



Stella Maris Catholic Church

Founded in the Marian Year 1954

2901 S. 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148

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Rev. John R. Di Orio

Pastor (ext. 3)

*Rev. Msgr. James F. Connelly
Pastor Emeritus*

*Rev. James T. McCabe
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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 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 April 15, 2018

Sunday—April 15

8:00 + Raffaele Giacomucci and Family
 9:30 + Frank D. and Theresa Pagnotto and Family
 11:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Monday—April 16

8:00 + Katie Gatto

Tuesday—April 17

8:00 + Joseph and Anna Gajewski

Wednesday—April 18

8:00 + Vecchiolli Family

Thursday—April 19

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Friday—April 20

8:00 + Ambrogio (Chick) Rocca

Saturday—April 21

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli
 5:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Sunday—April 22

8:00 + Jennie Moffo
 9:30 + Anthony and Concetta Salmieri
 11:00 + Frank and Anna Colelli

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Vincent Fabrizio
 Requested by
 Tom Vento Jr. and Family



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Jennie Moffo
 Requested by
 Donna and Rocco Moffo



PASCHAL CANDLE

In Memory of the
 Deceased Members of
 The Kubicky and Monteith Families
 Donated by
 Robert and Donna Kubicky



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 part of one of our ministries (Lectors, Choir/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours.

Thank you and God bless.

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

Collection for weekend of April 7 & April 8

Income: Plate	= \$5,907.00	+ AWC	= \$92.00	=	\$5,999.00
Bills Paid	=	Total Disbursements	=	(\$14,084.27
Total	=		=	(\$8,085.27

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

"The Eucharist is meant to energize us to take Christ's presence out into the world. It may be easy to see ourselves in today's scriptures as the weak sinners, but we should also envision ourselves in the roles of Peter, John, and Luke. In the Eucharist, Jesus feeds us and sends us to 'preach in His name to all the nations' (Luke 24:47). We are His witnesses."

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 Borgesi, Mr. and Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Vincent Carchidi, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Robert DeRenzi, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Baby Matthew D'Imperio, 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, Ronald Palumbo, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Angela Raffa, Mr. and Mrs. 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 home-bound, and their families.

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

ELMARA NICOLUCCI
MARIAN VERDERAME

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,

Are you a sinner or a saint? Perhaps both because each of us is probably a sinner and a saint. The holiest of saints see their own imperfections. Therefore, seeing our own imperfections means we need healing. We need to be made whole again. All three scripture readings today talk of the mercy and forgiveness that God wants to give. All we need to do is recognize our sins, our imperfections, and ask for God's forgiveness.

In today's Gospel Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." When Jesus offered peace, what He was saying to the disciples was that everything will be ok, I've already forgiven you, for denying me, abandoning me and so forth. Jesus was offering them an inner peace, a freedom from fear and sinfulness. Even with all their imperfections, He commanded them to go into the world and proclaim the Good News.

This peace that Jesus offers is not the absence of war, violence, sickness or death, but one of freedom which offers us the courage we need to follow Jesus. Our imperfections, sinfulness and fears should never be the motivator for us to follow our Lord. If we truly accept the Lord's promise to give us peace in our lives, then this promise of peace should be a much stronger motivation toward faith than our imperfections, sinfulness and fears. So I ask again, are you a sinner or a saint?

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

God Bless!
Fr. Di Orio

 Below is a list of donations that have been made to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed on, but will never be forgotten.

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Vincent Fabrizio	Joseph and Lorrie Fabrizio
Vincent Fabrizio	Raymond and Eileen Freemont
Vincent Fabrizio	Edward and Regina Guza
Vincent Fabrizio	William and Barbara Nicholas
Vincent Fabrizio	Dominic Origlio, Jr.
Vincent Fabrizio	Robin and John Zerillo
Donald Varley, Sr.	Leonard and Eleanor Armstrong



BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, April 28, 2018** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the **5:15PM Vigil Mass** with Presider, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap. This Mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Registration is required.** To register, please visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org or call **215-587-0500**.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION: THE MYTH OF CONFLICT

It is widely supposed that science and faith are inherently incompatible. In a lecture being held this Tuesday, **04/24/18**, by Prof. Stephen Barr of the University of Delaware, he will clear up some common misconceptions about Christian (and specifically Catholic) beliefs about God and nature. He will then survey some of a little-known story of the Church's involvement with science, and will also talk about several discoveries of twentieth century physics that are more consonant with traditional Christian and Jewish ideas than they are with atheistic and materialistic ideas. Light refreshments at 6:00PM, with the lecture beginning at 6:30PM at the University of Pennsylvania, 208 South 37th St., Stiteler Hall, Room 6B, Philadelphia, PA, 19104. For more information, visit: www.collegiuminstitute.org.



STELLA MARIS HELPING HANDS CLOTHING DRIVE



Stella Maris Helping Hands is sponsoring a **Clothing Drive** on **Saturday, May 19, 2018**. The "Green Drop" truck will be in the parking lot from **9AM to 2PM** to receive your donations. They will accept usable men's, women's, and children's clothing and shoes, bed and bath linens, pots, pans, dishes, cooking utensils, books, as well as small appliances and household items in good working order. **No baby equipment will be accepted—only baby clothing.**

Thank you for helping those less fortunate.



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO NEW YORK



Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to New York to see the Broadway Musical, "A Bronx Tale" on October 3, 2018. Due to the popularity of this show, we are currently sold out, however, we are accepting names for a waiting list. The cost is \$235 per person, which includes the show, dinner at Carmine's, and round-trip motor coach.

