



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 5, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of February 5, 2017

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

Collections for the Weekend of January 28 & January 29, 2017

Income: Plate = \$6,534.00+ AWC = \$85.00 = \$6,619.00

Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$13,854.73)

Total = (\$7,235.73)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

"Men and women must respond with faithful and active loyalty to God's promise and gift, which have nothing magical about them, in a dialogue in which are interwoven two freedoms, the divine and the human."

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, Anthony Bologna, Emmanuel Borgei, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Thomas Ciasullo, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Baby Matthew D'Imperio, Elvira DeSumma, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., 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, Joanne Minniti, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Lenny Olivieri, Marie Ordine, Louis 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 Tuohy, Allyson Turner, Robin Twaddell, Christopher Vacante, Mike Vicario, Michael Valardi, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the homebound, and their families.

Sunday—February 5

8:00 + Salvatore J. Scelsa

9:30 + Deceased Members of the Brabazon, Busillo, and Dominick Families

11:00 + Robert Maffei

Monday—February 6

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

Tuesday—February 7

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Wednesday—February 8

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Thursday—February 9

8:00 + In Honor and Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother

Friday—February 10

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Saturday—February 11

8:00 + Julia Bruno

5:00 + Horace "Boe" DeCaro and Lillian and Fred Montella

Sunday—February 12

8:00 + John Pensabene

9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

11:00 + Derrick Redinger

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Raymond Hughes

At the Request of
Morella and Chen Families



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Robert Maffei

Requested by
Maffei Family



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.



**YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE—
BECOME A FOSTER PARENT!**

Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages and cultures whose families are in crisis. The love and commitment that foster parents provide can have a lasting and positive effect. For more information, call **Catholic Social Services at 267-331-2502.**



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

FRANK DI MARIO, JR.

JOANNE MINNITI

ROSE MARIE VIOLA

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,

In today's Gospel from St. Matthew, we hear that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This passage follows immediately Jesus' presentation of the Beatitudes, using the metaphors of salt and light. Despite the possibility of persecution, the mission of the disciples is to remain faithful to who they are and for their deeds to draw others to God.

"You are the light of the world". The job description of Christians is not only to maintain personal holiness, but the good works of Christ's followers are to shine for all to see. Therefore, we are called to be light to others. At work, at school, in our neighborhoods, we touch many people who might not encounter Christ in church. These places may be our most effective places to witness to Christ. This doesn't mean preaching and proselytizing; it means touching the lives of those around us through our actions. As the Gospel says, "Let your light shine so that people might see your good deeds and glorify God."

"You are the salt of the earth". As believers we are called to be the salt of the earth. Salt is significant and important to us because it is for our wellbeing and survival. Life depends on salt. We cannot function without it. Our nervous system depends on salt-sodium. Salt is good for many things. It gives flavor to food and is used as a preservative. If salt becomes contaminated it goes flat and therefore is useless. Is our faith flat? Our faith must be based on something deeper than what the world has to offer. Our faith must be rooted in a God who loves us. Jesus is and should be the center of our faith. Hence, we need to strive to make sure we do not become contaminated by sin, or worldly possessions. Jesus' call to be salt of the earth and light of the world powerfully states our mission as Christians and as Church. We need to be steadfast and remain strong in faith, living lives that are virtuous and filled with love. When we do this we truly become light for this world.

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio



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.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.



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.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM HELP-LINE

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? Through a collaborative effort of Catholic Social Services Developmental Programs, the Archdiocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities, and the Archdiocesan Schools of Special Education, this help-line can assist families and caregivers to connect to services and programs provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, as well as other community resources available to provide needed help and support. **To reach the Help-Line call 484-472-5041 or email IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.**



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.



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

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 due no later than this Tuesday, February 7th.** 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.



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/>

EUCCHARISTIC SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Eucharistic Shrine Pilgrimage to Hanceville, Alabama, from 06/03/17 to 06/09/17, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, "Mother Angelica's", Tour of EWTN, and Overnight in Pidgeon Forge, Tenn. Includes 6 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners, 2 Lunches, Snacks, 2 Shows, and a tour of the Smokey Mountains. All taxes, gratuities and donations are included. Cost is \$950 per person double occupancy. Bus leaves from Our Lady of Peace Parish. For information, please contact Mary Ricci at 215-969-5002.



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.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

RETROUVAILLE

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. **Retrouvaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and healing, just as they have done in their own marriages. For more information or to register for one of the weekend programs, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call **1-800-470-2230**. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



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

Tuesday, 02/07/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

Sunday, 02/12/17-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School

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





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.

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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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