



## *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*  
*Parochial Vicar (ext. 4)*

### *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.*

***July 16, 2017***

***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of July 16, 2017**

**Sunday— July 16**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
 9:30 + Brabazon, Busillo and Dominick Families (L& D)  
 11:00 + Carmella DePrince and Angelina Pagnotto

**Monday—July 17**

8:00 + Dominick Menniti

**Tuesday—July 18**

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

**Wednesday—July 19**

8:00 + Nella and Orlando Brava

**Thursday—July 20**

8:00 + Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nataloni

**Friday—July 21**

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

**Saturday—July 22**

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Dominick and  
 DiCaprio Families  
 5:00 + Vincent C. Milione

**Sunday—July 23**

8:00 + Michael and Joseph Di Orio  
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
 11:00 + Ruth DiAntonio

<b>God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life</b>	
<b>Collections for the Weekend of July 1 &amp; July 2, 2017</b>	
<b>Income: Plate = \$5,258.00 + AWC = \$105.00 =</b>	<b>\$5,363.00</b>
<b>Bills Paid = Total Disbursements =</b>	<b>(\$9,715.32)</b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>(\$4,352.32)</b>
<b>Collections for the Weekend of July 8 &amp; July 9, 2017</b>	
<b>Income: Plate = \$5,190.00 + AWC = \$105.00 =</b>	<b>\$5,295.00</b>
<b>Bills Paid = Total Disbursements =</b>	<b>(\$9821.06)</b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>(\$4526.06)</b>
<b>Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:</b>	
<i>"We cannot bring to the world the Good News which is Christ Himself in person, if we ourselves ...do not live on His Words."</i>	
<b>Automated Withdrawal Contributions (AWC):</b>	
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, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Baby Matthew D'Imperio, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlari, Trish Ezzie, Isabelle Fabrizio, 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, Lucy Intelisano, Ann and Anthony Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, John Knight, Samantha LaSpada Knight, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Petronella MacCarter, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Carmela Martini, Joe & 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, Patrick Oldfield, Lenny Olivieri, Marie Ordine, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Angela Raffa, M/M Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguada, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Carmen Sipia, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Caila Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Robin Twaddell, Christine Upchurch, Christopher Vacante, Mike Vicario, Michael Valardi, Anthony Vanore, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their

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

**CAROL LONG**

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.

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
 Ronald Curro

Requested by  
 His Mother



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
 Albert Perna

Requested by  
 Gloria Perna, sister-in-law



**MEMORIALS**

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.

**In Memory/Honor Of Donor**

Santa Angelucci	Regina Ferkler and Angela Naughton
Frank Filippello	James and Theresa Dintino
Philomena Salvatore	Chris and John Coleman



**YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE-  
 BECOME A FOSTER PARENT!**

Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages and cultures whose families are in crisis. The love and commitment that foster parents provide can have a lasting and positive effect. For more information, call **Catholic Social Services at 267-331-2502** or email us at [fosterinfo@chs-adphila.org](mailto:fosterinfo@chs-adphila.org).

# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Everyone likes hearing and telling a good story, and Jesus does too. This week's parable is about producing new growth and the perils of that growth. The story of the sower and the seeds shows the purpose and destiny of God's disciples. It shows how God will do his best to help produce a plentiful yield if we cooperate by listening and living his word. Therefore, today's Gospel, of the parable of the sower and the seed directs us to ponder the Word of God. God's Word is sown everywhere. Some hear it. Some get it. Some act on it. Some may pay no attention at all to the Word of God, but God gives it anyway. God is a very generous God, something we often hear said but perhaps do not comprehend. Jesus is calling us to look like God and act like God. We would prefer, however, only to passively hear God's word. We resist acting on it. Jesus is teaching us about our mixed response to God's Word. This parable not only directs us to ponder the Word of God, but it also forces us to reflect on how we respond to God's Word. How do we measure up? Are we someone who has heard the message but doesn't care? Has our initial enthusiasm for our faith failed? Did some thorns in our lives drive us away? There are many people difficult to deal with, even in a Christian community. Are the weeds choking us? Perhaps we are at times the weeds ourselves, teaching our children and others that Church isn't important.

