



Stella Maris Catholic Church

Founded in the Marian Year 1954

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Pastor (ext. 3)

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

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

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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.*

July 24, 2016

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of July 24, 2016

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of July 16 & July 17	
Income: Plate = \$ 5,580.00 + AWC = \$91.00	= \$5,671.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$17,724.62)
Total	= (\$12,053.62)
Living Stewardship—Living God's Word:	
<i>We all have the same fundamental motivation and look towards the same goal: a true humanism, which acknowledges that man is made in the image and likeness of God and God wants to help man to live in harmony with that dignity.</i>	
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, Shyla Boetter, Anthony Bologna, Emmanuel Borgesi, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Thomas Ciasullo, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Joanne DePena, Elvira DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlori, Trish Ezzie, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fijalski, 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, John Knight, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Frederick Walter Lampe III, Joseph Lombardi, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Carmela Martini, 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, Lauren Poppa, Madeline Porsia, Angela Raffa, M/M Robert Reed, John Renzulli, Sr., Jason Rindone, Joan Robb, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Philomena Salvatore, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, 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, Michael Valardi, 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:

JEROME RODIO

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—July 24

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 9:30 + Special Intention
 11:00 + Rose and John Zambrano

Monday—July 25

8:00 + Nicholas F. LaPergola Sr.

Tuesday—July 26

8:00 + Anna, Angelo and Iolanda Mattioli

Wednesday—July 27

8:00 + Special Intention

Thursday—July 28

8:00 + Special Intention

Friday—July 29

8:00 + Robert Vadino

Saturday—July 30

8:00 + Rev. Michael Rotolo
 5:00 + Vincent Milione

Sunday—July 31

8:00 + Raffaele Berarducci and Family
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 11:00 + Cecilia Sanders

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Ronald Curro
 At the Request of
 His Mother



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Sr. Mary Agnes Kinee, IHM
 At the Request of
 Stella Maris Choir



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

Since the Mass Book for 2016 is full, there are 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 Adoration Chapel 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!

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 a part of one of our ministries (Lectors, Singers/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory.

Thank you and God bless.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel from Luke, one of the disciples asks Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." So at the request of the disciples, Jesus teaches them and all future believers how to pray. In telling his followers to call God "Father," Jesus makes it clear that they have to have an intimate relationship with the Creator. By instructing them to ask for what they need, Jesus is establishing a new way for his followers to address God. Jesus illustrates the need for persistence in prayer by telling the parable of the man at the door in the middle of the night. We also saw this in our first reading from Genesis. Abraham was very persistent, "if there were 50 innocent people...45 innocent people... etc.". Jesus assures his disciples that, just as earthly parents will care for their offspring, God can be trusted to do what is best for those who pray. Abraham saw this in his persistence with God. He experienced that God is more gracious than he could have ever imagined. God is greater and better than we humans can imagine. God doesn't need us to tell him what we need. Prayer is not about informing God of our needs. Prayer is more for us than for God. God knows our condition better than we know it ourselves, but He wants us to express our faith and confidence in him through persistent prayer. How well do we pray? Do we recognize that God invites us into an intimate relationship in which we see ourselves as his children and feel free to boldly ask for what we need?

Be assured of my prayers and I ask you to pray for me.

Happy summer!
God Bless!
Fr. Di Orio

VACATION TIME

Now that summer is here, we hope you will be able to get away or at least take time for some much needed R&R!

As you travel this summer with family and friends, please remember your Parish Family. I respectfully ask that you continue to support Stella Maris over the summer by keeping up with your contributions. God will surely reward you.

We thank you for your continued support and generosity. May you enjoy the beauty of summer and return home safely!

Please invite a friend or neighbor to Church.

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as "the persistent mother." She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine then to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church's greatest scholars.

Today's readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells his disciples to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.



CCD NEWS

CCD Classes for the 2016-2017 school year will take place on Sunday mornings. **Registrations** for current and new students for CCD Classes for the 2016-2017 school year will be accepted at the Rectory, Monday through Friday, 9AM-4PM. **There will also be an opportunity to register following each Mass on August 20-21 in the church corridor. The following is required:**

- 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 Maris

We are in need of Aides for the 2016-2017 school year. If you would like to volunteer your time and talent, please contact the Rectory at 215-465-2336.



GRAND RAFFLE & RAVIOLI NIGHT

Tickets are now on sale for our **Grand Raffle and Ravioli Night**, which will be held on **Saturday, 11/19/16**. Tickets are **\$100 each** and are available in the Rectory during regular business hours, as well as after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. If you are able to help us sell tickets, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336. Please help make this parish fundraiser a great success!



