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ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST**



*“Behold, one is
coming after me;
I am not worthy
to unfasten the
sandals of his feet.”*

Acts 13:25



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Mass Intentions For
The Week June 24, 2018

Sunday—June 24

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 9:30 + Mark Pizzo
 11:00 + Anna Salmieri

Monday—June 25

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Tuesday—June 26

8:00 + To Honor Our Blessed Mother

Wednesday—June 27

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Thursday—June 28

8:00 + Immaculate Campese and Vincenzina Scicchitano

Friday—June 29

8:00 + Rosemarie Nocco

Saturday—June 30

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano
 5:00 + Marty D'Ambrosio

Sunday—July 1

8:00 + Special Intentions of Ralph Berarducci
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 11:00 + Special Intention of the Glynn Family

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life		
Collection for weekend of June 16 & June 17		
Income: Plate	= \$5,057.00	+ AWC = \$115.00
	=	\$5,172.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	=	(\$24,771.12)
Total	=	(\$19,599.12)

Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:

"Throughout the story of Israel, men and women raised their voices in songs of praise to God. John the Baptist went into the desert to sing his own song: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths'. In the fullness of time, Jesus, God's love song to the world, came into the world for our redemption, and the singing still goes on."

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Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn monthly from your account and deposited directly to your parish.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, Mildred Armentani, 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, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Joanne DePena, Robert DeRenzi, Loretta Derrah, Charles DiMartini Jr., 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, Diane Kessler, Vito LaFranci, Barbara Lalli, Ronald Lalli, Samantha LaSpada, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Carmela Martini, 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, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Phillips, Angela Raffa, Mr. & 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, Mary Toscano, James Trainor Jr., Alessandra Trimarco, Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Rosemarie Nocco
 Requested by
 Barbara and Vincent Termini



Bread & Wine

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STELLA MARIS "ALL CLASSES" REUNION



A Stella Maris "All Classes" Reunion is planned for **Friday, 10/26/18, from 7PM to 11PM** at Galdo's Catering, 1933 West Moyamensing Ave., in South Philadelphia. Ticket price is \$65.00, which includes buffet, open bar and DJ. **Tickets are limited to classmates only.** If interested, please make checks payable to: Jennifer Jones '93 and mail to: 2529 South Darien St. Phila., PA 19148.

Please be sure to **include your class year on the check.** Information is also available on Facebook at:

STELLA MARIS SCHOOL-REUNION
FOR ALL GRADUATING YEARS



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

EDWARD ALIOTO

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,

In today's Gospel, Luke recounts the birth of John the Baptist and the people ask, "What, then, will this child be?" Well, the answer is that he became what we are all called to be, heralds of the Lord! Somewhat like John, we are called to decrease, that Christ might increase within us. Our task, following in John's footsteps, is to prepare the way for Christ by repenting and turning away from all that might separate us from God. John points the way to Christ, and then quietly steps back, that Christ might take center stage. Our lives, too, are to point to Christ and bear witness to His salvation, nearness and steadfast love. John's life burned brightly with the love of God. May we, as we celebrate John's birth, allow that same divine light to burn in our lives so that we, too, may help bring others to Christ.

We welcome Father John Weber to the area. Father was assigned to Saint Richard's Parish as Pastor, effective this past Monday, June 18, 2018. We wish Father well and pray for him as he begins his new assignment.

At this time of the year many are blessed to be able to go away for the summer months or summer weekends. Be safe and enjoy yourself. God doesn't take a vacation from us, so we should remember to keep holy the Lord's Day by attending Mass when we are on vacation.

Also, thank you to those who continue their parish support even though they are away from Stella Maris on weekends or summer months.

Please remember your weekly contribution for Stella Maris Church. Your support is so necessary for the parish expenses.

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

Happy Summer!
God Bless!
Father Di Orio



A SUMMER BLESSING FOR STUDENTS

May our Loving God watch over you and keep alive in your heart all that you have learned this year.

