

Stella Maris Parish

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



1954-2019

Celebrating 65 Years

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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 and 10:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am (Tuesday– 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.

October 6, 2019

Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of October 6, 2019

God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of September 28 & September 29	
Income: Plate = \$4,672.00 + AWC = 102.50 =	\$4774.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements =	(\$3,315.37)
Total =	\$459.13

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word

"We must be a true Jerusalem in the Church today, that is, a place of peace, supporting one another as we are; supporting one another together in the joyful certainty that the Lord supports us all."

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Maryann Baranek, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Vincent Carchidi, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Robert Costello, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna Del Vecchio and the Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Frank Filippello, Samuel Fiore, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Theresa Frangelli, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Barbara Lalli, Ronald Lalli, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Renate Nardy, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Baby Rocco Santangelo, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, Mary Toscano, James Trainor Jr., Alessandra Trimarco, Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

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

CARMELA VILLONE

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.

Sunday—October 6

8:00 + Vincent and Jennie Moffo
10:30 + Mario Calabretta

Monday—October 7

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday—October 8

8:00 + Franco Martino

Wednesday—October 9

8:00 + John Pensabene

Thursday—October 10

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Friday—October 11

8:00 + DePrince and Pagnotto Families (L & D)

Saturday—October 12

8:00 + Chiarina, Mildred, and Felice Bozzi
5:00 + John Pensabene and Rita and John Connell

Sunday—October 13

8:00 + Michael Simeo
10:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Honor of
The Nawrocki Family
Requested by
Tom and Tinker



Bread & Wine



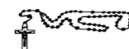
In Memory of
Jason Guerrero
Requested by
His mom Sandy and his brother John Guerra Jr.



13th ANNUAL NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

Everyone is invited to pray the Rosary on **Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 12Noon**. We will pray the Rosary for penance and world peace. We will meet and pray the Rosary at 10th & Bigler Streets by the gate in front of the alcove with the image of Our Blessed Mother.

All are welcome!



STELLA MARIS HELPING HANDS CLOTHING DRIVE



We have come to that time of year when we put away the warm weather gear and get out the sweaters! It's time to clean out those closets and drawers of items you can no longer use. Please consider donating the following items; adult and children's usable and clean clothing, bedding (sheets, blankets, pillows, comforters), silverware, dishes, glasses, books, toys, knickknacks, decorations, as well as small appliances in working condition. Please bring your items to the Stella Maris Helping Hands Clothing Drive which is being held on **Saturday, October 26, 2019**. The "Green Drop" truck will be in the parking lot from **12Noon to 3:00PM**. Tax forms will be available. **(No electronics, computers, TV's, furniture or large appliances)**. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On September 12, 1949, 70 years ago, Sister Claire entered the convent to begin her studies and formation on becoming a Sister of Saint Joseph. We thank Sister for saying yes to God in answering her vocation call to the Religious Life. Congratulation Sister Claire for 70 years of service. May God continue to bless Sister Claire in her ministry.

Our annual Forty Hours Devotion will take place after the 10:30AM Mass next Sunday, October 13, 2019, and will conclude on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00PM with evening prayer. Fr. Robert George, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bethlehem, PA, will be our homilist during this wonderful grace-filled time for our parish.

Also, the Mass book for 2020 will open on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Today's readings are about faith. Faith is not a "pie in the sky" concept, not something available to a select or privileged few. Faith is a gift God offers to all. The key is to accept it and use it to give glory to God.

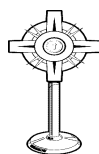
Faith is served by patience. In our first reading from Habakkuk, Habakkuk grows weary from asking God to intervene and save the people from violence and destruction. God hears his prayers and answers, however, not in the time frame Habakkuk expected. Can't we all identify? God reminds the prophet to be patient in his faithfulness. Just as times of dormancy in nature have a purpose, so it is with God's plan for salvation. Patience will be rewarded. "The just one, because of his faith, will live" (Hb 2:4).

Faith is served by perseverance. Faith is a gift from God. As with any gift, the question becomes: "Do we accept it?" "Do we reject it?" "Do we ignore it?" Accepting the gift of faith does not mean there will be no difficulties. It does mean that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to bear the obstacles we encounter. Through faith comes courage to share our beliefs in the name of Christ.

Faith is served by action. The disciples asked that their faith be increased. In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus implies that it isn't their faith that is lacking – it is action. In doing so, Jesus makes the connection between faith and good works. In thinking of others and doing for them, our faith in God increases; our relationship with Him deepens. Results of faith are seen when faith is put into action. Therefore, let us not despair. Let us see ourselves as servants who do their duty, believing in God and keeping His ways, leaving despair behind.

