



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 morning immediately following the 8:00am Mass. (Please note: No Bible Study on Sodality meeting Saturdays.)*

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.*

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Mass Intentions For
The Week of May 7, 2017

Collections for the Weekend of April 29 & April 30, 2017
Income: Plate = \$ 5,759.50 + AWC = \$131.25 = \$5,890.75
Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$8,296.67)
Total = (\$2,405.92)

Living Stewardship-Living God's Word:

"The divine instinct to lay down and to take up is how the Lord Jesus shepherds us, modeling so well what it means to be divine, that we find ourselves imitating Him and growing in His likeness. That divine instinct is how the Spirit shepherds through us."

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:

Rosario Allia, Ed Alioto, Blaise Ambrosini, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Martha Basualdo, Raymond Baxter, Ralph Berarducci, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, M/M Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappelto, William Carbo, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Elaine Cipparone, Sister Jeanne Crane SSI, Sarah Croce, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Joanne DePena, Baby Matthew D'Imperio, Michael DeSumma, Charles DiMartini Jr., Lynn DiOrio, Teri DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Frederick Earlori, Trish Ezzie, Isabelle Fabrizio, Virginia Faulkner, Samuel Fiore, Clara Fioravanti, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Maribel Guerrero, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Howard Horner III, Lucy Intelisano, Ann & Anthony Ippolito, Thomas P. Jones, Frank Kane, John Knight, Vito LaFranci, Ronald Lalli, Frederick Walter Lampe III, Petronella MacCarter, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Marie Marino, Carmela Martini, Joe & Tina Martino, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Ernest Megali, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Josephine Dolores Napoli, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Patrick Oldfield, Lenny Olivieri, Marie Ordine, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Fred Papaleo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Lauren Poppa, Angela Raffa, M/M Robert Reed, Jason Rindone, Keith Ross, Maria Russo, Philomena Salvatore, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Grover Simpson, Carmen Sipia, Evelyn Spina, Ralph Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Caila Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Robin Twaddell, Christine Upchurch, Christopher Vacante, Mike Vicario, Michael Valardi, Joseph Vitello, Kylie Waldron, Veronica Walls, Ed Williams, the military disabled, the home-bound, and their families.

Sunday—May 7

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris
 9:30 + Rita DiAntonio
 11:00 + Thomas Bowdren

Monday—May 8

8:00 + Michael DeStefano

Tuesday—May 9

8:00 + Danny Rapp and Family (L & D)

Wednesday—May 10

8:00 + Anne Marie McDonald

Thursday—May 11

8:00 + Frank and Anna Palesano

Friday—May 12

8:00 + Vincent Tonelli

Saturday—May 13

8:00 + Maria and Domenico Romeo
 5:00 + Living and Deceased Mothers of Stella Maris

Sunday—May 14

8:00 + Living and Deceased Mothers of Stella Maris
 9:30 + Living and Deceased Mothers of Stella Maris
 11:00 + Living and Deceased Mothers of Stella Maris

Church Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
 Rev. Patrick Brannan, S.J.
 Requested by
 Joseph and Marie Italiano



Adoration Chapel Lamp

1) In Memory of
 Dmytro and Anna Ficiak
 Requested by
 Marie Calabretta and Family

2) In Memory of
 Giuseppe and Francesca Calabretta
 Requested by
 Marie Calabretta and Family



Bread & Wine

In Memory of
 Mary and John Brigandi

Requested by
 Catherine and Grace



PASCHAL CANDLE

In Memory of the
 Deceased Members of
 The Kubicky and Monteith Families
 Donated by
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Donna Kubicky



We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:

RICHARD SMITH

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.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's Gospel from St. John, Jesus explains how safe a shepherd's flock feels when they recognize his voice and follow his commands. The flock will follow the right shepherd and not get lost in another flock. Listening to God is one thing, but following Him is another. We can listen to God without following His words. The problem with Christianity today is that on Sunday, so many people come to Mass to listen to the voice of God, but when Mass is over, they go home and follow their own consciences, opinions, and ways of life with the expression, "I have my own life to live the way I want it." This mentality does more harm than good. But no one who believes in God does things his or her own way.

