



Stella Maris Catholic Church

Founded in the Marian Year 1954

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Rev. John R. Di Orio

Pastor (ext. 3)

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Pastor Emeritus*

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

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

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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 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.

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 4, 2018

Sunday—February 4

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 9:30 + Silverio Berarducci and Family
 11:00 + Mary Fanelli

Monday—February 5

8:00 + Julia Bruno

Tuesday—February 6

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Wednesday—February 7

8:00 + Vincent Procopio

Thursday—February 8

8:00 + Horace "Boe" DeCaro

Friday—February 9

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Saturday—February 10

8:00 + Guido Iaconangelo
 5:00 + Giuseppe Maniaci

Sunday—February 11

8:00 + Julia Bruno
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 11:00 + Anthony Sammarone

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Robert Massa
 Requested by
 Tom and Tinker



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Michael Simeo
 Requested by
 Wife Mary and Family



IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from on-going services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and short-term services (housekeeping and personal care)? The In-Home Support Program may be able to help you. If you are at least 60 years of age, need assistance or supervision when leaving the home and are basically homebound, give our office a call at 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program. This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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, during regular business hours, at 215-465-2336.

Thank you and God bless you!



Collection for weekend of January 27 & January 28

Income: Plate = \$6,155.00 + AWC = \$115.00 = \$6,270.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$13,850.38)

Total = (\$7,580.38)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

"We must do all we can to alleviate suffering and prevent the injustice that causes the suffering of the innocent. However, we must also do the utmost to ensure that people can discover the meaning of suffering and are thus able to accept their own suffering and to unite it with the suffering of Christ. In this way, it is merged with redemptive love and consequently becomes a force against the evil in 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, Ed Alioto, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgegi, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Grace Carchidi, Vincent Carchidi, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Baby Matthew D'Imperio, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Maribel Guerrero, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Alice Idell, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Samantha LaSpada, Petronella MacCarter, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Carmela Martini, Joe Martino, Tina Martino, 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, Baby Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Lenny Olivieri, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Angela Raffa, M/M Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, 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, James Trainor Jr., Alessandra Trimarco, Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Caila Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Robin Twaddell, Christine Upchurch, Christopher Vacante, Michael Valardi, Anthony Vanore, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the homebound, and their families.

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.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today the Catholic Charity Appeal begins in our Archdiocese. Our parish goal is \$25,061.00. You should have received, or you will be receiving, a mailing about the appeal from the Archdiocese. Please support this wonderful Charity; thank you, thank you, thank you.

On Saturday, February 17, 2018, at 11:00AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Jesus totally surrendered Himself to the will of His Father. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus spends the day healing in Capernaum. The next day, the disciples urge Him to continue healing. However, Jesus, turning His back on the honor He would receive in Capernaum as the wonder-worker, obeyed His Father and went on to another town. "For this purpose I have come... That I may preach". Jesus invited all to let God reign in their lives. The secret to letting God reign in our lives is listening to God and obeying. Jesus gave the example. He prayed often, especially before a big decision. If Jesus, the living Son of God, needed to check in with His Father, we certainly need to do the same. Our Blessed Mother showed complete surrender to God when she said to the angel at the Annunciation, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk1:38). Jesus invites us to let God reign in our lives. How do we respond to this invitation? Surrender is an act of the will. While deprivation is out of our control, surrendering is a choice we make. In our 1st reading from Job, Job has not only been stripped of wife, children, property and health, but his friends accused him of being responsible. He has moved from helpless to hopeless. He sees no reason to live. Eventually he realizes that he is not in control. God is. When he puts himself into God's hands, he finds peace in his storm. However, this was a process that took time and questioning. As God was patient with Job, God is patient with us as we process through the struggles in our lives to the peace of surrender. Paul says he let go of everything so that nothing would hamper his ability to preach the Gospel. God speaks to us in the silence of our hearts, through the sacred Scriptures, the Church, and holy people. We need ears open to hearing and grace to obey-surrender. Have we let go of those things in our lives that hamper us from preaching and living the Gospel?

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

God Bless!
Fr. Di Orio

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.



ANOINTING MASS



Our Parish Anointing Mass will take place on Saturday, February 17, 2018, 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 SODALITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION



The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held on **Saturday, 03/03/18**, beginning at **8:30AM**. The schedule for the day includes Rosary, breakfast, speaker-Father Sacks, Confessions, quiet prayer time, Mass, and lunch. Donation for the day is \$15.00. For more information, please call Helen at 215-468-6618 or Cathy at 215-465-7451.

