

Stella Maris Parish

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Celebrating 65 Years
1954-2019

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

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Rectory: 215-465-2336

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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.

April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of April 7, 2019

God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life		
Collection for weekend of March 30 & March 31		
Income: Plate = \$5,652.75 + AWC = \$102.50 =		\$5,755.25
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	=	(\$13,299.32)
Total	=	(\$7,544.07)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

"Love must not simply abide by earthly laws but must let itself be illumined by the truth which is God and must be expressed in that superior measure of justice and mercy."

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, 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:**

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.

Sunday—April 7

8:00 + George J. Polizzi
9:30 + Fannie and Fred Schiavoni and Romeo and Josephine Verna
11:00 + Sacrament of Confirmation

Monday—April 8

8:00 + Paul, Annina, and Vincent Fargione

Tuesday—April 9

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli and Family

Wednesday—April 10

8:00 + Domenico Campese and Sons

Thursday—April 11

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
7:00 + Lenten Penance Service

Friday—April 12

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
7:00 + Stations of the Cross

Saturday—April 13

8:00 + Katie Gatto
5:00 + Carmela Carosella

Sunday—April 14 (Palm Sunday)

8:00 + Charles and Angelina Young
9:30 + Robert and Dolores Coluzzi
11:00 + Marco Bianchini



Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Ronald Curro
Requested by
His Mother



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
Gloria Angelozzi and Family (L & D)
Requested by
Michael and Maria Bryson



2) For the Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Stella Maris



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** this **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**.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

This traditional prayer should be our prayer for the young parishioners who will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today, at the 11:00am Mass. We welcome Auxiliary Bishop John J. McIntyre, who will confer the Sacrament on our young parishioners. All of us should keep these young men and women in our prayers.

We congratulate our young parishioners on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, along with their families and sponsors:

Raquel **Nicole** Dalessio
Joseph Thomas **Nicholas** Giovanetti
Jerry **Oliver** DeSimone
Nicholas **Luke** Gambacorta
Autumn **Gloria** Hill
Skyler Rose **Brittany** LaBella
Elijah **John** Nepomuceno
Carmine **Rosario** Nicolucci
William **Tyler** Stuski

Our readings today demonstrate the mercy of God. This mercy seeks to heal what has been broken by sin and therefore, restores all things in harmony with God. St. John's Gospel today highlights Jesus' power to forgive sins, which causes the most controversy for Jesus. At first glance, this scene of Jesus with the woman caught in adultery seems like a simple act of compassion. While Jesus' compassion is authentic, His words demonstrate His real power over sin. Jesus knows sin's control and its destructive force on holiness and perseverance. Forgiveness brings grace which fills in the needed strength. Jesus forgives rather than punishes. Forgiveness opens the way for the forgiven to use their gifts to build God's kingdom.

Forgiveness continues to be at the core of Jesus' teaching. He demonstrates here that He is the incarnation of God's loving mercy and compassion. This act of mercy demonstrates God's divine justice, for it seeks to bring life and healing, for that is precisely God's will. This is how God generously loves us beyond anything we deserve or could ever earn. For all the significant power that God has, God shows His greatness best when He forgives sins. No matter what our faults or sins, God's willingness to forgive is guaranteed. As Easter approaches, let us seek God's forgiveness and mercy.

Lent is a season of spiritual renewal as well as a season of repentance and forgiveness. This Thursday, April 11, 2019, we will have an opportunity as a parish to seek God's continued love and mercy as we celebrate our Lenten Penance (Reconciliation) Service. There will be a number of visiting priests to help with individual confessions. This will take place in our Church at 7:00 PM. Take this time for you!

Be assured of my prayers and I ask for a remembrance in yours.

Happy Lent!
Fr. Di Orio



PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

This **Thursday, 04/11/19 at 7:00PM**, we are having a parish celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession). After a prayer service, visiting priests will be available to help with individual confessions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held **this Friday, 04/12/19 at 7:00PM**. Everyone is welcome.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Palm will be distributed at all Masses.

Saturday, (04/13): Vigil Mass at 5:00PM

Sunday, (04/14): 8:00AM, 9:30AM, and 11:00AM



CELEBRATION OF THE CROSS

Our parish Celebration of the Cross will be held on **Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00PM**. During this prayer service, we will use our Lenten "wood chips" to construct the Cross for the Good Friday services.

HOLY THURSDAY (April 18th)

No morning Mass on this day.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

Adoration at the Repository following Mass, until 10:00PM

Night Prayer celebrated at 9:45PM



GOOD FRIDAY (April 19th)

No morning Mass on this day.

Morning Prayer celebrated at 9:00AM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY (April 20th)

No morning Mass on this day.

Morning Prayer celebrated at 9:00AM

Confessions: 4:00PM to 5:00PM

No 5:00PM Vigil Mass on this day.

