

# Stella Maris Parish

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Celebrating 65 Years  
1954-2019

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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.

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<b>God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life</b>		
<b>Collection for weekend of March 9 &amp; March 10</b>		
<b>Income: Plate = \$4,975.50 + AWC = \$82.00 =</b>	<b>\$5,057.50</b>	
<b>Bills Paid= Total Disbursements</b>	<b>= (\$13,366.36)</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>= (\$8,308.86)</b>	

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

*"The mission of the Church is to "witness" to the truth of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Word and witness go together: the Word calls forth and gives form to the witness; the witness derives its authenticity from total fidelity to the Word."*

**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, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, 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 Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

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

**DONALD CONCILIO**  
**JAMES SALMIERI**

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.

**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of March 17, 2019**

**Sunday—March 17**

8:00 + Anthony Sr. and Marie DeMarzio  
9:30 + Egidio Migliaccio  
11:00 + Busillo and Dominick Families (L & D)



**Monday—March 18**

8:00 + Marie DeMarzio

**Tuesday—March 19**

8:00 + Sisters of St. Joseph



**Wednesday—March 20**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Thursday—March 21**

8:00 + Angelo, Anna, and Iolanda Mattioli and Family

**Friday—March 22**

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

7:00 + Stations of the Cross



**Saturday—March 23**

8:00 + George Filippello and Family

5:00 + John Thompson

**Sunday—March 24**

8:00 + Johnny-Boy Cuculino

9:30 + Rocco Sr., Phyllis and Rocco Jr. Pardo

11:00 + Gloria Angelozzi and Family (L & D)

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Anna and Charles St. Joseph

Requested by  
Tom and Tinker



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
George Lemerise

Requested by  
Jane Lemerise



**ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY**  
**IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY**

Please join us on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 12Noon, for our Annual Rosary Rally, as we pray the Rosary for peace in our families in honor of St. Joseph's Day. We will meet at 10th and Bigler Streets by the gate in front of the alcove with the image of our Blessed Mother. Hope you can participate as we pray for families around the world. Everyone is welcome!



**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!**

# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

All three readings are about communication. First, God reassures Abram who is challenged and confused about the fulfillment of God's promises when nothing seems to indicate that's happening. Paul certainly must have been wondering how God meant for him to spread the Gospel while he languished in jail. He was worried about the Philippians, the ones who were following him and the ones who took advantage of his imprisonment. Peter's response to the Transfiguration is, "It is good for us to be here." The voice from heaven overrides Peter and says, "This is My chosen Son. Listen to Him."

Our own preconceived ideas often prevent us from seeing how God's covenant with us, with all its promises, will be fulfilled. Abram is long gone before his promises are fulfilled. Paul writes from prison, unable to see how his ministry to the Gospel will continue to the ends of the earth. Jesus is transfigured before his disciples, but then a cloud casts a shadow over them, and they become frightened. After they hear a voice from heaven, they find Jesus alone.

The scripture readings suggest suffering as well as fulfillment of God's promises. We must be open to changing our expectations in the light of hearing God's will for us.

Jesus invited Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray, to communicate with God. Prayer can affect us in many ways. It frightened the three apostles who joined Jesus. We must not forget how awesome God is. God's actions in our lives often surprise and amaze us, disrupting a sense that we are in control.

Lent is a reminder of this call to pray. Lent also serves to remind us of how sloppy our prayer life can be. How many times do we say, "I should pray more," but never act on this impulse.

Prayer can be uplifting and it can obtain God's favors, but the real purpose of prayer is to come to know God. How do I quiet myself to hear God's word of promise and fulfillment? Do I cultivate gratitude to God for all the blessings I experience?

Brushing up against the divine and gaining an understanding of the impact of Jesus' journey to death and His resurrection and glory can make us tremble - and perhaps it should.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask that you please remember me in yours.

