

Stella Maris Parish

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



1954-2019

Celebrating 65 Years

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Rev. John R. Di Orio
Pastor (ext. 3)

Rev. Msgr. James F. Connelly
Pastor Emeritus

Staff:

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 and 10:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am (Tuesday– 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 4, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of August 4, 2019

God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of July 27 & July 28	
Income: Plate	=\$4,164.00 + AWC=\$102.50 = \$4,266.50
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	= (\$23,433.33)
Total	= (\$19,166.83)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word: "...it is necessary to make it clear that pleasure is not everything. May Christianity give us joy, just as love gives joy. But love is always also a renunciation of self. The Lord Himself has given us the formula of what love is: those who lose themselves find themselves; those who spare or save themselves are lost. ...True joy is something different from pleasure; joy grows and continues to mature in suffering, in communion with the Cross of Christ. It is here alone that the true joy of faith is born."

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, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Maryann Baranek, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Vincent Carchidi, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Robert Costello, Sister Jeanne Crane SSJ, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna Del Vecchio and the Del Vecchio Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Louis Falciani, Virginia Faulkner, Frank Filippello, Samuel Fiore, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Barbara Lalli, Ronald Lalli, Charles LaSpada, Samantha LaSpada, Ashleigh Leone, Bob Lutz, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Stella Rizzo, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, 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, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

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

ROSA ESPINOSA JOHN NAZZARIO

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—August 4

8:00 + Pizzino and Sheller Families
10:30 + Mario Calabretta

Monday—August 5

8:00 + Theresa (Teri) Di Orio

Tuesday—August 6

8:00 + Sinopoli and LaRocca Families (L & D)

Wednesday—August 7

8:00 + Michael Keys

Thursday—August 8

8:00 + Mario Calabretta

Friday—August 9

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

Saturday—August 10

8:00 + Bernardo Viray
5:00 + Rose and Mauro D'Ambrosio

Sunday—August 11

8:00 + Anthony Simeo
10:30 + Theresa Pagnotto and Family

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Mario Calabretta
Requested by
His Children and Grandchildren



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
Theresa (Teri) Di Orio
Requested by
Joseph and Marie Italiano



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
John Guerrero Sr.
Requested by
His wife, Sandy Guerrero

2) In Memory of
John Guerrero Sr.
Requested by
His son, John Guerrero Jr.



FLAME OF LOVE

Our Flame of Love Prayer Group meets every Thursday throughout the summer from 1:00PM to 2:00PM here in our Little Flower Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Come and join us for prayer and Adoration. **Everyone is most welcome!**

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our readings today remind us that we should not be attached or wrapped up in something that takes us over, becomes our identity, and obscures our obligations to God and to others. In other words, we are not to let earthly things possess us but that we should possess them. This is what happened in the parable of the 'rich fool' that Jesus told. The problem with this rich man was not wealth itself; it was his intention. If he had been acquiring wealth to share it, God's judgment would have been different. But he amassed it to secure a cozy life of luxury; his huge cache turned out to be -one guess: vanity. As Americans, we enjoy a natural constitutional right to private property. But this can be carried so far that it wrongly becomes a defense of pure greed: It's their money! If they want several \$40 million mansions and a fleet of \$20 million yachts, they have a perfect right to it. Jesus would differ. Vehemently. Our wealth and possessions should always be used for God's glory. Other things besides money require Christian balance: time, energy, talents, skills, and resources. These are also "possessions," things about which it's easy to be selfish. Balance, however, requires moderation. Devoting virtually every bit of those things to the service of others-while laudable in intention-can leave us emotionally and spiritually exhausted, and emaciated. Sincere gratitude for what we have makes us less likely to covet what we don't. We need to respond to Jesus' admonition that human life "does not consist of possessions." We are much more than what we have, and what we have doesn't even approach who we are in Christ Jesus. Putting God first is not about devaluing money and things. We are to see them as tools in our lives, not the point of our lives. Greed keeps us from being generous, and to be a Christian is to be generous. When we are greedy, we are choosing ourselves over God, and this is not a good choice.

