

Stella Maris Parish

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



1954-2019

Celebrating 65 Years

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

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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.

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of September 15, 2019

God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life	
Collection for weekend of September 7 & September 8	
Income: Plate = \$5,662.00 + AWC = \$82.00	= \$5744.00
Bills Paid= Total Disbursements	= (\$12,159.63)
Total	= \$6,415.63

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

“The Lord can find a dwelling place in our own souls and lives. Not only must we carry Him in our own hearts, but also we must bring Him to the world...”

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, Theresa Frangelli, 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, Renate 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, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Baby Rocco Santangelo, 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:**

ANTHONY ALESSI

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—September 15

8:00 + Carmela Carosella
 10:30 + Vincent Tonelli and Family

Monday—September 16

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday—September 17

8:00 + Robert and Dennis Romolini and Family

Wednesday—September 18

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Thursday—September 19

8:00 + Mark Pizzo

Friday—September 20

8:00 + Marion Iaconangelo

Saturday—September 21

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 5:00 + Len Dolce

Sunday—September 22

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano
 10:30 + Giuseppe Maniaci

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Rose Fortuna
 Requested by
 Anthony Fortuna



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Joseph Fortuna
 Requested by
 Anthony Fortuna



MEMORIALS

Below are donations that have been made to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed on, but will never be forgotten.

In Memory of

William DePena Sr.
 Theresa (Teri) Di Orio

Donor

Edward and Gina Diehl
 Richard Vinci

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!



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.



Dear Sisters & Brothers,

We pray for our children as they begin PREP/CCD today. We support and encourage our children and we thank their parents who are honoring the promise made at their child's baptism to educate them in the faith. We hope and pray that they will have a faith-filled learning experience.

Today is Catechetical Sunday, therefore, we thank and recognize all of our Catechists for their dedication and support in sharing the faith with our young parishioners and R.C.I.A. candidates. They have each generously answered God's call to be stewards of the Church.

Our annual Forty Hour Devotion will take place after the 10:30AM Mass on October 13, 2019 and will conclude on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00PM with evening prayer. Fr. Robert George, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bethlehem, PA will be our homilist during this wonderful grace-filled time for our parish.

Lost and found. Strayed and returned. Sinned and forgiven. Estranged and reconciled. In one way or another, the idea of separation from God and ultimate reunion is the theme of all three of our readings. God is pure compassion and longs for the return of the lost.

Today's readings teach that forgiving does not mean that we should forget. When we are forgiven, we are challenged not to forget that for which we have been forgiven. To remember is a healthy way to keep from repeating our weaknesses. Forgiving and being forgiven teaches us to live honestly with our past and remember how to live with grace in the future.

We are more important to God than we can possibly ever understand, and that God is love. Our sins remind us that we fall short of what God wants for us. God longs to forgive and He will not give up on us ever. He will come and search for us if we are the only one lost despite the 99. He will look for us as precious metal, despite the time of day, and He is always waiting for us to return to seek His mercy.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask that you please remember me in yours

God bless!
Fr. Di Orio

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TELEVISION MASS

Every Sunday, at 5:30AM on Channel 6-WPVI TV, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia celebrates Sunday Mass, which is broadcast through the courtesy of Channel 6-WPVI.



PREP/CCD NEWS

The last day to register for the 2019-2020 PREP/CCD classes is next Sunday, 09/22/19; however, no registrations will be taken this Sunday, 09/15/19.

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.
CCD Classes begin this Sunday, 09/15/19 at 9:00AM.



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.



"YO PHILLY" FESTIVAL

The "YO PHILLY" Festival is being held here at Stella Maris Parish **this Sunday, 09/15/19**. Lots of music, games of chance, food, and fun for the entire family! Free Admission! Live music all day with some of South Philly's favorite bands and performers!

Stella Maris has it's own bake sale table, and we thank those who so kindly made donations of baked goods and treats to help us with the sale.

