



Stella Maris Catholic Church

Founded in the Marian Year 1954

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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*

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.*

August 20, 2017
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel from St. Matthew, Jesus' treatment of the Canaanite woman grabs our attention because Jesus' response to her seems so out of character. Jesus is giving voice to the beliefs of His day. The woman was a foreigner and not entitled to God's blessing. Further, not only was she a foreigner, she was breaking every cultural norm that existed concerning the interrelation of men and women. Women were expected to be reserved in public. Her yelling out to Jesus was a social affront, and because a person was never to respond to a social affront, Jesus did not answer her. However, her bold humility wins over Jesus, and He ends up granting her plea. The woman has a clear focus on what she needs: healing for her daughter. She's willing to seek it from this itinerant healer and His somewhat intimidating band of followers. And she is able to stand outside of her worry and her panic for the time that it takes to respond to Jesus with faith and humility. What we witness is that her initiative is so persistent and sincere that it attracts Jesus' love. She sacrificed her dignity for the sake of her daughter. Her offering was acceptable. This truly is a story of faith and humility. This woman is driven by faith from beginning to end. Despite the culture and norms of her time she does not let society dictate to her, her faith. Because of her faith in who Jesus is and what he can do, she was not about to be put aside by anyone or anything. She is not fighting for herself; she is fighting for the life of her daughter. The power of her faith keeps her focus filled with humility which makes her willing to risk insult, encourages her boldness, gives her a sense of empowerment, and ultimately brings about the transformation she seeks. She shows that staying focused is what motivates us to take the right action at the right time. Matthew truly then teaches us a lesson about the power of faith, staying focused and remaining humble. Faith can clearly bring power to the powerless. Where are we in our faith? We should strive for the kind of faith that this foreigner had. How focused are we?

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

Happy Summer!

God Bless!

Fr. Di Orio

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.

Ministry 



CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

The Gospel has its own exclamation announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.



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

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. **You will also have the opportunity to register following each Mass on the weekend of 09/09/17-09/10/17, in the church corridor.**

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. Classes for the 2017-2018 school year begin on Sunday, 09/17/17, 9:15AM to 11:45AM.



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) and final payment/balance (\$140/\$195) are now due.** Please 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, and final payment of \$75/\$95 are now due.**

For more information or reservations, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.

STATE OF VOCATIONS ADDRESS

The Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood is hosting a Facebook Live event this Tuesday, 08/22/17 at 7:00PM! This event includes the **State of Vocations Address**, and will help those in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia see how they can cooperate with our Office in creating an atmosphere in their homes, schools, parishes and communities that foster and encourage vocations and assist young men in answering God's call. Tune in at 6:30PM for Vocational Video Airings.

If you have any questions, please call **610-667-5778** or visit **HeedTheCall.org**.

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL PARTNER IN HOPE

In our collective efforts to share our blessings with those most in need, the Catholic Charities Appeal asks donors to prayerfully consider donating a dollar-a-day to become a **Partner in Hope**, making an impact all year round. For a dollar-a-day, a **Partner in Hope** will help provide support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For more information on how to become a **Partner in Hope**, please visit the Catholic Charities Appeal website under the "Ways to Give" tab at:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/ways-give/>.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES ALL NATIONALITIES WELCOME!

Anyone who is interested in learning English or improving your English may contact Sr. Lawrence Elizabeth at Stella Maris Convent (215-462-1111) or email stella@op.net. We hope to begin classes in September. Classes run Monday to Friday. There is a registration fee of \$25.00, but classes are free. Make an appointment to set up time and days for class. We welcome ALL nationalities. Call for more information. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you and God bless you.

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 or visit www.selectinternationaltours.com.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Share the trip of a lifetime with Christians from the Holy Land and fellow pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from February 1-11, 2018. Find out more about this amazing pilgrimage by attending an Information Night and Social on Wednesday, 09/27/17, beginning at 7:00PM, at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium, 222 N. 17th St., in Center City Philadelphia.

To register for the Information Night, email Heather at: heather@select-intl.com.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Join women from across the country for the National Catholic Women's Conference hosted by WINE: Women in the New Evangelization! Dynamic Catholic speakers Kelly Wahlquist, Teresa Tomeo, Kitty Cleveland and Sarah Christmyer will inspire you, and musician Amanda Vernon will rejuvenate your spirit. The theme for the Conference is **Drawn by Love: Sent on Fire**. The day includes time for Adoration, Confession, prayer teams, lunch, rest, socializing, shopping, door prizes and concludes with Mass at 4PM with Bishop John McIntyre. Conference is being held on **Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:30AM** (doors open at 7:30AM for registration, coffee and shopping), at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. Cost is \$55 for early registration by October 1st, special \$50 group rate for 5 or more people, \$65 per person after October 1st, and \$15 for Religious Sisters. Last year's conference sold out five weeks in advance, so register today!

For more information or to register:
call: **267-684-5281** or
visit: wineconference.org or
email Annemarie@CatholicVineyard.com or
onlineregistrationlink: PhiladelphiaWINE-2017.evenbrite.com



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:

**CONSECRATION OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA**



In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap will consecrate the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the 11:00AM Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City, Philadelphia. All clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to this momentous event in the life of our local Church. To learn more and to find resources to spiritually prepare, visit:

archphila.org/fatima

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:

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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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