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

Happy summer!
God Bless,
Fr. Di Orio



PARISH FROZEN FOOD PROGRAM

Our Parish Frozen Food Program is in great need of frozen dinners: pasta, chicken, beef, ham, pork and fish. We kindly ask that the meals you prepare contain meat or fish, a starch (pasta/potatoes/rice) and a vegetable. Those who receive these meals are elderly and it is healthy for them to get a balanced, nutritious meal.

Thank you for helping those in need!

USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce. Because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey. In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus Himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.



PILGRIM AGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE IN D.C.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, is being held on **Saturday, October 19, 2019**. Stella Maris Parish is sponsoring a bus trip for this special occasion. Cost is \$50 per person and includes: bus transportation from Stella Maris Parish to the National Shrine and back, sit-down dinner at Phillips Seafood Restaurant (your choice of either seared chicken breast or broiled seafood trio, which you must choose at the time you place your reservation), and all taxes and gratuities (except tip for bus driver). **Full payment of \$50.00 is required upon reservation as seating is limited.** Reservations for this pilgrimage are going quickly!

To make your reservation, please call Marge Varley at **215-463-3386**. Please make checks payable to Stella Maris Church.



PREP/CCD NEWS

Registration for PREP/CCD classes for the 2019- 2020 school year continues. You may register at the Rectory, Monday to Friday, between 9:00AM and 3:00PM.

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.



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.



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City from **September 23rd through September 25th**. 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 \$25 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 "Carol King's Beautiful Tribute" Show; baggage handling (1 per person); all taxes and gratuities (except for restaurants and bus driver); round-trip motorcoach transportation via JC Tours. **Full payment (\$280/\$395) is now due. Make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors**, (mail payments to: Stella Maris Rectory, c/o Star of the Sea Seniors, Attention: Rose Giovannelli, 2901 S. 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 1948). For more information or reservations, contact:

Marge Varley at 215-463-3386, or
Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.



STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO NEW YORK

Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to New York to see "Tootsie", on **Wednesday, 10/09/19**. The cost is **\$230 per person**, which includes the show, dinner at Carmine's, and round-trip motor coach. **A non-refundable deposit of \$115 is due upon reservation, which is past due. The remaining balance of \$115 is to be paid no later than 09/09/19. Please make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors, and mail to: Star of the Sea Seniors, 2901 South 10th Street, Phila., PA 19148.** For information or reservations, please call Marge at **215-463-3386** or Helen at **215-468-6618**.

CARE GIVERS OF CANCER PATIENTS SUPPORT GROUP

This support group seeks to meet the needs of care givers dealing with taking care of a loved one diagnosed with cancer (and also for those whose loved one has passed away). **Meetings are Monday evenings, 6PM to 7:30PM at Sacred Heart Rectory, 1401 S. 3rd St. (enter on 3rd St. off of Reed St.)** They strive to be a comforting and encouraging group to help you deal with all the emotions and changes you might have at this time in your life.

For more information, please email **Maria** at mcampbell19148@gmail.com or call **215-518-1318**.



Registration for Our Lady of Hope School

Registration for new students for the 2019-2020 continues. Appointments can be made by calling the school office at **215-467-5385**. Documents needed for registration are: Original birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Records, most recent Report Card, standardized testing for students entering grades 1 through 8, Registration fee of \$150, and a \$200 tuition deposit. For Financial Aid, Grants or Scholarship information, please call 215-467-5385. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Hope School. Tours of the school are available by calling the school office to make an appointment. If you have any questions, please call the school at **215-467-5385** or email the principal at: pcody@ourladyofhopephilly.com.



RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

The Stella Maris Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Radio City Music Hall in New York City to see the "**Christmas Spectacular**" on **Saturday, 11/30/19**. Cost is **\$215** and includes: round-trip deluxe Motorcoach, Orchestra Seating at the Radio City Music Hall **Christmas Spectacular** featuring the famous Rockettes, free time (on your own), and a delicious dinner at Mastoris Restaurant in Bordentown, NJ. **\$100 deposit is due at time of reservation to secure your seat. No refunds unless a replacement is made. Checks should be made payable to Stella Maris Church, and please include your reservation form. Balance of \$115 is due no later than 11/15/19.** Itinerary is as follows: 7:30AM-departure from Stella Maris Church; 10AM-approximate arrival in NYC; Doors open at Radio City Music Hall for Christmas Spectacular with show beginning at 10:30AM; 12:00Noon-Depart from Theatre; After show, free time on your own; 3PM-Depart New York City; 4:30PM-Dinner at Mastoris; 6PM Depart for home; 7:30PM-approximate arrival at Stella Maris Church. For reservations, please contact Dominic Verdi at 215-416-8239 or the Rectory at 215-465-2336.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Divine Providence Village and the Communities of Don Guanella are residential facilities for men and women with developmental disabilities. They are looking for volunteers to spend some time with one of their residents. Some of their residents are unable to go home or have families that cannot visit them. What a joy it would be to have someone spend some quality time with a resident. If you think you could be a companion or would like more information, please contact Sister Susan Lindinger, SSJ at 484-908-6753.

DEAF APOSTOLATE

For a listing of Masses in American Sign Language or to register a child who is deaf or hard of hearing in weekly Religion classes in American Sign Language, please contact the Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate at 215-587-3530; **video phone: 267-507-1215**. To receive the Deaf Catholic Newsletter, please email:

DeafCatholic@archphila.org.

For more information, visit: www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Please plan to attend a day of friendship, prayer, and faith formation at the **2019 Catholic Women's Conference!** This year's theme is "Unique and Unrepeatable: Your Mission as a Catholic Woman", in which we explore the amazing truth that God has given each one of us a personal and unique mission, a share in His plan to save the world. Speakers include Dr. Monique Ruberu and the Sisters of Life. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 26, 2019, 9AM-4:30PM, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. Talks will be offered in English, and Spanish. A mid-September sellout is expected. For more information or to register today, please visit:

<http://www.catholicwomensconference.org>.



STELLA MARIS SODALITY

The first meeting of the Stella Maris Sodality will take place on Saturday, 09/07/19, beginning with attendance at the 8:00AM followed by the Novena and Rosary. Afterwards, we will hold our meeting and social. All are welcome. We are always looking for new members-come and join us!

SUMMER SAINT SERIES

On Tuesday, 08/06/19 at 6:00PM in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Dr. Antone Raymundo, a physician and Carmelite, will discuss the World Mission Rosary, developed by Venerable Archbishop Sheen, who was inspired in part, by St. Dominic. Hear this dynamic story of the rosary as a spiritual weapon. Free-will offering will be accepted. Light refreshments and hospitality after the presentation.

Please RSVP at phillymissions.org.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from ongoing services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and short-term services (housekeeping and personal care)? The In-Home Support Program may be able to help you. If you are at least 60 years of age, need assistance or supervision when leaving the home, and are basically homebound, please give our office a call at 215-732-1140 to learn more about this program. This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

ATTENTION ALL NEUMANN-GORETTI ALUMNI

The 9th Annual All Classes Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, 09/28/19 from 2PM to 6PM at Chickie's & Pete's Play 2 in South Philadelphia. For information or tickets, please visit:

www.themillayclub.org or call 215-389-0925.

CALLING ALL GORETTI GRADUATES OF 1960 SAVE THE DATE!

The Saint Maria Goretti High School Class of 1960 is planning their 60th Reunion for Sunday, 10/11/2020 at Galdo's Catering, located at 20th St. and Penrose Ave. in South Philadelphia. If you know any graduates of the Class of 1960, please spread the word! For planning purposes, please call Lucy at 215-462-6589.

RETROUVAILLE



Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille* offers hope and can help get your relationship back on track.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Our next program is August 9-11 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website at : www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR



Thursday, 08/15/19-Blessing of the Waters Bus Trip-
Off-site



SANCTUARY LAMPS, ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES, AND OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE



Although the Mass Book for 2019 is full, and we have no more Church Sanctuary Candles, there are still some Adoration Chapel Candles and Offerings of Bread and Wine available in 2019. 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 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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:

phone# _____



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. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly. Thank you!

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