

# Stella Maris Parish

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



1954-2019

Celebrating 65 Years

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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 8, 2019**

<b>God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life</b>		
<b>Collection for weekend of August 31 &amp; September 1</b>		
<b>Income: Plate = \$ 4,135.00 + AWC = \$82.00</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$4,217.00</b>
<b>Bills Paid= Total Disbursements</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>(\$3,116.28)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$1,100.72</b>

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

"Faith is not merely the attachment to a complex of dogmas, complete in itself, that is supposed to satisfy the thirst for God, present in the human heart. On the contrary, it guides human beings on their way through time toward a God who is ever new in His infinity. Christians, therefore, are at the same time both seekers and finders."

**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, Dominic Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Vincent Carhidi, 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:**

**HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

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 8**

8:00 + The Primerano Family  
 10:30 + For the Conversion of Sinners

**Monday—September 9**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday—September 10**

8:00 + Frank and Carmela Aquino

**Wednesday—September 11**

8:00 + Anthony Carelli

**Thursday—September 12**

8:00 + Nick, Luisa, and Cosimo Salamone

**Friday—September 13**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris

**Saturday—September 14**

8:00 + Vaughn Potere  
 5:00 + Bob DeRenzi

**Sunday—September 15**

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

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
 Louis DeLuca  
 Requested by  
 Denise Barattini



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
 John Nazzario  
 Requested by  
 Diane and Carmine Sciascia



**Adoration Chapel Lamp**

1) In Memory of  
 Louis DeLuca  
 Requested by  
 Denise Barattini  
 2) In Memory of  
 Vincent and Margaret Giamporcaro  
 Requested by  
 Their Daughter, Rita Giamporcaro



**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS**

The first meeting of the Star of the Sea Seniors will take place **this Tuesday, 09/10/19 at 1:00PM** in the Vestibule Meeting Room. We are looking forward to another great year of fun activities and events! New members welcome!



**BIBLE STUDY**

The first Bible Study of the season will be held on **Saturday, 09/14/19 at 8:30AM** in the Vestibule Meeting Room. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

# rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We welcome back our family members of Stella Maris who have been away for the summer. We also hope that all of you had a nice and relaxing summer and were able to get away for some fun in the sun.

This Wednesday will be 18 years since the attack on America. Please remember in your prayers all those who lost their lives on September 11th and all those men and women who continue to serve in our armed forces making it possible for us to live freely.

In today's Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus reminds us what it takes to be His disciple and it sounds a bit harsh. Hating parents, spouse, or children in order to be a disciple seems too steep a price. But our modern language is much different from the language of the biblical times. All of us know what "to hate" something or someone means. However, in biblical times, to hate something meant simply, "to prefer it less." That is quite different from what we mean by that word today! The Gospel tells us that in order to be a disciple, Jesus comes first. We are to love and embrace the way of Jesus above and beyond all else. We are called to set our priorities in order. If we love God, if we love Jesus first and foremost, all else will fall beautifully into place. From divine goodness flows the meaning of life itself. Our relationships will flower; our lives will be full of God's grace.

Therefore, firstly, we must be willing to sacrifice all family ties and to give absolute priority to following Jesus wherever this may lead. Nothing can be allowed to interfere, not even one's biological family. One's obligations to the demands of discipleship must always come before any concerns about family.

Second, we must carry and bear our cross. Believing in Jesus and His Church does not guarantee an easy life. Often the opposite is true. In suffering, we must cling to one thing and one thing only, and that is the cross of Christ. Jesus new intimately the whole gambit of human suffering. Someone once said, "Christ did not come to end human pain and suffering – but to fill it with His presence." Suffering is part of every disciple's experience.

Third, we must forsake our possessions. This requires clear focus and strong commitment. Possessions are known to require great attention both in acquiring them and retaining them. A disciple has no time for possessions, which are simply a distraction incompatible with following Jesus.

Jesus' three-fold requirement of discipleship is a difficult undertaking. However, nothing must stand between us and following Christ.

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

God bless!  
Father Di Orio



## 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.

**CCD Classes begin next Sunday, 09/15/19 at 9:00AM.**  
**(Last day to register for CCD is 09/22/19; however, no registrations will be taken on 09/15/19).**



## IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) FOR YOU?

**RCIA** 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 **next 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 will have it's own bake sale table, and we are kindly asking for donations of baked goods and treats, either home-made or store bought, to help us with the sale. We are asking that any **donations for the bake sale be dropped off after the 8:00AM Mass on the morning of Sunday, 09/15/19**. Please bring them directly to the Stella Maris Bake Sale table, where someone will be available to accept your donations.

We thank you in advance for your generous donations of delicious treats, and we hope that all of our parish families, friends and neighbors will join us at the festival to make it a truly successful event!



### 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 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**.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:adropinfo@augustinian.org).

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



### 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.

### 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 on 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/>.

### MINI-CONFERENCE ON MARRIAGE

Join us for a mini-conference on the Archbishop's "Remain in My Love" initiative, being held on Sunday, 09/15/19, from 2:00PM to 4:30PM, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City, Philadelphia. National Catholic speakers will present the splendor of Christ's teachings on the high dignity of the vocation of marriage and Christian family life. This event is for everyone! Free and open to the public. Childcare will be provided. Free parking. Please RSVP at <http://archphila.org/remain2019/>.

**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!**



**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.



**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 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, Singers/Cantors, Ushers, etc.). If you are interested, please call the Rectory. **Thank you and God bless.**



**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 Caiazzo-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**

- Saturday, 09/07/19—Opening Sodality Meeting- 8:00AM, Church/Vestibule
- Tuesday, 09/10/19-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 09/14/19-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 09/15/19-CCD/Family Liturgy-9:00AM, Hall/Church
- Sunday, 09/15/19-Yo Philly Festival-12NOON-Parking Lot
- 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.
- Saturday, 09/21/19-KOC Chance Drive-4:30PM, Vestibule (Before and After Vigil Mass)
- Sunday, 09/22/19-KOC Chance Drive-7:30AM, Vestibule (Before and After Masses)
- Sunday, 09/22/19-CCD-9:00AM, School/Church



**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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