



Stella Maris Catholic Church

Founded in the Marian Year 1954

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

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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 26, 2017
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 26, 2017

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

Collections for the Weekend of February 11 & February 12, 2017
 Income: Plate = \$5,889.00+ AWC = \$106.25 = \$5,995.25
 Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$21,029.61)
 Total = (\$15,034.36)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

"Believing consists in entrusting ourselves to God, who knows and loves us personally, and in accepting the truth He has revealed in Christ with the confidence that leads us to trust in Him, the Revealer of the Father. He loves us despite our shortcomings and sins and His love gives meaning to our lives and to the life of the world."

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 Cappelto, 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 26

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

Monday—February 27

8:00 + Anna and Domenic Perfetti and Family

Tuesday—February 28

8:00 + Mary Rose Capocci

Wednesday—March 1 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00 + Albert Livecchi
 12:00 + Prayer Service
 7:00 + Ciasullo and Maddaloni Families (L & D)

Thursday—March 2

8:00 + Anna Gajewski

Friday—March 3

8:00 + Luigi Pintarelli
 7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday—March 4

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Basile and Badame Families
 11:00 + Anointing of the Sick
 5:00 + Luigi and Maria Borda



Sunday—March 5

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 9:30 + In Honor and Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother
 11:00 + Domenico and Rosa Lanciano



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

This Wednesday, March 1st, is Ash Wednesday, and our schedule is as follows:

8:00AM Mass
 12:00PM Prayer Service
 7:00PM Mass

Ashes will be given after the Homily at each Mass and at the Prayer Service.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are being held every Friday during Lent at 7:00PM in Church. Everyone is welcome.

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 The Purfield and Connell Families
 At the Request of
 Betty Pensabene



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Joseph Connor
 Requested by
 Star of the Sea Seniors' Club



TEACHING MASS

Please join us on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00PM for a teaching Mass, which will be celebrated here in Stella Maris Church by Fr. Michael Reilly, Pastor of St. Richard's Parish. This is a valid Mass, and will include explanations for all the actions that occur during Mass.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

JULIA BOGGI MARIO CHIMENTI
ROSE D'URSO PETER FAVUZZI
JOHN GALLAGHER

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,

This Wednesday, March 1st begins the Season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the Masses and at a prayer service. Please see the times listed in the bulletin. Remember, this is a day of **fasting and abstinence**. Please keep in mind that all persons who are **14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent**. Further, all persons **18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday**, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. Also, this coming Saturday, March 04, 2017, at the 11:00AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Also, on Wednesday March 8, 2017, at 7:00PM, Fr. Michael Reilly, Pastor of St. Richard's, will celebrate a Teaching Mass. This is a valid Mass and will include explanations for all the actions that occur during Mass.

This weekend I extend to the adults of our parish community a companion to journey with in Lent. **The Little Black Book** is the companion. This little black book provides an easy and convenient way for us to spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer with our Lord during Lent.

The central theme in today's readings centers on faithfulness – God's commitment to us, our trust in God's faithfulness, and our commitment to serve God as trustworthy stewards. St. Paul says we are to be faithful servants of God and trustworthy stewards of the mysteries of the kingdom. Authentic discipleship requires undivided faith commitment. Divided loyalties sooner or later result in disaster.

In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to open ourselves to the working of God while we continue to choose to fulfill the purpose of our life. Serving two masters would be disastrous, because it would cause division within oneself. How often does society pull us in different directions? We are torn between job and family, between earning a living and spending time with our kids, between having too little and too much time. Sometimes we are torn between what we know we should do and what we want to do. When Jesus speaks of a slave serving two masters, he is using a little parable to make a point. God has to come first. We get rid of worry by trusting that God will help us make everything turn out right. When we find time for God in our lives, we learn to relax, meditate, and put division out of our lives.

We are challenged to trust and God is worthy of our trust. He has proven that through the ages: He sent manna daily in the desert, a Savior for His people, and His spirit to remain with us. Worry and anxiety are signs of lack of trust in God's providence. Trust in God makes all good things possible. Unfortunately, we don't trust the way we should because we don't want to give up that control. However, if we surrender to God, God will do

everything for us. What we must find is the willingness and faith to trust God. Jesus tells us to trust God and not let worry distract us from our faith, hope or joy.

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

God Bless!



3rd ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY **In honor of Saint Joseph's Day**



Please join us on Saturday, March 18th at 12Noon, for our 3rd Annual Rosary Rally for families in honor of St. Joseph's Day. We will meet at 10th and Bigler Streets to begin praying the rosary at 12Noon sharp. Hope you can participate as we pray for families around the world. **Everyone is welcome!**

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, we are currently sold out; however we are accepting names for a waiting list.** 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.

SURVEY ON POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING AN ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS PUBLICATION

The Archdiocese is considering resuming a print publication containing local Church news that would come out every other week. The subscription rate would be \$40 to \$50 annually. If you think you would subscribe to a regular archdiocesan publication, please call or email the rectory to say that you are interested in a print publication. Your input is greatly appreciated!

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.



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



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
Tuesday, 03/21/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Thursday, 03/23/17-CONFIRMATION-4PM, Church

THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR LENT

+Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 7PM



+Teaching Mass

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+Lenten Talks and Soup Nights

Our Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting two **Lenten Talks and Soup Nights**, which will take place on **Tuesday, March 7th and Tuesday, March 21st**, from **5PM to 6:30PM** in the **Convent**. Evening includes prayer and reflection, and immediately following, the Sisters will have **Soup** available in the **Convent Dining Room** for all who wish to attend. The free-will offering, if you choose to contribute, will be given to Operation Rice Bowl as part of our Parish Lenten Sacrifice. We hope you can attend, be inspired, and break bread with one another in fellowship.



+Parish Outreach

We are hoping to assist some families who are in need of food this Easter. Therefore, we are asking for donations of hams, canned yams, canned vegetables, boxed instant potatoes, canned pineapple, and sweet treats (jelly beans, candy, cookies, etc.). All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please take all food donations to the room across from the trophy case in the Church vestibule. **The deadline for this outreach is Thursday, April 6th.**



BestLentEver.com

Join Dynamic Catholic for a free email Lenten program, which includes short inspirational videos, practical tips, and a study guide.

Visit: BestLentEver.com for your best Lent ever!



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 3rd and Reed Streets, at 6PM, on the first Friday of each month.

Everyone is most welcome!



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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