

# Stella Maris Parish

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



1954-2019

Celebrating 65 Years

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Pastor (ext. 3)

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Pastor Emeritus

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

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Rectory: 215-465-2336

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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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**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of September 29, 2019**

<b>God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life</b>	
<b>Collection for weekend of September 21 &amp; September 22</b>	
<b>Income: Plate = \$5,014.00 + AWC = \$82.00 =</b>	<b>\$5,096.00</b>
<b>Bills Paid= Total Disbursements =</b>	<b>(\$12,966.19)</b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>(\$7,870.19)</b>

**Living Stewardship-Living God's Word**

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ...keep Christ firmly at the heart of our lives...May Christ always have pride of place in our thoughts and in all of our activities."

—Pope Benedict XVI, 04/27/05

**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 Cappetto, 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:**

**FRANCESCA ALTAMURO**

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 29**

8:00 + Anthony Sr. and Marie DeMarzio  
 10:30 + Anna Bianchini

**Monday—September 30**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday—October 1**

8:00 + Portia Spina

**Wednesday—October 2**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Thursday—October 3**

8:00 + John Juliano

**Friday—October 4**

8:00 + Blanche Vivone

**Saturday—October 5**

8:00 + Mario Calabretta  
 5:00 + Rita Diogenia and Rebecca Battaglia

**Sunday—October 6**

8:00 + Vincent and Jennie Moffo  
 10:30 + Mario Calabretta

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
 Mario Calabretta

Requested by  
 His Children and Grandchildren



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
 George Lemerise

Requested by  
 His wife, Jane Lemerise



**Adoration Chapel Lamp**

1) In Memory of  
 Theresa (Teri) Di Orio

Requested by  
 Carmel Brabazon and Family

2) In Memory of  
 Theresa (Teri) Di Orio

Requested by  
 Carmella DeSimone and Family



**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.**

# rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our annual Forty Hours 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.

Also, the Mass book for 2020 will open on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Today's Gospel from St. Luke points out to us the sin of the rich man, and it is a terrible sin. In no way does the Lord condemn the man for being rich. The rich man is not mean or vile. He was simply living according to the customs of rich people at that time. Being wealthy was thought to be a blessing from God, an outward sign that God had favored a person. On the other hand, the poverty of the person like Lazarus was thought to be a curse from God. The assumption at the beginning of the parable would have been that the rich man would have been carried off by angels to the bosom of Abraham and that Lazarus would have been the one sent to the netherworld. Jesus radically reversed this expectation with this parable.

Jesus was not trying to tell people that poverty was good and being rich was evil. The sin Jesus pointed to is the fact that not only did the rich man not assist Lazarus, the man completely failed to notice him. Could it be that we, too, are insulated from the sufferings of the poor? Jesus asserts that the wealthy who are indifferent to the poor in this life will be "in torment" in the hereafter, while the poor whom they ignored will be consoled. Even in death, the rich man saw Lazarus as nothing more than a servant. For God, failure to notice the suffering of a fellow human being is inexcusable and unacceptable. If we are to be Christ's followers, then we have to be attentive to those who suffer and are in need. The challenge for all of us is to place ourselves before the Lord and before the Lazaruses of our day. If we recognize that we have responsibilities to others, that is a good starting point for disciples of Jesus.

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

God Bless!  
Father Di Orio

## HOW GOD INTENDS US TO LIVE

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.



### 13th ANNUAL NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

Everyone is invited to pray the Rosary on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 12Noon. We will pray the Rosary for penance and world peace. We will meet and pray the Rosary at 10th & Bigler Streets by the gate in front of the alcove with the image of Our Blessed Mother.



### BLESSING OF ANIMALS

We will have the Blessing of the Animals on Friday, October 4, 2019 at 6:00PM on the parking-lot side of the Rectory in honor of the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi.

All pets are welcome.



### ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!

We thank our Stella Maris Adult Choir for their continued dedication to our music program, and we invite **all men and women who enjoy singing** to join them. No prior experience is necessary—all you need is a joy-filled love of singing! **Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM in the Rectory music room** (please enter through the patio door). Help us to enhance our liturgical celebrations with beautiful music and to vocally give praise and thanks to our Lord for all He has done for us.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

As we begin our new Choir Season for the 2019-2020 school year, we welcome back all the members of our Stella Maris Children's Choir for another event-filled year, and we invite all of our young parishioners currently in grades 1 through 8 who enjoy singing to join the Children's Choir. Our first rehearsal is this Sunday, 09/22/19 at 11:15AM in the Rectory Music Room. More information will be given to you at the rehearsal.





**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. **Full payment is now due**. This trip is full, however we are taking names for a waiting list. The trip includes the show, dinner at Carmine’s, and round-trip motor coach. **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, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.



**PILGRIMAGE TO THE 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.

**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.**



**CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!**

This Sunday, **09/29/19**, is **Priesthood Sunday**, a day set aside in the United States to honor priesthood and to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. The Roman Catholic priesthood is unique, unlike any other, because it is embodied and made real in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. All the men who are priests in the Catholic Church are priests in the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

More information on World Priesthood Sunday and ways to show appreciation for the priests in your life, is available on the website: [heedthecall.org/PriesthoodSunday](http://heedthecall.org/PriesthoodSunday).

**IHM SISTERS OKTOBERFEST**

The annual IHM Oktoberfest is being held on **Saturday, 10/05/19**, from **10AM to 3PM**, on the grounds of Camilla Hall, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA. This is a fun day filled with delicious food, crafts, children’s games, white elephant flea market, and entertainment. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall Nursing Home for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM). For information, call 610-644-1152

**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](http://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.

**RETREAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Our Lady of Confidence Christian Retreat for Persons with Disabilities is having a 3-day retreat at Malvern Retreat House from **Tuesday, 10/08/19 through Thursday, 10/10/19**, for adults with disabilities. This retreat is for adults with intellectual, physical or emotional disabilities. The retreat directors are Fr. Jim McGuinn and Fr. Mike Speziale. The theme is “**We All Belong**”. For more information, a brochure or to register, please call Malvern Retreat Center at **610-644-0400** or email [OLCRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:OLCRetreat@gmail.com). The registration form is also on line at [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org). If you would like to be a volunteer companion on this retreat, please contact Jenny Mars at [marsfam1@gmail.com](mailto:marsfam1@gmail.com).

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**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK**

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish is sponsoring a Broadway bus trip to see the musical “**WICKED**” on Saturday, March 28, 2020. The cost is \$250 and includes bus transportation, dinner at Carmine’s, and the show. Seats are Front Center Orchestra. Seats are available on a first-come basis, with a deposit of \$125 due by next Sunday, October 6, 2019.

**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**.

**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.**

**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**

Sunday, 09/29/19-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church  
Tuesday, 10/01/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.  
Saturday, 10/05/19-Sodality-8:00AM, Church/Vestibule  
Sunday, 10/06/19-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church  
Wednesday, 10/09/19-NYC Broadway Trip-Off-Site  
Saturday, 10/12/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.  
Sunday, 10/13/19-NO CCD CLASSES-Columbus Day Wknd.  
Sunday, 10/13/19-40 Hours Devotion-4:00PM, Church  
Monday, 10/14/19-40 Hours Devotion-7:00PM, Church  
Tuesday, 10/15/19-40 Hours Devotion-7:00PM, 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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