

# Stella Maris Parish

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



1954-2019

Celebrating 65 Years

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Rev. John R. Di Orio  
Pastor (ext. 3)

Rev. Msgr. James F. Connelly  
Pastor Emeritus

Staff:

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

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

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

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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 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.

November 17, 2019

Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of November 17, 2019**

<b>God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life</b>	
<b>Collection for weekend of November 9 &amp; November 10</b>	
<b>Income: Plate = \$5,451.00 + AWC = 102.50</b>	<b>= \$5,553.50</b>
<b>Bills Paid= Total Disbursements</b>	<b>= (\$16,008.94)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>= (\$10,455.44)</b>

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

"In the end, perseverance in good, even if it is misunderstood and opposed, always reaches a landing place of light, fruitfulness, and peace."

**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 Borgei, 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, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, 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:**

**BARBARA LALLI**                      **VINCENZA VINCIQUERRA**  
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—November 17**

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano  
10:30 + Rita Tordini

**Monday—November 18**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday—November 19**

8:00 + Francesca DeMaria

**Wednesday—November 20**

8:00 + Jose Genato

**Thursday—November 21**

8:00 + Gloria Mary Cosentino

**Friday—November 22**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Saturday—November 23**

8:00 + Angelina and Charles Young  
5:00 + Donald Varley

**Sunday—November 24**

8:00 + Salvatore Primerano  
10:30 + Antonio and Grazia Martino

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Theresa (Teri) Di Orio  
Requested by  
Marie and Joseph Italiano



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
Theresa (Teri) Di Orio  
Requested by  
Roe and Jerry Palestini

**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.**



**DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?**

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Whether a Catholic marriage or a marriage between two non-Catholics was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding, or ability. The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances. Whether you are divorced and want to marry in the Catholic Church or are remarried outside the Church, please visit our website:

[archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal](http://archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/metropolitan-tribunal)

# rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Annual Appeal is held during the month of November. You should have received a direct mailing from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. You are asked to make your contribution directly to the Seminary. If you have not received a direct mailing, there are pledge cards in the pews for you to make your pledge. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our Seminary and Seminarians. Again, thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Today we welcome Rev. Mr. August Taglianetti, 4th year theologian for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of the Seminary Appeal.

As we approach the end of our liturgical year, our readings focus on the importance of living a just life – or on paying the consequences. Our readings today serve to prepare us for the Lord's coming. However, the readings offer a warning that life until then remains difficult. The passage, "... when all the proud and evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," reminds us at that time, before there is joy, there will be a reckoning.

The choice is between fire and healing rays of justice. The day is coming for the proud and evildoers. The day is coming when they will be reduced to nothing. Yet the righteous will be blessed, and God's light will shine on them. **Takeaway:** the choice is ours; Judgment Day comes to all.

The choice is between righteous living and acting disorderly. St. Paul speaks of how by working hard he is setting a good example and is not being a burden. He advises those he addresses to admonish those who do not adhere to the instruction. **Takeaway:** Making a right choice sets a good example and brings the peace Christ came to give us.

The choice is between being deceived by worldly goods or of following Jesus. Jesus forewarns, "The day is coming." Do not be deceived by evildoers or put stock in natural disasters. Be prepared to suffer persecution; all will end well for those who persevere. This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses". **Takeaway:** Now choose life so that you and your children may live.

What we are challenged to do today is to turn our finger toward ourselves and truthfully ask, "Am I ready?" So, before we allow ourselves to take comfort in thinking the end of time is far off, we are also called to acknowledge that our personal time in

this world is limited. We get ready for retirement by saving and making adequate plans. How are we preparing for "The Day of the Lord," the day we will see Jesus Christ face to face?

We cannot ignore the reality that if it is not the end of the world, it is our lives that will end. We must acknowledge this, and we must contemplate it. We must live with the realization that our time is truly limited and yet, not fear it. The "Day of the Lord" will come, so how shall we live? We stay faithful; and we stay joyful.

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

God Bless!  
Father Di Orio



## HELPING HANDS THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

Once again, we will be reaching out to people in our community who are in need of a little help during this giving season. The items needed are: turkeys, boxed potatoes and stuffing, canned sweet potatoes and gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned corn, peas, green beans and carrots. Please drop off the items to the Food Program Room in the Church vestibule, but **no later than this Friday, 11/22/19**. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be placed in the white bucket on the newspaper table.

**Your support is greatly appreciated!**



## LINVILLA PIES FOR THANKSGIVING

Stella Maris Helping Hands members are taking orders for Linville Orchards Thanksgiving Pies. The cost of each pie is \$20, which is due when you place your order. A member of Helping Hands will be in the lobby after each Mass this weekend, **11/16-11/17** to collect your order and payment. You will be able to pick up your pie/pies on Tuesday, Nov. 26th in the church lobby between 4PM and 7PM.

Thank you for your support!

## IMPORTANT SCAM ALERT

If anyone receives a text or an email from the number 215-693-3151, asking for help or assistance from Fr. Di Orio, please **DO NOT ANSWER** the text or email. **It IS NOT from Fr. Di Orio-IT IS A SCAM.** If you do receive this type of text or email, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 to let us know as this scam is under police investigation. Thank you for your help with this serious matter.



**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, "Queen Esther", on **Thursday, 03/19/20**. Cost is **\$135 per person** and includes: Theater matinee show, buffet meal at Millers Restaurant, free time at Kitchen Kettle Village, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities (except driver). **Deposit of \$70 per person is now due. Balance of \$65 per person is due no later than 01/07/20**. For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386.

