



## *Stella Maris Catholic Church*

*Founded in the Marian Year 1954*

*2901 S. 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148*

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*Rev. John R. Di Orio*

*Pastor (ext. 3)*

*Rev. Msgr. James F. Connelly  
Pastor Emeritus*

*Rev. James T. McCabe  
Parochial Vicar (ext. 4)*

### *Staff:*

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

*Mr. Cormac Brady - Music Director (ext. 7)*

*Mrs. Carmella DeSimone - Business Manager (ext. 6)*

*Sister Veronica Maier, SSJ - Parish Services Director (ext. 8)*

*Mrs. Marie Milano - Director of Religious Education (ext. 5)*

*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.*

***September 9, 2018***

***Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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**Mass Intentions For**  
**The Week of September 9, 2018**

<b>God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life</b>	
<b>Collection for weekend of September 1 &amp; September 2</b>	
<b>Income: Plate = \$4,408.00 + AWC = \$92.00 =</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
<b>Bills Paid= Total Disbursements =</b>	<b>(\$7,913.41)</b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>(\$3,413.41)</b>

**Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:**  
*"Lord, open our ears to hear the many ways You speak to us in our lives, to listen for the gentle sound of Your voice that often comes to us in stillness. May we be still and know that You are our God, ever ready and desiring to draw closer.*

**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, Mildred Armentani, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Enrico Belfi, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr. & Mrs. Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Vincent Carchidi, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSSJ, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Robert DeRenzi, Loretta Derrah, Matthew D'Imperio, Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Dolores Edmondson, 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, Alice Idell, Lucy Intelisano, Ann Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, Diane Kessler, Vito LaFranci, Barbara Lalli, Ronald Lalli, Samantha LaSpada, 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, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Theodore Norkus, Patrick Oldfield, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Phillips, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Mr. & Mrs. 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, Mary Toscano, James Trainor Jr., Alessandra Trimarco, Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, the military disabled, the homebound, and their families.

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

**STEPHEN LONGO**

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 9**  
 8:00 + David Roselli  
 9:30 + Berarducci Family  
 11:00 + Romeo and Josephine Verna

**Monday—September 10**  
 8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

**Tuesday—September 11**  
 8:00 + Anthony Carelli

**Wednesday—September 12**  
 8:00 + Cosimo Solomone and Family

**Thursday—September 13**  
 8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

**Friday—September 14**  
 8:00 + Connie D'Agostino

**Saturday—September 15**  
 8:00 + Vaughn Potere  
 5:00 + Lea Dolce

**Sunday—September 16**  
 8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
 9:30 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph  
 11:00 + Frank Colelli

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Honor and Thanksgiving to  
 St. Anthony and Our Blessed Mother

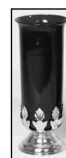
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**Adoration Chapel Lamp**

1) In Memory of  
 Margaret and Vincent Giamporcaro  
 Requested by  
 Daughter, Rita Giamporcaro

2) In Memory of  
 Margaret and Vincent Giamporcaro  
 Requested by  
 Daughter, Rita Giamporcaro



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
 Charles and Mamie Castorina

Requested by  
 Edward and Agatha Suez and Family



# 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 Tuesday will be 17 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 Mark, Jesus heals the person who is deaf and mute. There are two striking things about today's healing. First, Jesus is not afraid to draw close to and actively engage when He heals a person. He does this by placing His fingers into the person's ears. Then Jesus uses His own saliva and touches the person's tongue. Finally, the incantation in Greek, "*Ephphata*", which means be opened. The result is immediate and the person can both hear and speak. We needn't try to hide our defects; indeed, we can expect Jesus to deal with us in a way no less intimate, no less personal than He showed the deaf mute. And second, Jesus orders the healed man and the witnesses not to tell anyone-but they proclaim what He has done anyway. The spiritual healing of the crowd has begun. The astonished bystanders say of Jesus, "He has done all things well." Are we able to say the same? Have we allowed our spiritual ears to be opened by Jesus' "*ephphata*"? And have our tongues been loosed to proclaim the Good News in word and in example? We, who are fortunate to hear and speak, sometimes do not really hear what the Lord is saying to us and we act as if we are deaf. Then, there are those times when we do not speak as one with faith should speak; perhaps these are the times we should be mute. But, Jesus did not perform miracles so the people can believe that He was the Son of God. Jesus performed miracles to mediate the power of God. Jesus' true identity is revealed in His passion, death and resurrection, where He intercedes between God and His people. Let us be like the person in today's Gospel whose ears and mouth were opened and let us heed God's word and speak His message to all.