Living and acting on God's Word is not easy. St. Paul acknowledges that acting on God's Word can be difficult and, at first glance, be thought of as a burden. If we live a good moral Christian life, we are likely to be ridiculed. We do not suffer physical persecution, but we do suffer the slings and arrows of a culture that does not hold our values. Paul says to us that following God's Word, while at times difficult, is worth it.

Our challenge is to examine our relationship to the Word and message of Jesus Christ. We've heard it; have we listened to it? Are we in the boat or outside of it looking in?

Happy Summer!  
God Bless!  
Father Di Orio



## FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.



## IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) FOR YOU?



**RCIA**

Are you or is someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you curious about the Catholic faith, but not sure you want to make a commitment? Are you married to a Catholic spouse, raising the children Catholic, and interested in knowing more to be able to share with them? Are you a Catholic who desires to complete the initiation process by receiving Eucharist and/or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the R.C.I.A. may be for you.

**The R.C.I.A. is designed to assist youth and adults who:**

- \*Have never been baptized and wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church
- \*Have been baptized in another Christian Tradition (Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) and wish to become Catholic
- \*Were baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation

There's no time like the present to begin your inquiry in the faith. If you are interested in learning more about R.C.I.A. for yourself or someone you know, please contact Mrs. Marie Milano at 215-465-2336, ext. 5.



## CCD NEWS

Registration for CCD for the 2017-2018 school year continues. You may register at the Rectory, Monday-Friday, between 9:00AM and 3:00PM, or by appointment.

**The following are required for Registration:**

- 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 \$175 per child for parishioners and \$200 per child for non-parishioners of Stella Maris

**Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.**

## LECTORS NEEDED

As Christians, we are called to share our time, talents, and treasures. Our Parish is in need of Lectors, and we are asking you to share some of your time and talents by volunteering to be a Lector. If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours.

Thank you and God bless you.





### BLESSING OF THE WATERS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

The Sodality trip to Atlantic City for the Blessing of the Waters is **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**. The non-refundable cost of **\$70 per person is now due**, and includes Mass at Saint Damien's, sit-down lunch at the Tuckahoe Inn, and a visit to Resorts Casino (with a \$25 Bonus). Please make checks payable to: **Stella Maris Sodality, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148**. On the morning of 08/15/17, **please be in the church parking lot by 7:45AM; the bus will leave at 8:00AM sharp**. For reservations or information, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.



### ATLANTIC CITY TRIP



**Bus Trip**

The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City from September 26th through September 28th. **Due to the popularity of this trip, we are currently sold out; however, we are accepting names for a waiting list.** Cost is \$275 per person for Double/Triple Occupancy; \$390 for Single Occupancy. Cost includes: 2 night stay at **Resorts Casino** with \$25 slot bonus, 2 \$30 meal vouchers (valid at Breadsticks, Eastwind & Capriccio), \$5 meal voucher and Show Revue (based on availability), family style group dinner with meet and greet with show performers, and 5 lucky members of the group will receive a special prize; **Tropicana Casino** visit with \$25 slot bonus and Carmine's meal voucher; **Caesars Casino** visit with \$25 slot bonus, buffet lunch, and Frankie Avalon 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 \$135 (double/triple occupancy) or \$195 (single occupancy) is now due; final payment/balance (\$140/\$195) is due no later than this Tuesday, 07/18/17. Make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors.** (mail payments to: Stella Maris Church, 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.