A non-refundable deposit of \$115.00 is due upon reservation. The remaining balance of \$120.00 is to be paid no later than 06/18/18. For information or reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.



BLESSING OF THE WATERS AND TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

Stella Maris Sodality is sponsoring a trip to Ocean City, NJ for the Blessing of the Waters on **Wednesday, August 15, 2018**. The cost of \$75 per person is **non-refundable, with full payment due upon registration, but no later than 04/17/18**. Cost includes Mass at Saint Damien's with procession to the Blessing of the Waters, sit-down lunch at the Tuckahoe Inn, a visit to the Resorts Casino (with a \$25 Slot Bonus), round-trip motorcoach, all taxes and gratuities (except driver). Please make checks payable to: **Stella Maris Sodality, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148**. For reservations or information, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.

STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS ATLANTIC CITY TRIP



The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City from **September 24th through September 26th**. Cost is \$280 per person for Double/Triple Occupancy; \$395 for Single Occupancy. Cost includes: 2 night stay at **Resorts Casino** with \$25 slot bonus, two \$30 meal vouchers (valid at Breadsticks, Eastwind & Capriccio), \$5 meal voucher and Show Revue (based on availability), **Tropicana Casino** visit with \$TBA slot bonus and Carmine's meal voucher; **Caesars Casino** visit with \$25 slot bonus, buffet lunch, and Show-"Ronnie Spector & The Ronnettes; baggage handling (1 per person); all taxes and gratuities (except for restaurants and bus driver); round-trip motorcoach transportation via JC Tours.

Deposit of \$140 (double/triple occupancy) or \$197 (single occupancy) is **due upon registration but no later than 05/15/18; final payment/balance** (\$140/\$198) is **due no later than 07/18/18. Make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors**, (mail payments to: Stella Maris Rectory, c/o Star of the Sea Seniors, 2901 S. 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148).

For more information or reservations, contact:
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STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Monday, 04/16/18-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 04/17/18-Star of the Sea Seniors (B-Day-Apr., May, Jun.) 1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 04/22/18-CCD-9:15AM, Church/School
- Wednesday, 04/25/18-First Holy Communion Practice-10:00AM, Church
- Saturday, 04/28/18-**First Holy Communion-10:30AM, Church/Hall-(Candidates report to Hall by 10:00AM)**
- Sunday, 04/29/18-CCD (Except First Communion Class)-9:15AM, Church/School

OUR LADY OF HOPE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL "OPEN HOUSE"

Our Lady of Hope is holding an **Open House**, this Wednesday, **04/18/18** for new families interested in registering for the 2018-2019 school year. Times are 9AM to 11AM, 1PM to 2PM and 6PM to 7:30PM. To register for school, the following documents are needed: original birth certificate, baptismal certificate, social security card, and immunization records. Recent report card and standardized testing for students entering grades 1 through 7. Registration fee for new families is \$200. Please contact the school office at **215-467-5385** or email the principal at pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com.



MATRIMONY: REDISCOVERING ITS TRUTH

An all-day conference on "Matrimony-Rediscovering Its Truth", is being held on Saturday, **04/21/18** from **10:00AM to 6:15PM** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Center City, Philadelphia. Speakers include Cardinal Raymond Burke, D.D., J.C.D., Member and Prefect emeritus, Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura; Rev. Gerald E. Murray, J.C.D., Pastor of the Church of the Holy Family, NY, NY and commentator on EWTN; and Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill, S.L.L., M.Div., Director of the Office for Divine Worship and Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. The conference includes Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the rosary and/in the presence of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Cardinal Burke will be the principal celebrant at the 5:15PM Mass in the Cathedral Basilica. For information, call **215-247-2585**. Reservations are required; please go to www.saintjohnneumannchapter.org.

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

7th GRADE PRACTICE TEST

Roman Catholic High School will hold a 7th Grade Practice Test on **Saturday, April 21, 2018** from **9AM to 12NOON**. For information, please call **215-627-1270, ext 146/159**, or **email: admissions@romancatholicshs.com**.

SHADOW DAY AT ROMAN CATHOLIC

Register your 8th grade son for a Shadow Day by visiting the website: <https://www.romancatholic.com/shadowday>



MOTHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES RETREAT *"The Spirituality of Caregiving"*

On Tuesday, 05/01/18, from 9:30AM to 2:00PM, at Malvern Retreat House, Sr. Suzanne Mayer, IHM will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers raising children with disabilities and also for those who have adult children with disabilities. Sr. Suzanne is the caregiver for her adult brother with IDD. Come experience a time set apart just for you. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. Fr. Jim Olson will be the celebrant for Mass at 11:30AM. Cost is \$35. For information, call Malvern Retreat House at **610-644-0400**, or Office for Persons with Disabilities at **215-587-3530**. Register online (by April 25th) at www.opdarchphilly.com.

JOHN W. HALLAHAN CGHS "50 YEARS AND BEYOND"

The Alumnae Association is having their annual "50 Years and Beyond" luncheon on Wednesday, 05/02/18 at Constatler Volksfest-Verein, 9130 Academy Road. Cost is \$35 per person and \$20 for religious.

For information, please contact Chairperson, Marge West Kiefski'66 at **215-913-4482** or mmkiefski@aol.com or the Alumnae Office at **215-568-3081**.



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:



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



Although the Mass Book for 2018 is full, there are Church Sanctuary Lamps, Adoration Chapel Candles and Offerings of Bread and Wine still available in 2018. 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.

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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REQUESTED BY:

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!

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

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