



## *Stella Maris Catholic Church*

*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*

*2901 S. 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148*

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*Pastor (ext. 3)*

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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 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.*

***February 3, 2019  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of February 3, 2019**

**Sunday—February 3**

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli and Family  
 9:30 + Maria Muoio  
 11:00 + Elizabeth Mordell

**Monday—February 4**

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

**Tuesday—February 5**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Wednesday—February 6**

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

**Thursday—February 7**

8:00 + Sister Alma Christi, S.S.J.

**Friday—February 8**

8:00 + Vince Procopio and Sal DiNubile

**Saturday—February 9**

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano  
 5:00 + Boe DeCaro

**Sunday—February 10**

8:00 + Christopher and Marie Marchiano  
 9:30 + Rita Straguzzi  
 11:00 + Anna Martinelli

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| <b>God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life</b>           |                      |
| <b>Collection for weekend of January 26 &amp; January 27</b> |                      |
| <b>Income: Plate = \$5,457.00 + AWC = \$102.50 =</b>         | <b>\$5,559.50</b>    |
| <b>Bills Paid= Total Disbursements =</b>                     | <b>(\$11,056.79)</b> |
| <b>Total =</b>                                               | <b>(\$5,497.29)</b>  |

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

*"Believing consists in entrusting ourselves to God, who knows us 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:**

Jeanette Albanese, Rosario Allia, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Vincent Carchidi, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, 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, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Alice Idell, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Barbara Lalli, Ronald Lalli, Samantha LaSpada, 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, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Stella Rizzo, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, 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 Tuohy, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
 Robert Massa  
 Requested by  
 Tom and Tinker



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
 Robert Maffei  
 Requested by  
 Maffei Family



**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY'S INCORRUPT HEART**

There is still time for veneration of the relic of Saint John Vianney's incorrupt heart which is currently on pilgrimage at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City Philadelphia through this Sunday, February 3, 2019. All are welcome to come to the Cathedral for a time of prayer before the incorrupt heart of this saintliest of priests, the patron saint of diocesan priests. It is a unique time to intercede for the healing of the Church, the healing of the priesthood, the sanctity of priests, and holy vocations to the priesthood. The schedule for this Sunday, 02/03/19, is as follows: The relic will be on view from 7AM to 6:15PM, with veneration before and after the 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM, and 12:30PM-(Spanish) Masses and also before the 6:30PM Mass. Confession times are 9AM and 5:30PM. For more details, please visit:

[cathedralphila.org/sjv](http://cathedralphila.org/sjv) or [kofc.org/vianney](http://kofc.org/vianney)

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

**HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today the Catholic Charities Appeal begins in our Archdiocese. Our parish goal is \$25,061.00. You should be receiving, if you haven't already, a direct mailing from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You are asked to make your contribution directly to the Archdiocese. However, beginning this weekend and for the rest of the appeal, we will have pledge cards in the pews for you to make your pledge. Thank you for your generosity and continued support to Catholic Charities. Again, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

In today's Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus' mission, like that of Jeremiah's in our first reading, is met with opposition. We know eventually this opposition leads to Jeremiah's demise as well as Jesus' death on the cross.

However, in our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from St. Paul to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of what real love is. St. Paul reminds us that no matter what we do, without love we are nothing and gain nothing. He reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. The love that St. Paul is speaking about is the indestructible good will. It is unconditional love. This is the love that Jesus has for each and every one of us. In Greek there are three words for love, *Eros*, *Filial* and *Agape*, and I am going to describe them this way. *Eros* is the erotic love, the physical attraction that we have toward others. If our love remains on this level, it is not true love. It must move to *Filial*. *Filial* is the love we have between brothers and sisters in Christ. This is friendship. However, our love must not remain on this level. We must strive toward *Agape*. *Agape* is true unconditional love. This is the love where you are willing to lay down your life for ones' friend. *Agape* is the willingness to put ourselves and our relationships on the line for the sake of love itself. When we speak the truth to someone, it should be from a position of service, not a position of superiority. It should be from a position of love, not anger or jealousy or resentment. We should be kind and patient. We should want what is best for the other person, even if it will not work out best for us. Again, this is the love that Jesus has for us. He wants what's best for us and it did not work out well for Him. He was crucified on a cross for all of us. We know that telling the truth will sometimes lead to trouble, but what parent will let a child walk into harm's way just to avoid a hassle? What kind of teacher doesn't demand the best? We can "speak with human tongues and angelic as well," but if we are not willing to do the hard thing, then we are nothing at all. This unconditional love is the love that God has for each and