STELLA MARIS HELPING HANDS



Stella Maris Helping Hands is looking for some new members to join our group. This group serves the members of Stella Maris who are in need of assistance. We meet once a month. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Sister Veronica at the Rectory (215-465-2336) during regular business hours. Please consider joining Helping Hands-your help would be greatly appreciated!

PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that the meals you prepare contain meat or fish, a starch (pasta/potatoes/rice) and a vegetable. Those who receive these meals are elderly and it is healthy for them to get a balanced, nutritious meal.



Thank you for helping those in need!



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, "JESUS", on **Tuesday, 03/13/18**. Cost is \$130 per person and includes: Theater matinee show, buffet lunch at Millers Restaurant, Rockvale Outlets, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities. **Full payment is now due**. We are currently **sold out**, but have a **waiting list**. For reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.

TRIP TO DELAWARE PARK

Star of the Sea Seniors are running a trip to Delaware Park on Tuesday, 02/13/18. The cost is \$35 with a bonus of \$30 free play. Full payment is due when you make your reservation, and **full payment is now due**. The bus will leave Stella Maris parking lot PROMPTLY at 10:15AM. You may park your cars behind the Church ONLY. Lunch is on your own. The bus will depart for home at 5:00PM. For reservations or more information, please call Marge Varley (215-463-3386) or Helen Wagenborg (215-468-6618).



OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL NEWS

There are two scholarship opportunities that have opened for the 2018-2019 School Year:

- 1) **Children's Scholarship of Philadelphia** is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are available through their website: www.csphiladelphia.org. **Final deadline is March 1, 2018.**
- 2) **FACTS Financial Aid Application** replaces the SmartAid Financial Application. Financial Aid through FACTS requires an **application fee of \$30**. Financial aid **deadline is March 15, 2018.**

Tours of the School are available by calling **215-467-5385** to make an appointment to learn more about school programs. For more information, you can also email Ms. Cody, the Principal, at: pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Tuesday, 02/06/18-Seniors V-Day (Pizza/Soda)-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 02/11/18-CCD, 9:15AM, Church/School
- Wednesday, 02/14/18-Ash Wednesday-8:00AM-Mass; 12NOON-Prayer Service; 7:00PM-Mass
- Friday, 02/16/18-Set-Up/Oldies Night-6:30PM, Hall
- Saturday, 02/17/18-Anointing of the Sick Mass-11:00AM, Church
- Saturday, 02/17/18-Oldies Night/Jerry Blavat-7:00PM, Hall
- Sunday, 02/18/18-Clean-Up/Oldies Night-9:00AM, Hall
- Sunday, 02/18/18-NO CCD CLASSES-Presidents' Day Wknd.
- Monday, 02/19/18-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 02/20/18-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Thursday, 02/22/18-First Communion Parents' Mtg., 7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 02/24/18-First Communion Retreat-9:00AM, Off-Site (St. Richard's Hall)



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 17, 2018 at Stella Maris Hall, 814 Bigler Street, from 7pm until 11pm** with great music (featuring Jerry Blavat), great food, and great fun.

Ticket cost is \$45 (non-refundable), \$55 at the door, which includes selections at our hot buffet by "Galdo's" Caterers, desserts, beer, soda, coffee, and tea. Door prize, 50/50 chances and chances on a basket of cheer. You may purchase tickets at the Rectory during regular business hours or please call Carol at 215-463-3410. Make all checks payable to: **Stella Maris Parish.**

Hope to see you on the dance floor!



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 be active, participating members of Stella Maris Parish, recommended by the Pastor.
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need.
- 4) Applicants must demonstrate traits of high personal character and leadership.
- 5) Applicants must plan to attend a public college or university located in the state of Pennsylvania or one of the four PA state-related colleges: Lincoln University, Penn State University, Temple University, or University of Pittsburgh.

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, **until February 22, 2018.**

Please send completed application to the Scholarship Administration address listed on the application form.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS
5:00PM ON MARCH 1, 2018!

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The cost of home heating will have a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This **Fuel Assistance Program** is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, **individuals** with a monthly income less than **\$1,507**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,030** qualify for the grant. Call **United Social Services** at **215-923-1900** Monday through Friday between 10AM and 4PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. **This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are **confidential**.

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:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Our Archdiocese begins the annual **Catholic Charities Appeal** this weekend. You should soon receive a direct mailing about the appeal from the Archdiocese. Our parish goal is \$25,061. Please support this wonderful appeal.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED

Merion Mercy Academy, a Catholic independent all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a second semester part-time substitute teacher for three sections of biology. Degree required. Experience and certification preferred. Qualified applicants are asked to email a cover letter and resume by Friday, 02/09/18 to Mary Ann Danovich at: madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

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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