



Stella Maris Catholic Church

Founded in the Marian Year 1954

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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*

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 6, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of August 6, 2017

Sunday— August 6

8:00 + Michael and Joseph Di Orio
 9:30 + Michael Keys
 11:00 + Mario Calabretta

Monday—August 7

8:00 + Mario Calabretta

Tuesday—August 8

8:00 + Michele DiCandilo and Family

Wednesday—August 9

8:00 + Lorraine Vivone

Thursday—August 10

8:00 + Domenick Catrambone

Friday—August 11

8:00 + Bernardo Viray

Saturday—August 12

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald
 5:00 + Sheller and Pizzino Families

Sunday—August 13

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 9:30 + Nicholas Bozzi
 11:00 + Anthony Simeo

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Mario Calabretta

Requested by
 Children and Grandchildren



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
 Mary and John Brigandi
 Requested by
 Catherine, Grace, and Charles

2) In Memory of
 John Guerrero Sr.
 Requested by
 Wife, Sandy and Son, John Jr.



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 John and Charles Bonafino

Requested by
 The Brigandi and Bonafino Families



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.



God's Plan for Giving—Tithing—A Way of Life
Collections for the Weekend of July 29 and July 30, 2017
Income: Plate=\$5,387.00 + AWC= \$105.00 = \$5,492.00
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$18,210.68)
Total = (\$12,718.68)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word: *"Jesus, You came from the Father and returned to the Father and remain ever near the Father's heart. You remain the Father's Word of love to us, the Word of the Father's commitment to us. Draw us into being 'Amen' as You were also 'Amen' to the Father's will."*

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 Borgegi, 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 Di Orio, Teri Di Orio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlori, 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, 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, Mike Vicario, Michael Valardi, Anthony Vanore, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.



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

ISABEL FABRIZIO AND RICHARD SCAVETTI

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend we welcome the Litter Sisters of the Poor. Sister will speak to us on behalf of their charitable work with the poor. After Mass they will stand at the exits of the Church to greet everyone and beg for donations. Again I say thank you, thank you, thank you, for your generosity.

Today we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. We see that Jesus takes Peter, James and John to the top of the mountain, where they witness his "transfiguration." They hear God's voice approving Jesus and the path to his cross and resurrection. This feast helps us to capture a glimpse of Jesus' divinity along with the apostles. In our first reading Daniel's vision assures Israel that there will be a king who promises peace and joy. Peter, in our second reading, assures us that the message he preached is based on experience. Peter attests to the truth of the message based on the honor and glory Jesus received from the Father. "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain." Peter concludes by telling us that we would do well to pay attention to the one who has been attested to by the Father. To bring this message of Jesus' divinity home in a dramatic way, Moses and Elijah appear in conversation with Jesus. Moses representing the Law, and Elijah representing the prophets, are seen in conversation with Jesus, He is understood to be the fulfillment of everything they stood for. Like the son of man in the prophet Daniel, Jesus is the source of all the law and the prophets have to offer, namely, peace and joy. However, just in case all of this is not enough to assure us of who Jesus really is, the voice of God clarifies the situation. The voice of God identifies Jesus as his Son in whom he is well pleased, and we are to listen to him. This Jesus, we have been following in the Gospel stories, is the divine Son of God. Therefore, when we are scandalized by his humanity – particularly by his death and suffering – we can be assured of who Jesus is – God and man. This feast of the Transfiguration assures us of the divinity of Jesus lest we get bogged down in the scandal of the cross.

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

Happy Summer!
God Bless!
Father Di Orio



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

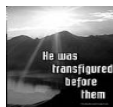
The Charism of simplicity and humility is faithfully lived out through the Little Sisters of the Poor fourth vow of hospitality. Please know that your support is greatly appreciated and is God's tangible providential assistance to the poor.

VACATION TIME IS PASSING BY

At this time of year, many are blessed to be able to go away for the summer months or weekends. Be safe and enjoy yourself. God doesn't take a vacation from us, so we should remember to keep holy the Lord's Day by attending Mass when we are on vacation.

As you travel this summer with family and friends, please remember your Parish Family. You are respectfully asked to 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!



EYEWITNESSES

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John, saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19).



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.

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.



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) 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.

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/>.

ARCHDIOCESAN HOLY HOUR IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



The next Archdiocesan Holy Hour in honor of Our Lady of Fatima is being held on **Sunday, 08/13/17 at 5:00PM** (prior to the 6:30PM Sunday Mass) in the Cathedral Basilica, 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, in Center City. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be exposed for public veneration, affording the opportunity to receive the Fatima Jubilee Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions.

All are welcome.

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 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 and for tickets call the Alumni Office at **215-465-8437 ext. 235**, or email millayclub@gmail.com. Friday night event at Keenan's is \$10 at the door with guest bartenders.



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: PhiladelphiaWINE2017.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:

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.

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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