Make checks payable to: Star of the Sea Seniors  
Mail payments to: Attention: Rose Giovanelli  
Stella Maris Rectory  
2901 South 10th St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19148



**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. **Full payment is now due. No refunds unless a replacement is made. Checks should be made payable to Stella Maris Church, and please include your reservation form.** 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 the Rectory at 215-465-2336.

**Special thanks to all who are participating in this trip.**



**PROPERTY TAX REBATE**

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that **Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that **qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year**. Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. **This application must be filed by December 30, 2019**. To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. **Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline**. For more information or an application, call **United Social Services, Monday through Friday, from 10AM-4PM at 215-923-1900** and a staff member will assist you.

**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**.



**COME AND SEE WEEKENDS**  
**AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY**

**Come and See Weekends** are designed to let young men who are discerning the priesthood see what a typical Seminary weekend looks like. Between Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and fellowship with the seminarians, it is an unmatched opportunity for a young man to see if he has a vocations to the priesthood.

Come and see weekends come in two varieties: an overnight stay from Saturday into Sunday for high school men, and a Friday night to Sunday for post-high school men. The upcoming weekends are as follows:

**High School Men:** 01/25/20-01/26/20

02/22/20-02/23/20

03/14/20-03/15/20

**Post High School Men:** 01/17/20-01/19/20

02/28/20-03/01/20

04/24/20-04/26/20

If you know anyone who would benefit from a weekend of discernment, send them this information! Post-high school men and parents of high schoolers can register by emailing Sue Matour, Associate Director at [smatour@archphila](mailto:smatour@archphila) or by visiting the website at [heedthecall.org/comeandsee](http://heedthecall.org/comeandsee).

**THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE SOLEMN NOVENA**

The 2019 Solemn Novena will be taking place at The Miraculous Medal Shrine, 500 East Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144, from November 18 through November 27. Schedule is as follows:

**November 18-26 Schedule (Monday through Friday)**

7:00AM-Novena/Mass

9:00AM-Novena/Mass/Sermon

12:05PM-Novena/Mass/Sermon

2:00PM-Novena/Sermon/Benediction

5:00PM-Novena/Sermon/Benediction

7:00PM-Novena/Mass/Sermon

**Saturday-Sunday Mass Schedule**

9:00AM and 12:05PM

**November 18 & 19 (Monday & Tuesday)**

Sacred Relics Exhibit and Lecture-11:00AM, Lower Shrine

(Fr. Jason Kulczynski)

**November 22 (Friday)**

Anointing of the Sick at all services.

**November 27 (Wednesday)**

Formal Closing of Novena

Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

10:30AM Mass

(Celebrant: Bishop Alfonso Cabezas, CM)

(Followed by refreshments)

**For more information, visit:**

**MiraculousMedal.org/shrine-novena**



**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS CLUB and  
STELLA MARIS SODALITY  
THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Everyone is welcome to our celebration of good food, music and fun, on **Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 1:00PM** at **The Waterfall Room, 2015 S. Water St.** The cost is **\$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members.** We will accept checks or money orders only, payable to the Star of the Sea Senior Club.

Please contact Rose Giovanelli (Star of the Sea Seniors Club) at 215-913-4297, or Cathy Everett (Sodality) at 215-465-7451 **by Friday, December 6th**, for your reservations. Payments can be mailed or dropped off to *Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th Street.* We look forward to seeing you!



**ANNUAL VISITATION AND CAROLING**

Every year Stella Maris young people and adults visit our homebound parishioners to bring Christmas cheer and a gift from our parish, including joyful caroling. Our Annual Christmas Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019, from 12:00NOON to 2:00PM. Adult volunteers are needed to accompany the school children to the homes of our homebound parishioners. This is a great family activity in preparation for the feast of Christmas! **Everyone is invited to participate.** Please call Sr. Veronica at 215-465-2336 ext. 8, or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

**Date: 12/15/19; Time: 12:00NOON-2:00PM; Place: Church Hall**

**RETREAT FOR WOMEN: THE SEASONS OF INFERTILITY**

Join other women experiencing infertility, for a day of talks, personal reflection and sharing, as you walk together in hope and the confidence that God is calling us to a unique fruitfulness. Speakers include Kimberly Henkel, PhD, Alexandra Kleineck, Ann M. Koshute, MTS, and Andrea Mahoney. Retreat is being held on Saturday, 12/07/19, from 8:30AM to 5:30PM at the Mother Boniface spirituality Center in Philadelphia. For more information, please visit:

**<https://springsinthedesert.org/the-seasons-of-infertility/>**

**THANKSGIVING RECTORY SCHEDULE**

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed on Thursday, 11/28/19 and Friday, 11/29/19, in observance of Thanksgiving.

**Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!**



**STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR**

- Monday, 11/18/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 11/19/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Wednesday, 11/20/19-CCD Penance Service (Levels 1-7), 7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 11/23/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 11/23/19-HH Thanksgiving Outreach-8:30AM, Vestibule
- Sunday, 11/24/19-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church
- Tuesday, 11/26/19-Linvilla Pie Pick Up-4PM to 7PM, Vestibule
- Thursday, 11/28/19-Thanksgiving Day Mass-9:00AM, Church
- Saturday, 11/30/19-NY Rockettes Trip-7:30AM, Off-site
- Sunday, 12/01/19-NO CCD CLASSES-Thanksgiving 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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors 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. 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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