



## *Stella Maris Catholic Church*

*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*

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*Rev. John R. Di Orio*

*Pastor (ext. 3)*

*Rev. James T. McCabe  
Parochial Vicar (ext. 4)*

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

### *Staff:*

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

*Mrs. Carmella DeSimone - Business Manager (ext. 6)*

*Mrs. Lucille Hillerman - Director of Religious Education (ext. 5)*

*Sister Mary Agnes Kinee, IHM - Music Director (ext. 7)*

*Sister Veronica Maier, SSJ - Parish Services Director (ext. 8)*

*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*

**Anointing of the sick:** *In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the rectory.*

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** *Each Saturday immediately following the 8am Mass. Veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Laboure concludes the service.*

**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.*

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**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of April 24, 2016**

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

**Collection for weekend of April 16& 17**

**Income: Plate = \$ 6,236.50 + AWC + \$113.75 = \$6,350.25**

**Bills Paid= Total Disbursements = (\$18,312.41)**

**Total = (\$11,962.16)**

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

*We must be a true Jerusalem in the Church today, that is, a place of peace, supporting one another as we are; supporting one another together in the joyful certainty that the Lord supports us all.*

**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, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Anthony Bologna, Emmanuel Borgesi, Maria Bozzi, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Capetto, William Carbo, Arthur Carrado, Thomas Ciasullo, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Joanne DePena, Lenora Derogatis, Elvira DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlori, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fiujsalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Eleanor Grecco, Keith Green, Maribel Guerrero, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Lucy Intelisano, Ann & Anthony Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Sr. Mary Agnes Kinee, IHM, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Joseph Lombardi, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Carmela Martini, Edward Marquis, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Ernest Megali, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Joanne Minniti, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Albert Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Lenny Olivieri, Marie Ordine, Louis Pagano, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Charles T. Pestacchi, Theresa Pignotto, Lauren Poppa, Madeline Porsia, Angela Raffa, M/M Robert Reed, John Renzulli, Sr., Jason Rindone, Joan Robb, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Theresa Salvatore, Domenic Santaguida, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Thomas Sweeney Jr., James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Caila Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Robin Twaddell, Christopher Vacante, Mike Vicario, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

**Sunday—April 24**

8:00 + Honor and Thanks to Our Blessed Mother  
9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
11:00 + Ilda and Frank Colelli

**Monday—April 25**

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

**Tuesday—April 26**

8:00 + Maryanne and Thomas Morris

**Wednesday—April 27**

8:00 + Ann and Al Morrone

**Thursday—April 28**

8:00 + Rita Evangelista

**Friday—April 29**

8:00 + Orlando and Nella Bravo

**Saturday—April 30**

8:00 + Anthony and Josephine Seccio  
**10:30 + First Holy Communion**  
5:00 + Louis Stanley

**Sunday—May 1**

8:00 + Dolores D'Amore  
9:30 + Luigi and Maria Borda  
11:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Joseph and Angelina Smedile  
At the Request of  
Joseph and Florence Fragala



**PASCHAL CANDLE**

In Memory of the  
Deceased Members of  
The Kubicky and Monteith Families  
Donated by  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Donna Kubicky



**SANCTUARY CANDLES AND  
OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**



Since the Mass Book for 2016 is full, there are many Sanctuary Candles for our Church, Offerings of Bread and Wine, and Sanctuary Candles for our Adoration Chapel still available. 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 Sanctuary Candle; \$25 for the Offering of Bread and Wine. Please call or come to the Rectory during regular office hours, or complete the form on page 5 of this publication. Thank you. God bless!