We might listen a little closer and see which shepherd we choose to follow. Sheep develop deep trust in the one voice of the shepherd who guards them, and they respond quickly to his call when they stray. Our Shepherd is not an easy shepherd to follow. He is not the founder of the Church of the Eternal Feel-Good. However, Psalm 23 is replete with images of our Shepherd's ever abiding protection: "beside restful waters He leads me"; "He guides me in right paths for His name's sake"; "You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes." He is the Good Shepherd who has come to deliver us from evil, and the path leading away from evil is not always smooth.

Following the footprints of Jesus is not always hard. At times, following Him is very easy, especially when all is going well. When things do turn difficult, perhaps we really should learn "to offer it up". It will make us more like Christ. Therefore, coming to know the Good Shepherd allows us to know how we are to live our lives. We are called to trust in and be reliant on God.

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

God Bless!
Father Di Orio



Quo Vadis Days 2017

June 26-29, 2017

Black Rock Retreat Center

Retreat for young men graduating
8th - 12th grade.

\$35.00 / person

Register by Friday, June 9th

Gather with the Philadelphia Seminarians and other high school men for 4 days of dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a rope course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and more.

To Register, or for more information, visit:

www.heedthecall.org

Questions? Contact the Vocations Office for the Diocesan Priesthood at (610) 667-5778

THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, OUR LADY OF FATIMA!

Saturday, May 13, 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. The first Archdiocesan Holy Hour in honor of Our Lady of Fatima is Saturday, 05/13/17 at 4PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City Philadelphia. For more information and other Centennial Jubilee events, visit:

archphila.org/fatima.



FLAME OF LOVE EVENT



On Saturday, 05/13/17, the *Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima Church in Bensalem for 8:30AM Mass, followed by a Holy Hour and talks by Father James Blount, S.O.L.T. Fr. Blount is a priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, who travels the world teaching on the battle between Satan and the Woman of Genesis 3:15, Mary. He is one of the major promoters of the prayers given by God to Elizabeth Kindelmann. There is no charge for this special day and you can bring your own lunch. The day concludes with Benediction at 2:15PM.

Everyone is welcome-Bring a friend!



CCD NEWS

Registration for CCD 2017-2018 school year is under way. **We are offering an Early Bird Special discount of \$25 per child for those who register before May 21, 2017.** You may register at the Rectory Monday-Friday, between 9:00AM and 3:00PM.

The following is required for Registration:

- 1) Completed Registration Form
- 2) Signed copy of "Appendix A" from the Handbook
- 3) Baptismal certificate for all **new** registrations (only if your child was **not baptized** at Stella Maris)
- 4) Signed letter of permission from your pastor (only if you are **not** a member of Stella Maris Parish)
- 5) Registration fee of \$175 per child for parishioners and \$200 per child for non-parishioners of Stella Maris

Please note: CCD classes are held on Sunday mornings.

HELLO DOLLY STARRING BETTE MIDLER



The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to New York to see the Broadway Musical "Hello Dolly" with Bette Midler on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017. **Due to the popularity of this show, we are currently sold out; however, we are accepting names for a waiting list.** The cost is \$300/\$340 per person, which includes the show, dinner at Carmine's, and round trip motor coach. **A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is now due.** The remaining balance of \$150/\$190 is to be paid in two payments as follows: **First payment of \$75/\$95 is due on or before May 10, 2017,** and the final payment of \$75/\$95 is due on or before August 1, 2017.

For more information or reservations, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.



BLESSING OF THE WATERS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City for the Blessing of the Waters on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017.** The cost of **\$70 per person is non-refundable and is now due.** Cost includes Mass at Saint Damien's, sit-down lunch at the Tuckahoe Inn, and a visit to the Resorts Casino (with a \$25 Bonus). Please make checks payable to: **Stella Maris Sodality, 2901 South 10th St., Phila., PA 19148.** For reservations or information, please call Marge at 215-463-3386 or Helen at 215-468-6618.