### HELLO DOLLY STARRING BETTE MIDLER



The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to New York to see the Broadway Musical "Hello Dolly" with Bette Midler on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017. **Due to the popularity of this show, we are currently sold out; however, we are accepting names for a waiting list.** The cost is **\$300/\$340 per person**, which includes the show, dinner at Carmine's, and round trip motor coach. **A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is now due.** The remaining balance of \$150/\$190 is to be paid in two payments as follows: **First payment of \$75/\$95 is now due, and the final payment of \$75/\$95 is due on or before August 1, 2017.** For more information or reservations, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.

### MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR GRANDPARENTS

Are you a grandparent? Do you have a special grandparent in your life? Celebrate the blessings and challenges of grandparenting by joining others for this morning of reflection for all grandmothers and grandfathers. This special morning is being held at Saint Jude Church in Chalfont, PA, on Wednesday, 07/26/17, from 9AM to 12Noon, beginning with 9:00AM Mass, celebrated in honor of Saints Joachim and Ann, the grandparents of Jesus. Following Mass, you will enjoy a continental breakfast and a conference by guest presenter, Deacon David Schaffer, who currently serves at St. John Neumann Parish in Bryn Mawr. Cost is \$10 per person. To register, call 215-822-9225, ext. 234.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

A very generous, anonymous donor has pledged to match all qualifying donations up to \$180,000 for the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal. This is your opportunity to **double** your impact within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If you are a new or returning donor, a match will be made for all gifts over \$1,000 and to the first \$10,000. If you are a current CCA donor, a match will be made up to \$10,000 on any gift over \$1,000 for which the gift amount from the previous year increased by 25%. The challenge begins now and will run until December 31, 2017. With your donation doubled, tens of thousands of people through countless organizations and ministries will be helped. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at **215-587-5650**, or by email at [cca@catholicfoundationphila.org](mailto:cca@catholicfoundationphila.org).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School is being held at Holy Spirit Hall, 1845 Hartranft St., from July 31st to August 4th, from 9:00AM to 12Noon, for children ages 4 up to and including children in 6th grade. Cost is \$40 per child and the theme is **Mary, our Mother and Friend**. Activities include prayer (using music videos), crafts, games and a snack. For additional information, call Maryellen at St. Richard Rectory at 215-468-4777. Registrations will be accepted until July 21st.

### RETROUVAILLE COUPLES WEEKEND

Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need. It is *not* just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. **The next program begins on the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, Pa.** For information or to register for one of the weekends, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



### NEUMANN-GORETTI ALUMNI ALL CLASSES SUMMER REUNION

will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Keenan's in North Wildwood. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For detailed information go to [www.themillayclub.org/calendar](http://www.themillayclub.org/calendar) and for tickets call the Alumni Office at **215-465-8437 ext. 235**, or email [millayclub@gmail.com](mailto:millayclub@gmail.com). Friday night event at Keenan's is \$10 at the door with guest bartenders.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE INFORMATION SESSION

Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool co-op program, is currently registering students for the 2017-2018 academic year. Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, science experiments, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. The information session will be held at the Neumann Room of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul (behind the Cathedral) on Thursday, 07/20/17; gathering at 6:30PM, with meeting at 7PM. For information, contact Gina at 215-962-2640 or Eileen at 215-370-1848.



**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:**

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**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is sponsoring a trip to the Holy Land from February 1 through February 11, 2018. Cost for the Land and Air package per person is \$3,695, based on double occupancy; direct flight departing from Newark International Airport to Tel Aviv. Round trip bus transportation from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Pastoral Center to Newark Airport and upon return is included. Sites include the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Carmel, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion, Bethany, and Emmaus. Visit the Grotto of the Nativity, the Mount of Temptation, the Mount of Beatitudes, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Upper Room, the Holy Sepulchre, the empty tomb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Wailing Wall, and much more. For information, please contact Select International Tours at **800-842-4842**, or [susan@select-intl.com](mailto:susan@select-intl.com) or visit [www.selectinternationaltours.com](http://www.selectinternationaltours.com).

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**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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