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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FORTY HOURS DEVOTION **OCTOBER 13TH—14TH—15TH**

Guest Preacher: Father Robert George
Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Bethlehem, PA

Sunday, October 13th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following 10:30 AM Mass
4:00 PM Evening Prayer, Homily, and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, October 14th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following 8:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Evening Prayer, Homily, and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, October 15th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Following 8:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Evening Prayer, Homily, Procession and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

We welcome and encourage everyone to attend the
Forty Hours Devotion of our parish.

Kindly Note: Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel will be
closed at 8:00AM on Sunday, October 13th, and will
re-open on Tuesday, October 15th, at 9:30 PM.



ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!

We thank our Stella Maris Adult Choir for their
continued dedication to our music program, and we
invite **all men and women who enjoy singing** to join
them. No prior experience is necessary—all you need is a
joy-filled love of singing! **Rehearsals are held on
Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM in the Rectory music
room** (please enter through the patio door). Help us
to enhance our liturgical celebrations with beautiful
music and to vocally give praise and thanks to our Lord
for all He has done for us.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

As we begin our new Choir Season for the 2019-2020
school year, we welcome back all the members of our
Stella Maris Children's Choir for another event-filled
year, and we invite all of our young parishioners
currently in grades 1 through 8 who enjoy singing to
join the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are held on
Sundays at 11:15AM in the Rectory Music Room. More
information will be given to you at rehearsals.



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

Thank you and God bless.





STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO NEW YORK
 The Star of the Sea Seniors trip to New York to see “Tootsie” is **this Wednesday, 10/09/19**. For those going on this trip, **please be in the parking lot by 8:30AM, as the bus will leave promptly at 9:00AM**. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9AM-departure from Stella Maris; 11AM-Arrival in New York, with free time on your own; 2PM-“Tootsie”; 4:40PM-group walk to Carmine’s; 5PM-Dinner at Carmine’s; 7PM-Departure from New York; 9PM-Arrival at Stella Maris. If you have any questions, please contact Marge at **215-463-3386** or Helen at **215-468-6618**.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE IN D.C.
 The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, is being held on **Saturday, October 19, 2019**. Stella Maris Parish is sponsoring a bus trip for this special occasion. **The trip is now full**. For those going with Stella Maris Parish on the bus, the schedule is as follows: **9:00AM**–Prompt departure from Stella Maris Parking Lot (no rest stop en route); **12Noon**-Approximate arrival to the National Shrine (lunch on your own at Basilica, Confessions, etc.); **3:00PM**-Mass; **4:15PM**-Depart for dinner; **5:30PM**-Dinner at Phillips Seafood Restaurant; **7:30PM**-Depart for home; **10:00PM**-Approximate arrival in Stella Maris parking lot. For information, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM.

MERION MERCY ACADEMY NEWS

Scholarship and Entrance Exam has been scheduled for **Saturday, 10/26/19, from 9AM to 12:30PM**. The make-up date is 11/02/19.

The **Application/Test Registration** can be completed online at www.merion-mercy.com. Students are encouraged to sign up for a school-day visit to Merion any time from now through December 13.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Merion Mercy Academy is looking to hire two Custodians to join their existing staff. Responsibilities include facility cleaning and event set-ups and take-downs. Hours are 3PM to 11PM during the school year, and 7AM to 3PM when school is not in session. Occasional weekend work is required depending on the event schedule. Applicant needs to supply current clearances or be prepared to obtain them if offered the position. If interested, please contact Mr. Mike Wallace at **610-664-6655 X169** or mwallace@merion-mercy.com.

NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Nazareth Academy is hosting its 7th and 8th Grade Fall Fun Movie Night on **Friday, 10/11/19 at 6PM**. It promises to be a fun night of pumpkin painting, pizza, and Disney’s *Hocus Pocus* where girls can hang out with their friends and meet other students from around the area. To register for this free event, visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/MovieNight. For any questions, please contact Ms. Derassouyan at **215-268-1026**.



RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

The Stella Maris Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Radio City Music Hall in New York City to see the “*Christmas Spectacular*” on **Saturday, 11/30/19**. **Cost is \$215** and includes: round-trip deluxe Motorcoach, Orchestra Seating at the Radio City Music Hall *Christmas Spectacular* featuring the famous Rockettes, free time (on your own), and a delicious dinner at Mastoris Restaurant in Bordentown, NJ. **\$100 deposit is due at time of reservation to secure your seat. No refunds unless a replacement is made. Checks should be made payable to Stella Maris Church, and please include your reservation form. Balance of \$115 is due no later than 11/15/19.** Itinerary is as follows: 7:30AM-departure from Stella Maris Church; 10AM-approximate arrival in NYC; Doors open at Radio City Music Hall for Christmas Spectacular with show beginning at 10:30AM; 12:00Noon-Depart from Theatre; After show, free time on your own; 3PM-Depart New York City; 4:30PM-Dinner at Mastoris; 6PM Depart for home; 7:30PM-approximate arrival at Stella Maris Church. For reservations, please contact Dominic Verdi at 215-416-8239 or

CALLING ALL GORETTI GRADUATES OF 1960
SAVE THE DATE!

