</b>                      | <b>= (\$17,205.18)</b>                            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>= (\$10,954.18)</b>                            |

**Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:** "...the Apostles' adventure began as an encounter of people who were open to one another. For the disciples, it was the beginning of a direct acquaintance with the Teacher, seeing where He was staying and starting to get to know Him. ...Before being sent out to preach, they had to "be" with Jesus, establishing a personal relationship with Him. Evangelization was to be ...an invitation to enter into the mystery of communion with Christ."

**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, 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 Santaguidda, 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 homebound, and their families.

*Rest in Peace* **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 January 28, 2018**

**Sunday—January 28**

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph  
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
 11:00 + Anthony Bologna

**Monday—January 29**

8:00 + Henry Barone

**Tuesday—January 30**

8:00 + Ginny McGowan and Billy Hamilton

**Wednesday—January 31**

8:00 + Anna and Dominick Perfetti and Family

**Thursday—February 1**

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

**Friday—February 2**

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Basile and  
 Badame Families

**Saturday—February 3**

8:00 + Sister Alma Christi  
 5:00 + Michael Simeo

**Sunday—February 4**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
 9:30 + Silverio Berarducci and Family  
 11:00 + Mary Fanelli

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
 Anthony Bologna  
 Requested by  
 Wife Loretta and Grandchildren



**Adoration Chapel Lamp**

- 1) In Memory of  
 Robert Maffei  
 Requested by  
 The Maffei Family
- 2) For the Living and Deceased  
 Parishioners of Stella Maris

**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
 Henry Barone  
 Requested by  
 Lorinda Fina



**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, during regular business hours, at 215-465-2336.

**Thank you and God bless you!**



# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's readings, God communicates with His people through prophets. God interrupts our lives and human history through unlikely people and events. The Kingdom of God breaks into human history through prophetic interruptions. That is flashes in history, unexpected individuals, and events, show us new possibilities for the future. Prophetic interruptions are people or events in our lives that challenge our ways of thinking and living that are contrary to who God is and what God has asked of believers. Prophets challenge their listeners. Prophets speak words that touch hearts and connect to their listeners' everyday lives. Prophets remind the people not just *who* they are, but *whose* they are. This seems to be the core message of every authentic prophet God sends: Yahweh is their God, and they are His people. Therefore, the people need to act accordingly.

Jesus is the prophetic interruption; He is the word-made-flesh that breaks into human history and makes the kingdom of God present. Jesus challenges the patterns of belief and behavior of those who considered themselves most righteous and religious. By teaching and healing with His own authority, especially on the Sabbath, He puts Himself at odds with the powers that be. In today's Gospel, Jesus liberates a man oppressed by an unclean spirit and, in doing so, makes God's kingdom present.

God sends prophetic interruptions into our lives-are we listening? God promises to send us prophets, yet it is easy to have hardened hearts. We find it difficult to be challenged by people; this is true whether they are familiar or strangers. God interrupts our lives through people like Pope Saint John Paul II, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and others who confront our beliefs and behaviors that are not rooted in the Gospel. Similarly, God interrupts our history through events, hope-filled or tragic, that challenge us and call us to a new future. Throughout the Gospels, we are reminded that God will interrupt our lives through the lives of the poor and marginalized. We are encouraged to be open to God speaking to us through unlikely people and events. We are called to challenge all forms of oppression, to be signs of hope, and agents of liberation, and to offer a vision of new possibilities based on God's promise.

Next weekend, February 3rd and 4th, in honor of St. Blaise, throats will be blessed after all Masses.

On Saturday, February 17, 2018, at the 11:00AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

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

God Bless!  
Fr. Di Orio

## TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because He taught with authority; He wasn't an authority because He was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from Him, in His desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that His authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in His day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

Jesus taught  
with authority



## ANOINTING MASS



Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at 11:00AM. We invite all parishioners who need this sacramental action of God's healing and love. If you know someone who is ill and wants to attend the Mass and receive the Anointing of the Sick, please call Sister Veronica at 215-465-2336, extension 8.

Also, volunteer drivers are needed to transport some of our home-bound. If you can help, please call Sister to offer your services.

## 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.

## 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!

## PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great 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.



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



**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, and **full payment is now due**. 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 or more information, please call Marge Varley (215-463-3386) or Helen Wagenborg (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**. 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**

- Saturday, 02/03/18-Sodality Meeting-8:30AM, Church/Vestibule
- 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
- Friday, 02/16/18-Set-Up/Oldies Night-6:30PM, Hall
- Saturday, 02/17/18-Anointing of the Sick Mass-11:00AM, Church
- Saturday, 02/17/18-Oldies Night/Jerry Blavat-7:00PM, Hall
- Sunday, 02/18/18-Clean-Up/Oldies Night-9:00AM, Hall
- Sunday, 02/18/18-NO CCD CLASSES-Presidents' Day WKND
- Saturday, 02/24/18-First Communion Retreat-9:00AM. Off-Site (St. Richard's Hall)



**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! For more information, visit: [www.flameoflove.us](http://www.flameoflove.us)

**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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