



Stella Maris Catholic Church

Founded in the Marian Year 1954

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Rev. John R. Di Orio

Pastor (ext. 3)

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Pastor Emeritus*

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

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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.*

August 27, 2017

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of August 27, 2017

- Sunday— August 27**
 8:00 + Charles Pestacchi
 9:30 + Giovanni, Adelaide, Carmine and Lou Pintarelli
 11:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
- Monday—August 28**
 8:00 + Josephine, Frank and John Pensabene
- Tuesday—August 29**
 8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
- Wednesday—August 30**
 8:00 + Nettie and Robert Pentasuglia
- Thursday—August 31**
 8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano
- Friday—September 1**
 8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
- Saturday—September 2**
 8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano
 5:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
- Sunday—September 3**
 8:00 + Jennie, Vincent and Salvatore Moffo
 9:30 + Christian and Charles Pestacchi and Bryan Mooney
 11:00 + Charles Pestacchi

God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life	
Collections for the Weekend of August 19 and August 20, 2017	
Income: Plate= 5,008.00 + AWC = \$131.25 =	\$5139.25
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements	= (\$22,489.06)
Total	= (\$17,349.81)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

“When man allows himself to be enlightened by the splendor of truth, he inwardly becomes a courageous peacemaker.”

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, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, 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, 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 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, Baby Theodore Norkus, 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 Santaguida, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, 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, Michael Valardi, Anthony Vanore, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Church Sanctuary Lamp

For the Special Intentions of
 Hugo Palella
 Requested by
 Two Friends



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Joseph Castagno
 Requested by
 Doris Castagno



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.



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, SSJ 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.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Stella Maris Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. **Have a safe and restful holiday!**



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners,
 Relatives and Friends:

JOSEPH DE STEFANO SR.

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.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel, Jesus asked the questions, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" and "Who do you say that I am." The answers to both these questions varied. At first Jesus let the disciples off the hook by asking "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The response was, "some say John the Baptist, others Elijah..." Then He quickly puts them on the spot and asked them, "But who do you say that I am." Now they need to think about who they truly believe Jesus to be. We know that Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". What will our response be? We reveal in the way we live our lives who Jesus is for us. Each of us is called to reflect Jesus in his own way. After Peter's response, Jesus responded by saying that he is the rock on which He will build His Church. This begs the question, What is the Church to me? Do I allow the Church to have the authority Jesus gave it through Peter? The Church is to be the continuation of the work and mission begun by Christ on earth. The Church is about faith and service. How do we live our lives? We are called to serve and not be served. We are called to go out into the world and become another Christ for others. The Church is a community of faith united in its mission to announce and build the kingdom of God. Jesus teaches us that so great is the community of faith - the Church- that not even death (the gates of the netherworld) can prevail against it. Are we Church? Do we build up the kingdom of God?

Jesus relies on us, individually and as a faith community, to grow in our understanding of who He is and to share that understanding with others. When we reach out to help those in need or share with those who have no one to share with them, it is then that we reveal who Jesus is in our lives.

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

Happy Summer!
God Bless!
Father Di Orio

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, 09/09/17-Sodality Opening Meeting-8:30AM,
Church/Vestibule
Tuesday, 09/12/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Wednesday, 09/13/17-Fundraising Committee Meeting-
6:30PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
Sunday, 09/17/17-CCD Classes Begin-9:15AM,
Church/School
Monday, 09/18/17-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM,
Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
Tuesday, 09/19/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM,
Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

BE A ROCK

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah, that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.



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.

We are in need of Aides for the 2017-2018 school year. If you would like to volunteer your time and talent, please contact the Rectory at 215-465-2336.



ATLANTIC CITY TRIP



Bus Trip

The Seniors are going on a trip to Atlantic City from September 26th through September 28th. **Full payment/balance is 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). **On Tuesday, 09/26/17, you are asked to please be in the parking lot behind the church at 9:00AM, as the bus will leave promptly at 9:30AM.** For more information please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386, or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.

HELLO DOLLY STARRING BETTE MIDLER



The Seniors are going on a trip to New York to see the Broadway Musical "Hello Dolly" with Bette Midler on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017. **Full payment/balance is 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). **On Wednesday, 10/04/17, you are asked to please be in the parking lot behind the church at 8:30AM, as the bus will leave promptly at 9:00AM.** For more information, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.

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.



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.

STELLA MARIS FLEA MARKET



Stella Maris Fund Raising Committee is hosting a Flea Market on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 9AM to 3PM (Rain Date is October 14). If you would like to reserve a spot, the **non-refundable donation is \$30.** You may come to set up your spot at 8AM on Saturday, October 7th. **PLEASE NOTE: NO TABLES WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Fall is a great time to clear out all the extra and unwanted items in your house. You may donate these items to the Stella Maris Fundraising "White Elephant" table. We will accept books, jewelry, and household items **AT MASS TIMES ONLY**, on the weekends of 09/09/17-09/10/17, 09/16/17-09/17/17, and 09/23/17-09/24/17. We kindly ask that you **please bring your items to the "Outreach" room** (the room across from the trophy case in the vestibule), **and place your items under the table.**

The Committee will also have a **bake sale table** at the Flea Market. We kindly ask if anyone wants to donate cakes, cookies, sweet treats (homemade or store bought are fine) to please bring your sweet treat donations to Stella Maris Parking Lot on Saturday, October 7th at 8AM, and ask for MaryAnn Jones. Hot dogs, pretzels, water, and soda will also be available to purchase.

We are also asking for volunteers to help with set-up in the morning and clean up at 3PM on Saturday.

If you would like to reserve a spot, donate a cake/sweet treat, volunteer to help with set up/clean up, and/or have any questions, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336.

FERRAGOSTO FESTIVAL

St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Lodge of the Sons of Italy is running a bus trip on Sunday, 09/10/17, to the Ferragosta Festival on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx, New York's "Little Italy". Cost is \$45 per person. We will be selling 50/50 chances on the bus. Bus departs 9:30AM from Broad and Reed Streets with a second pickup at 9:45AM at 7th and Christian Streets. Free parking in the large parking lot across from Baldi Funeral Home. Bus departs New York between 4:00PM and 4:30PM to return to Philadelphia. If interested, make check payable to St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Lodge and mail to Victor Baldi, 1331 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19147 or call Victor at 215-888-7051.



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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