everyone of us. He sent His Son to show us the way. Are we willing to love unconditionally, even to the point of death? Our readings today remind us, that like love, Jeremiah and Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jeremiah became a prophet because he accepted that mission from God, and Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love. Love is a way of life that begins with baptism and endures through eternity. It establishes and permeates a positive relationship with God and humans. It is the source of all other virtues. Are we willing to love, love *agape* (unconditionally)?

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

God Bless you!

Fr. Di Orio



## **NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO ATTEND COLLEGE? APPLY FOR A STELLA MARIS SCHOLARSHIP!**

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- 1) Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates who are registered parishioners of Stella Maris Parish, Philadelphia, PA
- 2) Applicants must be active, participating members of Stella Maris Parish, recommended by the Pastor.
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is desired.
- 4) Applicants must plan to attend or be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university located in the state of Pennsylvania.

**Please call Stella Maris Parish Rectory at 215-465-2336, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 4PM, up to and including Friday, February 22, 2019, to determine eligibility and for the web address. Applications will be accepted online only.**



## **SPECIAL EVENT!**

**SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, 02/ 22/19  
CELEBRATE STELLA MARIS' 65th ANNIVERSARY!**



Join us on **Friday, 02/22/19**, as we celebrate the **65th Anniversary** of our beloved parish of Stella Maris.

Our celebration will begin with **Mass at 5:30PM** followed by **dinner at Galdo's, 20th St. and Moyamensing Ave., from 7PM to 11PM.** Ticket cost is **\$50 per person** and includes a hot buffet, dessert, soda, water, and coffee. **Cash bar.** Entertainment will be provided by the **Sensational Soul Cruisers.** Tickets are available after the 5PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, after all Sunday Masses, and in the Rectory during regular business hours.

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### 2019 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances:

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|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| +Pledge Gifts   | +Gifts of Cash     | +Transfer (EFT) |
| +Matching Gifts | +Electronic Fund   | +Planned Gifts  |
|                 | +Gifts of Security |                 |

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 215-587-5650 or email [cca@catholicfoundationphila.org](mailto:cca@catholicfoundationphila.org).



### 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 vocation 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:** 02/16/19-02/17/19

**Post High School Men:** 02/22/19-02/24/19  
03/29/19-03/31/19

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 contacting the **Vocation Office** at 610-667-5778.

### MAN-UP PHILLY

The 11th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference is being held on Saturday, March 9, 2019, from 7:30AM to 5:00PM at Neumann University's Mirenda Center, One Neumann Drive, Aston, PA 19014-1298. The theme of this year's Conference is **"Man shall not live by bread alone"**. This Conference seeks to encourage men to be better fathers, husbands, brothers, and Catholics through enlightening and energizing talks, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, along with the reception of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. Speakers include Eagle star Ron Jaworski, author Matthew Kelly, evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, and Irish tenor Mark Forrest. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior. Please join your brothers in Christ for this unique experience and to strengthen one another to grow together in faith.

Regular Registration and fee is \$53.24 per person; Registration and fee for Students in middle school, high school or college/university is \$27.62. To receive a 10% Discount when registering, use the Promotional Code: FRIEND. For more information or to register, visit [www.manupphilly.com](http://www.manupphilly.com).

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE FLYERS!