STELLA MARIS ALL CLASS REUNION

We are in the process of forming a Committee for an "All Class Reunion of Stella Maris Students" to plan to reach out to All former Stella Maris students regarding a possible All class reunion in the future. If you would like to be part of this committee, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336.

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY



The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City from September 12-14. Price is \$250 for Double/Triple Occupancy and \$385 for Single Occupancy. The 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); Tropicana Casino visit with \$15 slot bonus, meal voucher, and *Beach Boys Tribute Show*; Taj Casino visit on day of departure with \$25 slot bonus, buffet lunch, and *Barbra & Frank Tribute Show*; baggage handling (1 per person); all taxes and gratuities (except for restaurants and driver); round-trip motorcoach transportation via JC Tours.

Deposit of \$125 (double/triple occupancy) or \$190 (single occupancy) is now due upon reservation. **Final payment/balance (\$125/\$195) is due no later than July 29.** 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, contact Marge Varley at 215-463-3386, or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Plan to join us for a day of friendship, prayer, and growth in your faith at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Women's Conference! This year's theme is "Mother of Mercy, Make our Hearts Like Yours!" in honor of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 29, 2016, 8:30AM-4PM, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. There are four tracks: adult track in English, adult track in Spanish, presentations in American Sign Language, and a youth track for teens. For more information, visit:

catholicwomensconference.org.

Interfaith Service of Prayer for the Nation During the National Convention in Philadelphia



This Monday, July 25 at 2PM, everyone is welcome to come together to pray at this critical moment in the history of our nation. Prayer service will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, presided by Rev. Gerard Dennis Gill, Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral. For more information, visit:

cathedralphila.org.



Bus Trip

TRIP TO NEW YORK

The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to New York to see the Broadway musical, "*On Your Feet*", on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016. The cost is \$220 per person (includes: show, dinner at *Carmine's*, round-trip motor-coach transportation, taxes and gratuities (except bus driver). A non-refundable deposit of \$110 is now due, with the balance of \$110 due by August 19. This trip is presently "Sold Out", but there is a waiting list. For more information, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.



TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

A guided tour of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul is available **after the 11 AM Sunday Mass**. If you are interested in taking a tour of our beautiful Cathedral, please gather immediately after the Sunday 11AM Mass in front of the side altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the main Sanctuary. Everyone is most welcome.

STELLA MARIS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE TRIP TO RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL IN NYC



We hope you will "Save the Date" and join us on Saturday, November 26, 2016 to take a bus trip to New York City to see the "*Radio City Christmas Show*" with Orchestra Seating, sponsored by the Stella Maris Fundraising Committee. More information will be available soon, so please "mark your calendars" and plan to join us for the new Christmas Show.



NEUMANN-GORETTI ALL CLASSES REUNION

Neumann-Goretti Alumni All Classes 2016 Summer Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Keenan's in North Wildwood. For more information and tickets, call the Alumni Office at 215-389-0925 or email:

millayclub@gmail.com.

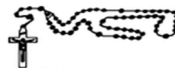
YOGA IN THE PARK AT MARCONI PLAZA



Grab your yoga mat and come to the west side of Marconi Plaza (Broad & Bigler Streets) for free yoga in the park! Join us on Thursday evenings (07/28 and 08/04) at 6:30PM. Presented in collaboration with Friends of Marconi Plaza, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation and Wake Up Yoga. All ages and all ability levels welcome! Classes are 1 hour long.

SAINT MARIA GORETTI HIGH SCHOOL BABY BOOMER CLASS OF 1964

We are looking for former classmates to celebrate our 70th Birthday on October 16, 2016 at Popi's Italian Restaurant. Please contact Denise at 267-234-1064 for additional information.



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.



PARISH FOOD PROGRAM

Our Food Pantry needs your help! Non-perishable items (jarred peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauces; canned tuna fish, stews, vegetables/soups; boxed pasta, crackers, potatoes, etc.) are greatly appreciated by those in emergency situations. Please leave your donations in the Outreach Room (across from the trophy case). We are very grateful to those who bring pantry items on a regular basis.

May God reward your efforts for feeding those in need.

LIVE THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY!

Encounter the life-changing mercy of God during this holy year by making a commitment to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day through November 20, 2016, the closing day of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Watch how God brings powerful grace and blessings to you and your loved ones! Learn more at

archphila.org/mercy



HOLY DOORS OF MERCY

The Holy Door in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul is Open:

Weekdays-11AM to 5PM

Saturdays-9AM to 6:30PM

Sundays-7AM to 8PM

During a Jubilee, pilgrimage to a Holy Door offers the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions. To learn more, visit:

archphila.org/mercy/liturgy



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.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

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!



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