*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,

In today's Gospel from St. John, Jesus gives us a command to "Love one another". Jesus says, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." To make proper use of this command, we must understand that the command to love is the center of Jesus' teaching and the center of Christian life. It is where we start our journey in Christian faith and where we end our journey. True love requires us to care about others, always putting them first. We cannot truly love God if we do not love them. The basic challenge of the Good News is to love all people, including those whom we dislike. If we do not perceive Christ's call to love as being the motivation and inspiration of our decisions and actions, then perhaps we have yet to understand the Christian life. Genuine love is the hallmark of Christianity. John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. He presents a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. Therefore, the question for all of us is how well do we love? The way Jesus loved was sacrificial and sacrificial in a way that countered cultural norms. Hence, are we willing to turn the cheek, go the extra mile, and bite the tongue? Are we willing to be counter cultural? Loving, in the Christian context, is not a more intense form of liking. To like people means that we experience them as agreeable or pleasant. In contrast, to love people means that, regardless of whether or not we consider them agreeable or likable, we respect them. We are always patient and kind toward them. We are not Christians for what we can get out of Christianity. We are Christians so we can give God honor and glory.

As we continue our journey in this Easter Season, our parish looks forward to a special celebration this week. At 10:30 AM this Saturday, April 30th, we will celebrate our First Holy Communion Mass. At this Mass, 20 of our young parishioners will receive Our Lord in their First Holy Communion. We congratulate these 20 boys and girls, along with their families.

Alexander Abruzzo  
Joseph Allen  
Anastazia Alper-Austin  
Isabella Apadula  
Julian Cella  
Gabriella Colon  
Miguel Espinosa  
Isabella Ferrell  
Karma Galasso  
Adriel Gobble

Sage Iovino  
Reese Lalli  
Nicholas Liparota  
Francesca Menniti  
Kaylee Romeo  
Aubrey Salamone  
Sommer Marie Sanders  
Francesca Squillace  
Jaydan Velasquez  
Lorraine Verdi

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

God Bless!  
Father Di Orio

## TRUE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



Can you imagine a world such as the one put before us in today's scripture readings? Communities of believers everywhere would support and encourage one another and be identified as Christians by the way they love each other. It would be a world with no tears, no death and mourning, no crying out in pain. "Behold, I make all things new," we hear the Son of God say in the second reading from the book of Revelation (21:5).

Is this world of John's vision only imaginary? Are these faithful followers for whom Jesus prayed only a savior's dream? Today they are put before us as a worthy goal. How much closer can we come to this vision of a true Christian community in our lives today?



### CCD NEWS

CCD Classes for the 2016-2017 school year will take place on Sunday mornings.

**Registration** for current and new students for CCD Classes for the 2016-2017 school year will take place in the Church Vestibule after all the Masses on the weekend of May 21 & 22 .

When registration takes place, you will need the following:

- 1) Completed Registration Form
- 2) Signed copy of "Appendix A" from the Handbook
- 3) Baptismal certificate for all **new** registrations (only if your child was **not baptized** at Stella Maris)
- 4) Signed letter of permission from your pastor (only if you are **not** a member of Stella Maris Parish)
- 5) Registration fee of \$150 per child for parishioners and \$175 per child for non-parishioners of Stella Maria

We are offering an "**Early Bird**" **Special discount of \$25 per child to those who register before May 23, 2016.** You may also register at the Rectory, Monday-Friday, 9AM-4PM.

## CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHEDRAL STORE

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, located at 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City Philadelphia, invites you to visit the Cathedral Store. It is open year-round on Saturdays from 11:00AM to 5:15PM and Sundays from 10:30AM to 6:30PM (closed during Masses inside the Cathedral). The Cathedral Store is located inside the Cathedral to the right of the altar and through the double doors. Introducing the Official Custom Rosary for the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. This beautiful custom made rosary is handmade in Italy. Also available are inspirational gifts for the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation, as well as religious articles for your everyday needs.



Sodality  
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### BLESSING OF THE WATERS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

The Sodality and Seniors Groups are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City for the Blessing of the Water on Monday, August 15, 2016. The cost is \$68 per person and includes Mass, lunch at the Tuckahoe Inn, and a visit to the Resorts Casino (with a \$25 Bonus). A deposit of \$38 is due on or before April 30th, with the final payment of \$30 due no later than July 1st. For more information, please call Helen at 215-468-6618 or call Marge at 215-463-3386.