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

God bless!  
Fr. Di Orio

## **SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES**

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.



**RCIA**

## **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.



## **PREP/CCD NEWS**

Registration for PREP/CCD classes for the 2018-2019 school year continues. You may register at the Rectory, Monday to Friday, between 9:00AM and 3:00PM.

**Last day to register for the 2018-2019 CCD program is Sunday, 09/23/18.**

**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.

**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS**  
**ATLANTIC CITY TRIP**



The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City from **September 24th through September 26th**. 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 \$30 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 show-*"Ronnie Spector & The Ronnettes"*; baggage handling (1 per person); all taxes and gratuities (except for restaurants and bus driver); round-trip motorcoach transportation via JC Tours.

**Full payment/balance 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, 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.

**STAR OF THE SEA SENIORS TRIP TO NEW YORK**

Star of the Sea Seniors are sponsoring a trip to New York on **10/03/18**, to see the Broadway Musical, **"Waitress"** (instead of the show "A Bronx Tale", which closed on 08/05/18). Due to the popularity of this show, we are currently sold out, however, we are accepting names for a waiting list. **The cost is \$235 per person**, which includes the show, dinner at Carmine's, and round-trip motor coach. **Full payment is now due.** For information or reservations, please call Marge Varley at 215-463-3386 or Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.

**TESTIMONY REQUESTED!**

The Historical Commission for the sainthood cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA (1946-2006), seeks information on him from the general public. We are asking anyone who knew Fr. Atkinson to contact us and relate what you know about him. No story or encounter is too small. Whether you met him at Msgr. Bonner High School or Archbishop Prendergast High School, or any of the parishes where he celebrated Mass or the Sacraments, we wish to have your written recollections. In particular, we are interested in obtaining any personal letters or documents, mementos and unpublished source materials that may be used to foster a greater understanding of Fr. Atkinson's life. Photographs or videos of Father Atkinson would be useful. Please give your contact information to us, the Historical Commission for the Cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA by email at: [Atkinson.cause@gmail.com](mailto:Atkinson.cause@gmail.com) or by telephone message to: **610-519-6937**. Thank you, Fr. Joseph Ryan, OSA (chair)



**FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM PRESENTATION**

Come learn about the Five Keys of Unbound, a simple process of prayer that will help you unleash the liberating power of the Gospel into your life and find greater freedom. This presentation is for everyone. It can be especially helpful for situations such as relationship problems, habitual sin, chronic anger, fear, sadness, or other areas of life where you feel "stuck" and unable to move forward. Our local presentation is being held this **Wednesday, 09/12/18, from 7PM to 9PM at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center at 222 N. 7th St., Phila, PA 19103**. The speaker is Meghan Cokley, Director of the Archdiocesan Office for the New Evangelization. For more information and to RSVP, please visit: [phillyevang.org/events](http://phillyevang.org/events) or call the Office for the New Evangelization at **215-587-5630**.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES**  
**ALL NATIONALITIES WELCOME!**

Anyone who is interested in learning English or improving your English may contact Sister Lawrence Elizabeth at Stella Maris Convent (**215-462-1111**) or email [stella@op.net](mailto:stella@op.net). Classes run Monday to Friday. There is a registration fee of \$25.00, but classes are free. Make an appointment to set up time and days for class. We hope to begin classes in September 2018. Call for more information. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you and God bless you.

**AUXILIARY BISHOP LOUIS A. DE SIMONE**  
**2018 RECIPIENT OF THE SAINT AUGUSTINE MEDAL**

Auxiliary Bishop Louis A. DeSimone, D.D. (Retired) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is 2018's recipient of the Saint Augustine Medal, which will be bestowed by the Augustinians of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova, Villanova, Pennsylvania on **Thursday, October 4, 2018** at a dinner being held at the Philadelphia Country Club in Gladwyne, PA.

The Saint Augustine Medal honors a person or couple who exemplifies the spirit and teachings of Saint Augustine, a deep commitment to the Order of Saint Augustine and the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity and Charity.

Congratulations to Bishop DeSimone on receiving this honor.

For more information about the dinner and festivities, please contact Madonna Sutter, Director of Advancement, at:

[madonnasutter@augustinian.org](mailto:madonnasutter@augustinian.org) or call  
**610-527-3330, ex 265.**

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the care of the elderly and infirm Augustinians.