Happy Lent!  
Fr. Di Orio



## OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

March 17, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For many years, Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union have practiced their faith in the shadows for fear of persecution. Despite these obstacles, Catholics continue to grow in faith and in numbers. God's perfect love has sustained and strengthened the people and the Church, creating a new generation of believers while sustaining those who have made it through the darkest of times.

Your participation in the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** will assist in the building of churches, training and educating of pastors and lay people, sustaining orphanages, evangelizing children, adults and seniors as well as providing scholarships to Catholic students.

This collection will be conducted in your parish on the **weekend of March 23/24, 2019**, as determined by your Pastor. I am grateful, on behalf of our Catholic brothers and sisters in Central and Eastern Europe, for your generous sacrifice and prayers.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

+Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

### THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR LENT

#### +Stations of the Cross

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



#### +Lenten Talk and Soup Night

Our Sisters of St. Joseph are hosting their next **Lenten Talk and Soup Night**, on **Tuesday, 03/26/19**, 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 04/07/19.**



### STELLA MARIS SODALITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Stella Maris Sodality Day of Recollection is being held on **Saturday, April 6, 2019**, beginning at **8:30AM**. The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30AM-8:45AM-Rosary  
8:45AM-9:30AM-Breakfast;  
9:30AM-10AM-Speaker, Father Francis Sacks  
10AM-10:45AM-Confessions and Quiet Prayer Time  
11AM-12NOON-Mass  
12NOON-Lunch.

Cost for the day is \$15. For more information, please call Cathy at 215-465-7451 or Helen at 215-468-6618. Everyone is most welcome to attend!



### **STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO TROPICANA CASINO IN ATLANTIC CITY**

Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Tropicana Casino and Resort on **Monday, 04/29/19**. **Cost is \$70.00** per person. The trip includes: departure from Stella Maris Church at 9:30AM, arrive at the Tropicana Casino and Resort at 10:30AM and receive \$20.00 in slot play, a luncheon voucher for Carmine's (lunch on your own), and a ticket to the 3:00PM "Grand Ole Opry Tribute" Show, depart for home at 4:30PM, and arrive at Stella Maris Church approximately 5:30PM. **You must have government issued photo identification to receive the casino bonus. Full payment is due when you sign-up, but no later than 03/25/19.** (The trip is currently full, but we are accepting names for a waiting list).

Please **make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors**, and mail to: Star of the Sea Seniors, 2901 South 10th Street, Phila., PA 19148. For information and to make your reservation, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or Rose Giovannelli at 215-913-4297. (\$100 bonus slot dollars prize for one lucky winner on each bus\* and Buffet Voucher for two lucky winners on each bus\*) \*Casino package subject to change at any time by the Casino.

### **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:

- +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).

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS**

Catholic Charities Appeal Night with the 76ers is set for Wednesday, 04/10/19! Join us to watch the Philadelphia 76ers take on the Chicago Bulls. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the Catholic Charities Appeal programs. If we reach our goal of 100 tickets sold, a CCA beneficiary from Catholic Social Services will receive on-court recognition, and students from the four Schools of Special Education will take part in the 76ers high-five tunnel! For more information, please visit:

<https://www.fevo.com/edp/Catholic-Charities-Appeal-Night-ur9A3a6>.



### **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.

The remaining "Come and See" weekend is from **Friday night to Sunday** for **post-high school men**, and is scheduled for **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**.



### **FLAME OF LOVE LENTEN RETREAT**

Flame of Love Lenten Retreat is being held on Saturday, 03/23/19, beginning with Holy Mass at 8:30AM and concluding with Benediction at 2:30PM, at Annunciation BVM Parish, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA 19083. The speaker and homilist for this retreat is Fr. James Blount, SOLT. Fr. Blount is a priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity, a Georgia Mission. This retreat is free of charge. Please bring your own lunch and bring a friend! If you have any questions, please call 610-322-1940.