Keep your mind on God. Remember to pray often and to celebrate your faith at home with your family, and at Mass with your faith family.

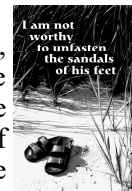
Keep your faith in God. Let all the joys of summer remind you of God's goodness. Never forget that God is always with you, no matter what.

May the God of all creation, who comes to us in Jesus and lives among us in the Holy Spirit, keep you safe, happy, and holy this summer and always. Amen.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the "precursor" of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John's basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John's legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: "You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory" (Isaiah 49:3). John's humility—"I am not he"—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.



STELLA MARIS 300 CLUB



Everyone is invited to join our "**300 CLUB**" fundraiser. **Only 300 tickets will be sold!** To be part of the **300 CLUB**, purchase a ticket for \$100 and have a chance to win one of six prizes: three \$500 prizes, one \$1000 prize, one \$2500 prize, and one **Grand Prize of \$10,000!** (Prize amounts listed are based on the condition that all 300 tickets are sold; if all 300 tickets are not sold, prize amounts will be adjusted accordingly). Tickets are available in the Rectory throughout the summer during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00AM to 4:00PM, as well as after the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses. Our **300 CLUB** drawing will be held on the weekend of December 1st and 2nd.

Please help make this parish fundraiser a great success!



PREP/CCD NEWS

Registration for PREP/CCD classes for the 2018-2019 school year is under way. You may register at the Rectory, Monday to Friday, between 9AM and 3PM.

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)

Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.



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.

Full payment is now due. 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 now due**. 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 now due; 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:
Marge Varley at 215-463-3386, or
Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, 08/15/18-Sodality Blessing of the Waters
Bus Trip-Off Site

THE GREATEST NEED

**"The world's greatest need is not more Christians,
but more Christians who practice their Christianity."**

—Anonymous



Quo Vadis Days 2018

June 25-28, 2018
Black Rock Retreat Center

Retreat for young men
(incoming freshmen to graduating seniors)

Gather with the Philadelphia Seminarians and other high school men for 4 days/3 nights of daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and fun outdoor activities, including a rope course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, frisbee, and more. A sliding scale registration fee of \$25-\$300 includes lodging, meals, t-shirt, and activities.

To register, or for more information, visit:

www.HeedTheCall.org/event/quovadis

PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR YOUNG MEN



The Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program is a residential, college-accredited summer program at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, offering young men in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia a robust introduction to the great intellectual and spiritual heritage of the Church. The PCSP combines rigorous study with participation in the prayer life of the Church, as well as weekend cultural excursions to the Art Museum and the Cathedral. The PCSP's inaugural session takes place July 10-20, 2018. Young men entering their junior or senior year of high school are invited to apply. More information and details can be found at:

<https://philadelphiacatholicscholars.org/>



BROTHERS OF BORROMEO VOCATION CAMP

This event is being held on Friday, 07/13/18 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Boys in grades 6th through 8th grades, (incoming 6th graders to 8th grade graduates) are invited to gather at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a day that includes games, activities, great talks, powerful prayer, Mass, lunch and dinner. For more information, please visit: **HeedTheCall.org/event/BBVC**.

CANTATE DOMINO FESTIVAL



The Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul is offering a great opportunity for kids this summer—a **two-day Cathedral Choir Festival** to take place **July 23 and 24**, running each day from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** and culminating in a **7 p.m. concert July 24**. The Cantate Domino camp will be open to **all boys and girls throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, ages 7-15**. It will provide a unique musical experience, which includes an introduction to sacred repertoire as well as vocal breathing techniques, vowel formation, choral tone, sight singing and music theory. At the end of the two days, those students who would like to audition and stay as members of the Archdiocesan Children's Choir would continue their studies on July 25 and 26 to learn the choral anthems to be performed throughout the 2018-2019 season. Tuition for the camp is \$50 for the first chorister, \$25 for each additional chorister per family. Lunch and a snack will be provided each day.

For more questions, please contact:
Charlene Angelini at **cangelini@archphila.org**.



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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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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