### JOHN W. HALLAHAN CATHOLIC GIRLS' H.S. NEWS

The **PRE-High School Placement Test** will be administered to seventh graders on **Saturday, April 30**. Students are encouraged to register online and have until the end of the day on April 28th to register online. The registration fee for the Pre-HSPT is \$30 and should be paid via credit card prior to the test date. Cash, money order, and checks will also be accepted on the day of testing. Students should arrive at 8:15AM on April 30th, and need only to bring two #2 pencils. The test will conclude approximately 11:30AM.



### MOTHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES RETREAT

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at Malvern Retreat House, Fr. Dennis O'Donnell will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. To register online go to [www.opdarchphilly.com](http://www.opdarchphilly.com) or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

### ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput presiding. This Mass is for all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more or 50 years or more. Family and friends are encouraged to attend. **Registration is required:** call 215-587-0500 or [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org).



### STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Wednesday, April 27-Practice/First Eucharist-1:00PM, Church
- Thursday, April 28-Practice/First Eucharist-1:00PM, Church
- Saturday, April 30-Sacrament/First Eucharist-10:30AM, Church (Candidates report to Hall by 10:00AM)
- Sunday, May 1-CCD (Except 2nd Level)-9:15AM, Church/School
- Saturday, May 7-Sodality Closing and Breakfast-8:30AM, Church/Vestibule
- Sunday, May 8-NO CCD-Mother's Day
- Tuesday, May 10-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM Vestibule Meeting Room
- Thursday, May 12-May Procession-7:00PM, Church/Parking Lot
- Saturday, May 14-Stella Maris Flea Market-9:00AM, Parking Lot



### STELLA MARIS FLEA MARKET

Stella Maris Fund Raising Committee is hosting a **Flea Market on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 9AM to 3PM.**

If you would like to reserve a spot (which includes a table) the donation is \$30. You may come to set up your spot/table at 8AM.

Spring is a great time to clear out all the extra and unwanted items in your house. You may donate these items to the Stella Maris Fund Raising "White Elephant" Table. We will accept books, jewelry, accessories and household items **AT MASS TIMES ONLY**, on the remaining weekends in April. We kindly ask that you please bring your items to the "Outreach" room (the room across from the trophy case in the church vestibule).

The Committee will also have a bake sale table at the Flea Market. We kindly ask if anyone wants to donate cakes, cookies, sweet treats (homemade or store bought are fine) to please let us know what you will bring and the price we should charge. You may then **bring your sweet treat donations** to Stella Maris Parking Lot **on Saturday, May 14, at 8AM** and ask for **MaryAnn Jones**. Food, water, and soda will also be available for purchase..

We are also asking if any men of the parish would be willing to volunteer to help us bring up the tables on Friday evening and we also need volunteers to help clean up at 3PM on Saturday.

If you are interested in a spot/table, would like to donate a cake/sweet treat, can volunteer to help with set up/clean up, and/or have **any questions about the Flea Market, please call Antoinette at 215-551-8988.**



### Manna Food Drive

Manna Food Bags will be distributed at all Masses on the weekend of May 14th and 15th. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on either Saturday/Sunday-May 20th and May 21st or May 28th and 29th. Canned food items needed are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork and beans. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

### Registration for Our Lady of Hope School

BacktoSchool



Registration for **new** students for the 2016-2017 is now open. Appointments can be made by calling the school office at 215-467-5385. Documents needed for registration are: Original birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization records, and Registration fee of \$200 and tuition deposit of \$200. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Hope School. Financial Aid for the 2016-2017 school year is currently available for Kindergarten through Grade 8. Contact the school office for applications. Tours of the school are available by calling the school office to make an appointment.

**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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**GET WELL WISHES FOR FATHER McCABE**

If anyone would like to send get well wishes to Father McCabe, our parochial vicar, you may mail them to: Rev. James T. McCabe, Stella Maris Rectory, 2901 South 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148.

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**GET WELL WISHES FOR SISTER MARY AGNES**

If anyone would like to send get well wishes to Sister Mary Agnes, our music director, you may mail them to: Sister Mary Agnes Kinee, IHM, Mary Immaculate Convent, 1731 South 11th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148.

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**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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**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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**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.**