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30PM



EASTER SUNDAY (April 21st)

Masses at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, and 11:00AM



PREP/CCD NEWS

Registration for PREP/CCD classes for the 2019-2020 school year is under way. **On the weekend of May 4/May 5, after all Masses in the church vestibule**, someone will be available if you wish to register. Also, you may register at the Rectory, Monday to Friday, between 9:00AM and 3:00PM.

The following is required for Registration:

- 1) Completed Registration Form and Fee
(Registration fee of \$175 per child for Stella Maris Parishioners; \$200 per child for non-parishioners)
- 2) Signed copy of "**Appendix B**" from the CCD Handbook
- 3) Signed letter of permission from your pastor (only if you are not a member of Stella Maris Parish)
- 4) Baptismal certificate for all **new** registrations (only if your child was **not baptized** at Stella Maris)

Early Bird Special for those who register on or before May 5, 2019.

\$135 for child for Stella Maris parishioners
\$160 per child for non-parishioners of Stella Maris

Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.



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 now due.** 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*) *Casino package subject to change at any time by the Casino.



Registration for Our Lady of Hope School

Registration for new students for the 2019-2020 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, most recent Report Card, standardized testing for students entering grades 1 through 8, Registration fee of \$150, and a \$200 tuition deposit. For Financial Aid, Grants or Scholarship information, please call 215-467-5385. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Hope School. Tours of the school are available by calling the school office to make an appointment. If you have any questions, please call the school at 215-467-5385 or email the principal at:

pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com

LENTEEN CONCERT AT SHRINE OF ST. RITA OF CASCIA

The Collegiate Choir of Philadelphia will present a **Lenten Concert** at the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia on **Thursday, 04/11/19 at 7:30PM**. Event is free and open to the public, with a **free-will offering** to benefit the Shrine. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.saintritaashrine.org/calendar>.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

Catholic Charities Appeal Night with the 76ers is set for this **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>.



MOTHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES RETREAT *"The Joy of Belonging"*

The annual retreat for Mothers of Children with Disabilities is being held on Wednesday, 05/01/19, from 9:30AM to 2:00PM, at Malvern Retreat House. The presenter of this retreat is Fr. William Gillum, O.F.M. Cap, who is currently on the formation team at Capuchin College, Washington, DC. He has extensive experience ministering to persons with intellectual disabilities and medically fragile children and adults. This retreat welcomes mothers and grandmothers raising children with disabilities and also for those who have adult children with disabilities. Come experience a time set apart just for you. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with others. Mass will be celebrated 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 24th) at www.malvernretreat.com.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES SURVEY

Do you have a child with Intellectual Developmental Disability between the ages of 18 through 35 years of age? Please consider completing a survey by going to www.opdarchphila.org and clicking on **Catholic Social Services Adult Community Program Survey**. If you have questions or prefer a paper copy of the survey, please contact Mary Beth Malloy at **610-724-8579** or by visiting Mary Beth at marybethmalloy@verizon.net.



BLESSING OF THE WATERS AND TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

The Sodality trip to **Ocean City, NJ** for the Blessing of the Waters will be **Thursday, August 15, 2019**. The cost of **\$75 per person is non-refundable, with full payment due by 04/26/19**. Cost includes Mass at Saint Damien's, 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, Helen at 215-468-6618, or Cathy at 215-465-7451.



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City from **September 23rd through September 25th**. 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 \$25 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 "Carol King's Beautiful Tribute" Show; 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 05/07/19; final payment/balance (\$140/\$198) is due no later than 07/18/19. Make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors**, (mail payments to: Stella Maris Rectory, c/o Star of the Sea Seniors, Attention: Rose Giovanelli, 2901 S. 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 1948). For more information or reservations, contact: Marge Varley at 215-463-3386, or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.



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, "**Pretty Woman**" on **Wednesday, 10/09/19**. The cost is **\$230 per person**, which includes the show, dinner at Carmine's, and round-trip motorcoach. **A non-refundable deposit of \$115 is due upon reservation. The remaining balance of \$115 is to be paid no later than 09/09/19. 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 or reservations, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.



**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.

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AUCTION

Roman Catholic High School proudly announces its 2019 premier gala and major fundraising event, the "Romauktion". This event will be held on **Saturday, April 13th at 6:00PM** at Roman Catholic High School. Plan to join them for an entertaining evening featuring a lavish buffet, raffle items, games of chance as well as silent and live auction items. For more information about tickets, sponsorships, and advertisements, please call **215-627-1270, ext. 221**, or visit our website at Romauction@romancatholics.com.

RETRouvaille



There are many couples in need of help with their marriages. Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-vie). Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. The next program begins on the **weekend of April 26th** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA, with another weekend being held in August. For information please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call **215-766-3944** or **800-470-2230**. All inquiries are strictly confidential. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass on this information.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Tuesday, 04/09/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM, (rescheduled from Monday, 04/15/19) 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 Seniors (B-Days-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
- Sunday, 04/21/19-NO CCD-EASTER SUNDAY



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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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:

REQUESTED BY:

phone# _____