

Stella Maris Parish

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Celebrating 65 Years
1954-2019

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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.

March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of March 24, 2019

God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life		
Collection for weekend of March 16 & March 17		
Income: Plate = \$5,496.00 + AWC = \$82.00 =	\$5,578.00	
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	= (\$29,685.33)	
Total	= (\$24,107.33)	

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

"...What does "worship" mean? Might it be an expression of past times, meaningless to our contemporaries? No!...It is being full of gratitude that wells up from the depths of the heart and floods the entire being, for it is only by adoring God above all things that human beings can totally fulfill themselves."

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.

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)

Monday—March 25

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Tuesday—March 26

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Wednesday—March 27

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Thursday—March 28

8:00 + Elizabeth Sandoli

Friday—March 29

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday—March 30

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano
5:00 + Dominick Menniti

Sunday—March 31

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli and Family
9:30 + Joseph Crusco
11:00 + Mary Fanelli



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Anthony and Josephine Carelli

Requested by
Barbara Polce



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Phyllis Graziano

Requested by
Grace Bonafino and son, Charles



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!

HEALTH FAIR FOR SENIORS

The South Philadelphia Aging Collective is sponsoring a HEALTH FAIR on **Tuesday, 04/09/19**, from **1PM to 3PM**, at St. John Neumann Place II-Wellness Center, **2627 Mifflin St., Phila., PA 19145**. This Health Fair is designed for older adults in South Philadelphia. Stop in to take advantage of free health screenings, resource information, light refreshments, raffles, music, and other surprises. For more information, please call **267-858-4365**.

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

RICHARD GALLO
ROSE PRIMERANO

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's Gospel from St. Luke is a warning. Jesus, referring to the people Pilate had executed and to others killed in a construction accident, said, "If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did." Repentance is "to change from the inside." Jesus is the Savior who is compassionate. He is the one who touches, embraces, and listens to us and calls us to repentance for our sins. He takes great joy in healing those who are sick and grieved by sin. There is nothing to fear but everything to be joyful about. Jesus was exasperated by those who had not continued to grow and understand better who God is. Jesus demands that we need to change. We need to be sorry for our sins and make amends. The Sacrament of Penance is built on this. Sorrow and penance lead to living in the state of grace. That is what Christ wants: forgiveness and absolution. Then comes the beautiful life He wants for us all: freedom from sin, moving from despair and hopelessness to a life of goodness and peace. Being a member of the Church is about taking a spiritual journey - growing in our relationship with God. When it comes to learning about God, the journey is without end. Only a real sense of repentance can do that. The parable of the fig tree is one we can identify with. It calls us to be nonjudgmental, to accept others where they are at this time in their lives. Each of us "blooms or bears fruit" in our time. This parable inspires us to patience. No one likes to wait.

We want things done yesterday. Lent challenges us to examine our relationship with God. Lent also reminds us that time is short. God is willing to help us grow and mature, but He expects us to bear fruit. How might we nurture our spirituality which enables us to grow in our relationship with God? A powerful way is to frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession helps us confront our spiritual laziness and to see how we are spending the time we have been given. It gives us the opportunity to reform, but the question remains: When?

Jesus warns us not to compare ourselves to others because salvation is based on repentance - reformation - and not on self-satisfaction that we know everything we should know. Self-satisfaction is a sure path to destruction. We must not allow ourselves to be satisfied. We must grow, mature, and bear fruit for God.

This Friday, March 29, 2019, our Stations of the Cross Service at 7:00PM, will be enacted by the 7th Level CCD children.

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

Happy Lent!
Fr. Di Orio



MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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**, this **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. **Full payment is due when you sign-up, but no later than this Monday, 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 Giovanelli 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*). **You must have government issued photo identification to receive the casino bonus.** *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.

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 next weekend, **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**.



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 by this **Monday, 03/25/19**.

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 or visit online at www.opdarchphilly.org. There is accessible parking on the premises. All are welcome!

ST. RITA OF CASCIA LENTEN PROGRAM

Thursday, 04/04/19 at **7:00PM**, St. Rita of Cascia National Shrine is hosting an evening of learning and discussion on the topic, **"Why Don't We Forgive? Unburdening the Heart"**, led by Fr. Jim Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min. Together with Fr. Jim, you will discuss what forgiveness is, and the things that often stand in its way. Why it is so difficult to unburden our hearts and seek true forgiveness? Do we ever get past "cheap" forgiveness? Why do we hold on to grudges or keep score? Living in unforgiveness is a gnawing pain. How can we achieve the peace that comes from true forgiveness, and how can this improve our lives? This event is being held in the Lower Shrine Chapel, located at Broad and Ellsworth Streets, Phila., PA 19146. Free parking is available next to the Shrine.

For all events, [visit www.SaintRitaShrine.org/calendar](http://www.SaintRitaShrine.org/calendar).

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The cost of home heating has 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 **\$1,517**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,057** 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. **The filing deadline is 04/12/19. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are confidential.

ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE NIGHT AT THE RACES

A Night at the Races, sponsored by St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, is being held on Saturday, 03/30/19, in the St. Anthony of Padua School Hall, 913 Pierce St. Doors open at 6PM. Admission cost is \$10 and includes: a buffet of roast beef, penne vodka, coffee, tea, and dessert; (BYOB), Live entertainment, silent auction, and of course, a Night at the Races (10 races). You must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

For information, please call 215-463-1326.



**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

Thank you for your prayers and support!

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

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
(Confirmandi and Sponsors report by 10:30AM to Vestibule Mtg. Rm.)

Tuesday, 04/09/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. 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

Sunday, 04/14/19-CCD/Palm Sunday/Class First-9:15AM, followed by 11:00AM Mass, School/Church

Sunday, 04/14/19-Putting up platform-12NOON, Church

Tuesday, 04/16/19-Star of the Sea B-Day (Apr., May, Jun.)-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

Wednesday, 04/17/19-Celebration of the Cross-7:00PM, Church

Thursday, 04/18/19-Mass of the Lord's Supper-7:00PM, Church

Good Friday, 04/19/19-Lord's Passion-3:00PM, Church

Good Friday, 04/19/19-Decorating the Church-4:00PM, 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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

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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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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