Plan a night out with family and friends and head to the Wells Fargo Center for the Catholic Charities night with the Philadelphia Flyers versus the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday, February 11th at 7PM. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal program. If 100 tickets are sold, CCA beneficiaries will perform on the concourse prior to the start of the game and Maddie from Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf will get to sit in the penalty box during player warm-ups! To purchase tickets, please visit: [GROUPMATICS.EVENTS/EVENT/CATHOLICCHARITIES6](http://GROUPMATICS.EVENTS/EVENT/CATHOLICCHARITIES6)



### VISIT THE TOMB OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

The Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel is open for visits at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul during regular Basilica hours. Information about these hours can be found on the Basilica website: <http://cathedralphila.org/>. Pilgrimages to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel are encouraged. Outside of the Cathedral parish Mass schedule, it is possible to offer Mass at the Drexel Family altar adjacent to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel. Please contact the Parish Office at 215-561-1313, You are welcome to present intentions and petitions to be placed at Saint Katharine's Tomb, asking for her heavenly assistance. You may place these intentions and petitions in the offering basket at Mass or send them to the Cathedral Parish Office, 1723 Race St., Phila., PA 19103. **The Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel begins on February 22, and concludes on March 2.**



### HEALING MASS FOR ADDICTIONS

On the First Tuesdays of every month, there will be a Healing Mass for all those in alcohol and drug addiction, and families affected by these addictions at 6PM in St. Raphael's Chapel, 3014 Dickinson St. (Myrtlewood and Dickinson Sts.). The service will include Mass, prayers, adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Immediately following will be the Social and Meeting. Come and join us as we ask God to help defeat this epidemic in our nation.

### SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION: HOPE IN CHRIST

Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those who have an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, events, and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Visit [archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope) for new postings for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.



### MEN'S GROUP AT ST. RITA'S

A Men's Group has formed at St. Rita's that meets each Monday evening from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity for men of all ages to receive support and assistance as they grow toward a chaste and joyful Christian life. This group is geared toward men struggling with pornography use, infidelity, and other temptations. Men of all ages are welcome. For more information, please call Fr. Jim at 215-546-8333, ext.14.



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



Although the Mass Book for 2019 is full, there are Church Sanctuary Lamps, Adoration Chapel Candles and Offerings of Bread and Wine still 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 Church Sanctuary Lamp, \$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.

**SEEKING HEALING IN THE CHURCH**

**This Thursday, 02/07/19 at 7:00PM** in the Lower Shrine Chapel of the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia, there will be an evening of reflection on Seeking Healing in the Church. Fr. Jim Paradis, O.S.A. will provide thoughts addressing healing in the church following last year's sexual abuse crisis revelations. The talk will be followed by questions and moderated discussions. This event is free and all are welcome to attend! For more information, please call 215-546-8333 or visit [www.SaintRitaShrine.org](http://www.SaintRitaShrine.org)

**ON-LINE LIVE SUPPORT GROUP FOR  
ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE**

On the last Thursday of every month, join this LIVE support group for adult children of divorce. **Participants must be at least 18 years old.** Speakers are presented by the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith. This on-line via Laptop or Call-in with Phone support group is guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church. Prayer, Reflection, and Sharing in a safe setting. To learn more or to sign up, email: [director.smf@gmail.com](mailto:director.smf@gmail.com) and type THURSDAY in the title to receive sign-in link. Call/Text 215-870-9913 for more information. You may also visit: [www.nonnatus.org](http://www.nonnatus.org).

**STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR**

- Tuesday, 02/05/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/09/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 02/10/19-CCD, 7th-9:15AM, Church/School
- Saturday, 02/16/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 02/17/19-No CCD Classes-President's Day Weekend
- Monday, 02/18/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 02/19/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Friday, 02/22/19-65th Parish Anniversary Celebration-5:30 PM Mass, followed by 7:00PM dinner at Galdo's
- Saturday, 02/23/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 02/23/19-Confirmation Retreat-12Noon, Church/School
- Sunday, 02/24/19-1st Communion Parents' Meeting-after the 9:30AM Mass in Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

**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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**phone#** \_\_\_\_\_

**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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