



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

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 morning immediately following the 8:00am Mass. (Please note: No Bible Study on Sodality meeting Saturdays.)

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.

February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 12, 2017

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

Collections for the Weekend of February 4 & February 5, 2017

Income: Plate = \$7,528.00+ AWC = \$106.25 = \$7,634.25

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$17,662.29)

Total = (\$9,928.04)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

"The Lord can always supplement any possible gaps and the meager means you have available. Rather than efficient organization, what counts is steady faith in Christ, for He also guides, governs, and sanctifies His Church through your indispensable ministry."

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, Emmanuel Borgesi, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSI, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Baby Matthew D'Imperio, Elvira DeSumma, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Lynn DiOrio, 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, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Lenny Olivieri, Marie Ordine, Louis Pagano, Rose 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—February 12

8:00 + John Pensabene
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 11:00 + Derrick Redinger

Monday—February 13

8:00 + Anna Martinelli

Tuesday—February 14

8:00 + Vaughn Potere

Wednesday—February 15

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Thursday—February 16

8:00 + Salvatore Sandoli

Friday—February 17

8:00 + Nella and Orlando Bravo and Rita Velardi

Saturday—February 18

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of Saint Joseph
 5:00 + Giuseppe Maniaci

Sunday—February 19

8:00 + Guido Iaconangelo
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 11:00 + David Shaw

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 John Meehan
 At the Request of
 His wife Louise



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
 Christian and Charles Pestacchi
 At the Request of
 Anna Mae and Darren
 2) In Memory of
 Agnes Christopher
 At the Request of
 Her Family

Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Anna Martinelli
 Requested by
 Lena



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.



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

**ALICE LANDI
 ANNA RITA LAUER**

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.

From the Pastor's Desk



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 12, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Catholic Charity Appeal has begun in our Archdiocese. Our parish goal is \$25,061. You should have received a mailing about the appeal from the Archdiocese; please support this wonderful Charity, thank you.

On Saturday March 04, 2017, at 11:00AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the example of legalistic people to make his point; unless your behavior goes beyond that kind of superficial morality, you can't be my disciples. Jesus isn't demanding mere conformity to a set of laws; he's calling us to a deeper spirituality. Jesus shows how following him makes a difference in the daily choices of His disciples. The Law of Moses is not abolished, but Jesus' followers who continue to follow it cannot be satisfied with literal observance. For example, Jesus' disciples must avoid not only adultery but also lust in their hearts.

St. Matthew shows us that the law has two levels. There is the surface level, "You have heard...." Then there is the deeper interior level, "But I say to you...." It is not enough to pay attention to the surface level only. We are taught, for example, that anger often is the source for murder. Lust can easily lead to adultery. And non-violent resistance must replace our urge for retaliation. Committed relationships are sacred and thus marriage cannot be cavalierly dissolved by a mere bill of divorce. This is all about how we put the things we say we believe into practice. Christianity is not a theory or a philosophy. It is a way of life, and as such it must be lived.

We must be willing to forgive. Righteous anger cannot be a permanent condition for those who follow Jesus, because forgiveness prepares us for worship. Does Jesus make enough difference in our daily choices? We should ask ourselves, "Am I giving daily evidence that Jesus is the center of my life?"

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be fully engaged in a deep and generous spirituality.

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

God Bless!

Father Di Orio

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Present"

This is the simple response a man makes to the Call of the Church as he is about to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The simple response which is his "Yes" to the invitation of Our Lord to begin to live a life of service to the Church and to all of his sisters and brothers.

We are blessed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to have had many men utter their "present" and then responded by generously and joyfully ministering to the needs of our Parishes, hospitals, schools and various other ministries. We are blessed by priests who have preached the Word of God, celebrated the Sacraments and offered us the guidance and support we needed throughout our lives. We are blessed by priests who have given their lives to support your life in Christ. Their "Present" on their Ordination day has been for them to travel to many different places and ministries. For some, however, their "Present" now finds them depending on you for your generous care and support. Villa Saint Joseph in Darby, Regina Coeli in Warminster, as well as various other health care facilities provide a home and health care for our priests who are retired or in ill health and are no longer able to serve you in active ministry. They now depend on you for your prayers and financial support.

Our annual 2017 Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese will be taken up on the weekend of February 18th and February 19th throughout the Archdiocese. In the past your generosity to this important collection has been both generous and heart-warming. We are truly grateful. We recognize it as a sign of your own love and gratitude to these priests who have served so well. Through your continued gratitude and generosity we can be sure that they will be watched over and cared for in their remaining days.

Please know that your kindness is remembered daily in their Masses, intentions and prayers. We ask that you continue to remember them in yours,

Gratefully and with best wishes in Christ,
+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



ANOINTING MASS

Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on Saturday, March 4, 2017 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 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.

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 now due.** 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.



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

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
Sunday, 02/19/17-Clean-Up/Oldies Night-9AM, Hall
Monday, 02/20/17-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
Tuesday, 02/21/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-trip, off-site
Sunday, 02/26/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
Saturday, 03/04/17-Sodality Meeting-8:30AM, Church/Vestibule
Saturday, 03/04/17-Mass-Anointing of the Sick-11:00AM, Church
Sunday, 03/05/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
Tuesday, 03/07/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.



Registration for Our Lady of Hope School

Registration for new students for the 2017-2018 school year will take place on Monday, March 6th and Tuesday, March 7th, from 9AM to 11AM, 1PM to 2:30PM, and 6PM to 7:30PM. **Please contact the school office at 215-467-5385 for an appointment.** Documents needed for registration include: Original birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Social Security Card, immunization records, and registration fee of \$175. A student transferring to our Lady of Hope in grades 1 through 8 must have a copy of their **most recent report card and standardized test scores.** Financial Aid applications for the 2017-2018 school year are currently available online:

*Smart Aid for Parents-www.smartaidforparents.com

There is a \$25 processing fee. The school number is 91025

*Children's Scholarship-www.csphiladelphia.org

Deadline for applying for Children's Scholarship is **03/01/17.**

Tuition assistance questions should be addressed to Ms. Cody at: pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com

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.

STELLA MARIS SODALITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held on **Saturday, April 1, 2017**, beginning at **8:30AM**. The schedule for the day is as follows: 8:30AM-8:45AM,-Rosary; 8:45AM-9:15AM-Breakfast; 9:15AM-10AM-Speaker-Father James Kelly; 10AM-10:45AM-Confessions and Quiet Prayer Time; 11AM-12NOON-Mass; 12NOON-Lunch. Cost for the day is \$15. For more information, please call Helen at 215-468-6618 or Cathy at 215-465-7451.

Everyone is most welcome to attend!





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:

REQUESTED BY:



**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/>



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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