



Stella Maris Catholic Church

Founded in the Marian Year 1954

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Pastor (ext. 3)

*Rev. Msgr. James F. Connelly
Pastor Emeritus*

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Staff:

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

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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; 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 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 19, 2017

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

Collections for the Weekend of February 11 & February 12, 2017
Income: Plate = \$6,238.00 + AWC = \$106.25 = \$6,344.25
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$19,795.11)
Total = (\$13,450.86)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

"Have this in mind among yourselves...to learn to feel as Jesus felt; to conform our way of thinking, deciding and acting to the sentiments of Jesus. We will take up this path if we look to conform our sentiments to those of Jesus. Let us take up the right path."

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 SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Ann 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 Homer 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 19

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

Monday—February 20

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Tuesday—February 21

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

Wednesday—February 22

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Thursday—February 23

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Friday—February 24

8:00 + Kathleen and Jerry Maier

Saturday—February 25

8:00 + Rita and Anthony Badame
 5:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Sunday—February 26

8:00 + Rita and John Connell and John Pensabene
 9:30 + Rita DiAntonio
 11:00 + Silverio Berarducci and Family

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 David Shaw
 At the Request of
 His Wife and Children



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
 Marie Giosa
 At the Request of
 Her Children
 2) In Memory of
 Gary T. Bregensir, USMC
 At the Request of
 His beloved wife Patsy and
 His daughters Florence Riley and Michaelene Sponheimer



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 David Shaw
 Requested by
 His Wife and Children



MEMORIALS

Below is a list of donations that have been made to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed on, but will never be forgotten.

In Memory/Honor Of

Anthony Bologna
 Domenic Giancaterino
 Anna Rita Lauer
 Anna Rita Lauer
 and
 Harry Lauer
 Alfred Tropiano
 For Favors Received

Donor

Mr./Mrs. P. Brennan
 Mr./Mrs. Arthur Shatz
 Lisa Deeley
 Mr./Mrs. Thomas Balchaitis
 Mr./Mrs. Matthew McClusky
 Mr./Mrs. William Gallagher
 Lena Olivieri & Family
 Carmine & Diane Sciascia



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

HARRY KELLY

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.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

All three of our Scripture readings today lead us to ponder the same thing: holiness. In today's 1st reading from the Book of Leviticus, the Israelite community is called to be Holy, because the Lord their God is Holy. Therefore, we are called to holiness because our Lord God is holy.

When we think of holiness we typically think in terms of being good, doing good things and avoiding sin. This is not exactly holiness, for any person who is good, does well and avoids evil. These do not make a person holy. Ultimately being holy means conforming our lives to God who is holy. To be holy is to strive to be like God. God loves all his children; so must we. God forgives, so must we, God expresses mercy, so must we. God takes our abuse, so we must take the abuse that comes with being people of faith. This is incredibly hard, but with God's grace it is possible.

Also, when we think about holiness, we often think of individuals such as the saints. However, the concept of scriptural holiness is bigger than being a saint. Not only is an individual called to holiness, the entire community is called to holiness. To be holy we must have a foot in each camp. We must concern ourselves not only with our individual relationship with God, but also with our relationship with the community of believers, and that community's relationship with God. Therefore, the entire community is called to holiness. We are to act in love because God does. This love is not about how we feel about someone; it is about our willingness to care for someone.

In our Gospel, Jesus teaches us and shows us how to grow in holiness. Jesus tells us when someone strikes you on the cheek, turn the other one as well. In other words, we are not to retaliate or get even with someone when they do something to hurt us. Jesus tells us to love not only our neighbors but our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

As the season of Lent is approaching, please mark your calendars. On Saturday, March 04, 2017 at 11:00AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Also, on Wednesday, March 08, 2017 at 7:00PM, Fr. Michael Reilly, Pastor of St. Richard's will celebrate a Teaching Mass. This is a regular Mass and will include explanations for all the actions that occur during Mass.

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio

DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus, in today's Gospel, goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

STELLA MARIS SODALITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held on **Saturday, April 1, 2017**. The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30AM-8:45AM-Rosary
8:45AM-9:15AM-Breakfast
9:15AM-10AM-Conference-Father James Kelly
10AM-10:45AM-Confessions and Quiet Prayer
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!



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.



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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is having a post-abortion healing retreat from March 10th through March 12th. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul. For information call Geri at 610-399-0890 or Priscilla at 215-906-6337. All inquiries are strictly confidential. The National Website can be visited at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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.



ST. KATHARINE DREXEL NOVENA AND FEAST DAY

The Saint Katharine Drexel Novena will be prayed from 02/22/17 through 03/02/17. You can download a copy by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/SKD-Novena> or you can join the mailing list to receive the daily prayer right in your inbox by signing up at <http://tinyurl.com/SKD-Sign-up>. Shrine Events include: 02/22/17-Begin the Novena-Noon Mass; 03/03/17-Feast Day-Noon Mass; Soup and bread lunch-bring a donation for local food pantry; 03/05/17-Feast Day Celebration and National Justice Award-9:30AM Mass, with Bishop Deliman as the celebrant. Refreshments to follow. Shrine is located at 1663 Bristol Pike in Bensalem. Visit the Shrine through the end of 2017; open daily from 10AM to 5PM. Visit online Gift Shop at www.saintkatharinedrexelgiftshop.org.

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.

TRIP TO RENAULT WINERY AND RESORTS CASINO

This 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

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.

Wednesday, 03/08/17-Teaching Mass-7:00PM, Church

Sunday, 03/12/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church

Saturday, 03/18/17-Confirmation Practice-11:00AM, Church/Hall

Sunday, 03/19/17-CCD-9:15AM-Church/School

"SAINTS GOT TALENT 2017"

SS. John Neumann and Maria Goretti High School is presenting "Saints Got Talent", which will take place on Thursday, March 9, 2017, with doors opening at 6:00PM. Show starts at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Snacks and beverages will be sold. Join us for the talent show, raffles, 50/50, and celebrity judges. For information, please contact **Jeannine McGuire** at 215-551-0556 or mickski321@verizon.net or **Diana Stankiewicz** at 215-251-4460 or mrsstanks1@aol.com.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM WORKSHOP



This workshop is being offered on March 11th from 9:30AM to 12Noon at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center located at 222 North 17th St. in Center City, Philadelphia. For information or to RSVP, visit www.opdarchphilly.org or email sr.kshippani@archphila.org or call 215-587-3530.



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.csfphiladelphia.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



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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