The Saint Maria Goretti High School Class of 1960 is planning their **60th Reunion for Sunday, 10/11/2020** at Galdo’s Catering, located at 20th St. and Penrose Ave. in South Philadelphia. If you know any graduates of the Class of 1960, please spread the word! For planning purposes, please call **Lucy at 215-462-6589**.

FALL FESTIVAL AND FLEA MARKET

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 1404 South 3rd St., Phila., PA 19147. is having their Fall Festival and Flea Market on **Saturday, 10/19/19** (rain date: 10/20/19), from **9AM to 6PM**. Food, Games of Chance, Kid’s Corner and More! Flea Market-\$20 a space (bring your own table); \$25 for space and table (limited tables available-and they are going fast).

To reserve a space, please call the Rectory at **215-465-4050**.

DANUBE RIVER TRIP

You are invited to join Fr. Jim DeGrassa on an unforgettable trip down the Danube river on a river cruise through 4 European countries ending with the world famous Oberammergau Passion Play. To find out more, please call **215-745-3211**. A free wine and cheese information night is being held on **Thursday, 10/10/19 at 7PM** in the **Resurrection of Our Lord Rectory**, located at **2000 Shelmire Ave., Phila., PA 19152**.



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CARE GIVERS OF CANCER PATIENTS SUPPORT GROUP

This support group seeks to meet the needs of care givers dealing with taking care of a loved one diagnosed with cancer (and also for those whose loved one has passed away). **Meetings are Monday evenings, 6PM to 7:30PM at Sacred Heart Rectory, 1401 S. 3rd St. (enter on 3rd St. off of Reed St.)** They strive to be a comforting and encouraging group to help you deal with all the emotions and changes you might have at this time in your life.

For more information, please email **Maria** at mcampbell19148@gmail.com or call **215-518-1318**.

ADEODATUS-SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION OR WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM PRISON

These support meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30PM in the Saint Rita of Cascia Rectory at 1166 South Broad St., Phila., PA 19146. **All Attendees remain confidential.**

Come for biblical reading, silent meditation, support, and community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out . You can call us at **215-925-3566** or email us at adropinfo@augustinian.org.

Please pray for all those in our prisons and all those currently suffering from addiction.

NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP

This workshop is scheduled for Saturday, 11/02/19 from 9AM to 12NOON in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center at 222 North 17th Street in Center City, Phila. Parish Disability Contacts/Advocates, staff and volunteers are invited to learn about this Christ-centered ministry that supports the practical and spiritual needs of parishioners caring for loved ones whether it be a family member with a disability, an aging or ill parent, spouse, friend, or grandparent. To register for this informative workshop, please visit www.opdarchphilly.org.

For information, please call **215-587-3530** or email opd@archphila.org. For more information about *Nourish for Caregivers* or to attend a monthly *Nourish* meeting visit the Archdiocesan webpage:

www.phillyevang.org/nourish.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Tuesday, 10/08/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Wednesday, 10/09/19-NYC Broadway Trip-Off-Site
- Saturday, 10/12/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 10/13/19-NO CCD CLASSES-Columbus Day Wkend.
- Sunday, 10/13/19-40 Hours Devotion-4:00PM, Church
- Monday, 10/14/19-40 Hours Devotion-7:00PM, Church
- Tuesday, 10/15/19-40 Hours Devotion-7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 10/19/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 10/20/19-CCD/Confirmation Parents' Meeting-9:00AM, School/Hall/Church
- Monday, 10/21/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 10/22/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 10/26/19-HH Clothing Drive-12PM-3PM-Parking Lot



SANCTUARY LAMPS, ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES, AND OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



Although the Mass Book for 2019 is full, and we have no more Church Sanctuary Candles, there are still some Adoration Chapel Candles and Offerings of Bread and Wine available in 2019. Each of these are lit or offered for an entire week, seven days. Just like a Mass, you may offer these for a living or deceased person, or a special intention. The donations are: \$20 for each Adoration Chapel Candle, and \$25 for the offering of Bread and Wine. Please call or come to the Rectory during regular business hours to see which weeks are available, or you may complete one of the forms on this page, being sure to include your phone number in case we need to contact you, attach your donation to the form, and place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket when you attend Mass.

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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

phone# _____

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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly. Thank you!

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