We hope that all of our parish families, friends and neighbors will join us at the festival to make it a truly successful event!

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, Choir/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory.

Thank you and God bless.



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.



PILGRIMAGE 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. **The trip is now full.** For those going with Stella Maris Parish on the bus, the schedule is as follows: **9:00AM**—Prompt departure from Stella Maris Parking Lot (no rest stop en route); **12Noon**—Approximate arrival to the National Shrine (lunch on your own at Basilica, Confessions, etc.); **3:00PM**—Mass; **4:15PM**—Depart for dinner; **5:30PM**—Dinner at Phillips Seafood Restaurant; **7:30PM**—Depart for home; **10:00PM**—Approximate arrival in Stella Maris parking lot. For information please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336 during regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM.



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.



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 now due. The remaining balance of \$115 is to be paid no later than this Monday, 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**.

PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic Renewal is having a **Conference on Saturday, 10/05/19, from 9AM to 9PM** at the **Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Essington, PA**. The theme is: Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the Glory of God?" Our MC will be Robert J. Valiante and our speakers are Most Rev. Bishop Sam Jacobs and Maria Vadia. The website is www.PhillySpirit.com. You can register through the website or at Eventbrite.com; Search "Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic Conference 2019". Adult price is \$40.00 Discounted Hotel Rates at Clarion: \$119, call 610-521-9600 and use group code TF90Z7.

ADEODATUS-SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION OR WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM PRISON

These support meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30PM in the Saint Rita of Cascia Rectory at 1166 South Broad St., Phila., PA 19146. **All Attendees remain confidential.**

Come for biblical reading, silent meditation, support, and community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can call us at **215-925-3566** or email us at adropinfo@augustinian.org.

Please pray for all those in our prisons and all those currently suffering from addiction.

ABBEYFEST

AbbeyFest, the Faith, Music and Family Festival, is being held on **Saturday, 09/21/19, from 12Noon to 9:30PM.**, at **Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA**. Join over 4,000 Christians for a day of music, praise, prayer, sacraments, and fun at the largest catholic music festival in our area! For information and tickets, visit: <http://www.theabbeyfest.com/>.

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**.

SOUTH PHILA. COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOC. MEETING

Residents that reside within the SPCCA boundaries; (Oregon Ave. on the North to I76 on the South and from Broad Street on the West to 6th Street on the East) are invited and encouraged to attend an important meeting on **Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:30PM** in **Stella Maris Church**.

Please contact your civic association for updates in your neighborhood.



BLUE MASS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTERS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS

The annual Blue Mass for local law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders is being held **next Sunday, 09/22/19 at 9:30AM** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul** in Center City, Philadelphia.

Join us in celebration and gratitude, and to pray for these special men and women for their unwavering commitment and selfless dedication to the common good. For more information, please visit: <http://cathedralphila.org/bluemass/>.

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**.

ROMAN CATHOLIC H.S. CLASS OF 1969 REUNION

The Class of 1969 of Roman Catholic High School is having their 50th Class Reunion on **Saturday, 10/05/19** at the Union League Golf Club at Torresdale. Please contact any classmates you know and pass on this information. For more information or your questions answered, please call one of the following committee members:

Pat Murphy-215-884-6584; Bob Johnston-215-331-3412; Jerry Caiazza-610-507-1601; Jim Bonner-610-573-1459.

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**.

STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

- Monday-09/16/19-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 09/17/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 09/21/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 09/22/19-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church
- Monday, 09/23/19-Star of the Sea Seniors Overnight AC Trip-Off-site
- Tuesday, 09/24/19-Star of the Sea Seniors Overnight AC Trip-Off-site
- Wednesday, 09/25/19-Star of the Sea Seniors return from AC Trip-Off-site
- Wednesday, 09/25/19-South Phila. Comm. Civic Assoc. Meeting-6:30PM, Church
- Saturday, 09/28/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 09/29/19-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church



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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