**THIRD ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL**

The Third Annual Padre Pio Festival will be held on **09/14/18, 09/15/18, and 09/16/18**, at St. Bede the Venerable Parish, 1071 Holland Road, Holland, PA (Bucks County, Northampton Township), in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the death of St. Pio of Pietrelcina. The private collection of relics of Padre Pio, normally housed in the Philadelphia Monastery of the Carmelite Sisters, will be publicly exhibited for all pilgrims. The collection includes Padre Pio's glove, tunic, blood particles from his stigmata, and a cushion he used to kneel on when praying for the sick. Special Masses will be held on Saturday evening, 09/15/18, and again on Sunday, 09/16/18. A street procession and healing service, with confessions and blessing with relics, will follow the Sunday Mass. Plenty of free parking, food/beverage vendors, live entertainment, tents and tables.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Please plan to attend a day of friendship, prayer, and growth in your faith at the **2018 Catholic Women's Conference!** This year's theme is "Daughters of the King", and the day will be devoted to helping women discover their foundational identity as daughters of the King of Heaven and Earth. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 27, 2018, 9AM-4PM, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. Talks will be offered in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language. A mid-September sellout is expected. For more information or to register today, visit: [catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org).

**STELLA MARIS FLEA MARKET**



Stella Maris Fund Raising Committee is hosting a Flea Market on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 9AM to 3PM (Rain Date is October 13). If you would like to reserve a spot, the **non-refundable donation is \$30**. You may come to set up your spot at 8AM on Saturday, October 6th. **PLEASE NOTE: NO TABLES WILL BE PROVIDED.**

The Committee will also have a **bake sale table** at the Flea Market. We kindly ask if anyone wants to donate cakes, cookies, sweet treats (homemade or store bought are fine) to please bring your sweet treat donations to Stella Maris Parking Lot on Saturday, October 6th at 8AM, (more information will be provided in future Bulletins).

Hot dogs, hot sausage, pretzels, water, and soda will also be available to purchase.

We are also asking for volunteers to help with set-up in the morning and clean up at 3PM on Saturday.

If you would like to reserve a spot, donate a cake/sweet treat, volunteer to help with set up/clean up, and/or have any questions, please call the Rectory at 215-465-2336.

**STELLA MARIS "ALL CLASSES" REUNION**



A Stella Maris "All Classes" Reunion is planned for **Friday, 10/26/18, from 7PM to 11PM** at Galdo's Catering, 1933 West Moyamensing Ave., in South Philadelphia. Ticket price is \$65.00, which includes buffet, open bar and DJ. **Tickets are limited to classmates only.** If interested, please make checks payable to: Jennifer Jones '93 and mail to: 2529 South Darien St. Phila., PA 19148.

Please be sure to **include your class year on the check.** Information is also available on Facebook at:

**STELLA MARIS SCHOOL-REUNION FOR ALL GRADUATING YEARS**

**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, 11/24/18**. Cost is \$205 and includes: round-trip deluxe Motorcoach, free time (on your own), Orchestra Seating at the Radio City Music Hall *Christmas Spectacular* featuring the famous Rockettes, and a delicious dinner at Mastoris Restaurant in Bordentown, NJ. A **non-refundable deposit of \$100** per person is due **no later than Friday, 09/14/18** to secure your reservation. **Balance of \$105**(full payment) is due **no later than Wednesday, 10/10/18**. Please pick up a flyer with attached reservation coupon at the exits of church or at the Rectory during regular business hours. Checks should be made payable to Stella Maris Church. Itinerary is as follows: 10:30AM-departure from Stella Maris Church (brief rest stop enroute); 1PM-approximate arrival in NYC (free time); 4PM-Doors open at Radio City Music Hall for *Christmas Spectacular* with show beginning at 4:30PM; 6PM-Depart from Theatre; 7:30PM-Dinner at Mastoris; 9PM Depart for home; 10PM-approximate arrival at Stella Maris Church. For more information, please contact Dominic Verdi at 215-416-8239 or the Rectory at 215-465-2336. **SEATS/TICKETS ARE LIMITED!**

**STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR**

- Tuesday, 09/11/18-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Saturday, 09/15/18-Bible Study-8:30AM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
- Sunday, 09/16/18-CCD Classes Begin-9:15AM, Church/Hall
- Monday, 09/17/18-Helping Hands-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
- Tuesday, 09/18/18-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.

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

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**phone#** \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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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. 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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