### **CULTURAL HERITAGE MASS**

The Annual Cultural Heritage Mass will be held on **Saturday, 03/23/19 at 2:30PM** in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City, Philadelphia. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist is Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap.

**The Procession will begin at 2:00PM.** Many cultures join in one faith to create one family in Christ! **All are welcome to join in this celebration of the Extraordinary Year of Mission. Visit: <http://culturalministries.org>.**

### **MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, THE DEAF COMMUNITY, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CAREGIVERS**



This annual Archdiocesan Mass will take place on **Saturday, 03/30/19 at 10:30AM**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th St. and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103. **(Please arrive by 10:00AM)** The Principal Celebrant and Homilist is Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. Please **RSVP by March 20, 2019** with the number of attendees and accommodations needed, by calling **215-587-3530**, or email: [opdarchphilly.org](mailto:opdarchphilly.org) or visit online at [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org). There is accessible parking on the premises. All are welcome!

### **ST. RITA OF CASCIA LENTEN PROGRAM**

This Tuesday, 03/19/19 at 7:00PM, St. Rita of Cascia National Shrine is hosting an evening of thoughtful understanding on the topic, **Transforming Anger**. How can we better understand anger, its causes and effects? Fr. James D. Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min. will lead this evening of reflection. This event is being held in the Lower Shrine Chapel, located at Broad and Ellsworth Streets, Phila., PA 19146



### **LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

A Day of Recollection, sponsored by the Office for Consecrated Life, is being held on Saturday, 03/30/19, from 9AM to 3:30PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The day includes two talks, Mass, Holy Hour, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and lunch. Talk topics are **Biblical Aspects of Authentic Conversion and Authentic Conversion Leads to Fidelity to the Gospel**. The speaker for these talks is Fr. G. Dennis Gill, Director of the Office of Divine Worship. All are welcome: priests, deacons, consecrated men and women and laity. There is no fee to attend. Please RSVP to Sr. Gabrielle Mary at [sr.gbraccio@archphila.org](mailto:sr.gbraccio@archphila.org).



### **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.



**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
SPRING CONCERT**



Come enjoy lively Irish music at the Little Sisters of the Poor's Spring Concert on **Saturday, 03/30/19**, at **Villanova University's Jake Nevin Fieldhouse**, benefiting the elderly poor of Holy Family Home. This enjoyable event features the popular, energetic Irish band "Scythian", with the dynamic "McClellan Avenue Band" as the opening act. Tickets are \$50 (\$20 for students and \$10 for children 12 and under), and includes admission, food, and drinks (valid ID is required). For reservations, please send your name, address, phone number and check to: Sr. Veronica, Holy Family Home-Dept. P.B., 5300 Chester Ave., Phila., PA 19143. For more information or credit card payment, visit our website at :

**[www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org)**

Thank you for your prayers and support!

**STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR**

- Monday, 03/18/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 03/19/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Meeting Rm,
- Wednesday, 03/20/19-Confirmandi Stations Practice-5:45PM, Church
- Wednesday, 03/20/19-CCD Penance Service-7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 03/23/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 03/24/19-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Tuesday, 03/26/19-Lenten Talk & Soup Night-5:00PM, Convent
- Friday, 03/29/19-Confirmandi Practice-5:45PM, Church
- Friday, 03/29/19-Confirmandi Stations of the Cross-7:00PM, Church
- Sunday, 03/31/19-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Tuesday, 04/02/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 04/06/19-Sodality/Day of Recollection-8:00AM, Church/Vestibule
- Sunday, 04/07/19-NO CCD CLASSES-Confirmation/7th
- Sunday, 04/07/19-Confirmation-11:00AM, Church**  
(7th and Sponsors report by 10:30AM to Vestibule Mtg. Rm.)
- Thursday, 04/11/19-Parish Lenten Penance Service-7:00PM, Church
- Saturday, 04/13/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 04/13/19-HH Easter Outreach-8:30AM, Vestibule

**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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**REQUESTED BY:**

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

**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!

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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