STELLA MARIS FLEA MARKET



Stella Maris Fund Raising Committee is hosting a Flea Market this Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 9AM to 3PM (Rain or Shine). The Committee will have a **White Elephant Table**, where you can find that special treasure. They will also have a **bake sale table** where you can satisfy your sweet tooth! We kindly ask if anyone wishes 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, May 13th at 8AM, and ask for MaryAnn Jones. Hot dogs, 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.

Come out and enjoy the fun and excitement in finding that special treasure! All proceeds benefit Stella Maris Church.



MANNA FOOD DRIVE

Manna Bags will be distributed at all Masses this weekend, 05/06/17-05/07/17, and next weekend, 05/13/17-05/14/17. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on Saturday, 05/20/17 or Sunday, 05/21/17. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetable, pastas, soups, and pork and beans. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.



STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday, 05/09/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Mtg. Rm.
Saturday, 05/13/17-FLEA MARKET-9:00AM, Parking Lot
Sunday, 05/14/17-NO CCD CLASSES-Mothers' Day
Monday, 05/15/17-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.
Sunday, 05/21/17-CCD (Last Class)-9:15AM, Church/School
Tuesday, 05/23/17-Star of the Sea Seniors-1:00PM, Vestibule Meeting Room
Tuesday, 06/06/17-Seniors Luncheon-1:00PM, Off-Site/ Waterfall Room
Monday, 06/19/17-Helping Hands Meeting-7:00PM, Msgr. JFC Conf. Rm.



ATLANTIC CITY TRIP



Bus
Trip

The Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City from September 26th through September 28th. **Due to the popularity of this trip, we are currently sold out; however, we are accepting names for a waiting list.** Cost is \$275 per person for Double/Triple Occupancy; \$390 for Single Occupancy. Cost includes: 2 night stay at **Resorts Casino** with \$25 slot bonus, 2 \$30 meal vouchers (valid at Breadsticks, Eastwind & Capriccio), \$5 meal voucher and Show Revue (based on availability), family style group dinner with meet and greet with show performers, and 5 lucky members of the group will receive a special prize; **Tropicana Casino** visit with \$25 slot bonus and Carmine's meal voucher; **Caesars Casino** visit with \$25 slot bonus, buffet lunch, and Frankie Avalon Show; baggage handling (1 per person); all taxes and gratuities (except for restaurants and bus driver); round-trip motorcoach transportation via JC Tours. **Deposit of \$135 (double/triple occupancy) or \$195 (single occupancy) is due no later than 06/12/17; final payment/balance (\$140/\$195) is due no later than 07/18/17. Make checks payable to Star of the Sea Seniors,** (mail payments to: Stella Maris Church, c/o Star of the Sea Seniors, 2901 S. 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148).

For more information or reservations, contact:

Marge Varley at 215-463-3386, or
Helen Wagenborg at 215-468-6618.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN de PAZZI LODGE

"Visitation of the Shrines Bus Trip"

St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Lodge is having a bus trip to the following 2 shrines on Saturday, 05/20/17:

- +The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal Shrine
500 E. Chelton Ave., Philadelphia, PA
- +The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

The cost is \$40. Lunch on your own at Club Diner in Bensalem. There will be three pick-up points;

- 1) 8:15AM on Shunk Street between 21st St. and 22nd St.
- 2) 8:30AM at Baldi Funeral Home on the west side of Broad and Reed Streets
- 3) 8:45AM at 7th and Christian Streets

We return to South Philadelphia at approximately 7:00PM. For more information, please call Ann at 267-259-3674.

UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE

Come to this powerful conference and discover how much Christ wants to unburden your heart and give you His own joy! **Friday, May 12, 6:30PM-9:30PM and Saturday, May 13, 8:30AM-8:00PM,** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA. For more information, visit heartofthefather.com/event.

*"Jesus invested His life in you-
have you shown any interest?"*

-More Roadside Church Signs Across America



PRE-ARRANGED FUNERAL FINANCING

Pennsylvania Burial Company and Baldi Funeral Home invite you to a complimentary dinner where you will learn about financing your funeral/cremation services! Please join us on Thursday, May 18th at 5PM at TOLLMAN JOE'S Atrium Room, located at 26 East Oregon Avenue. RSVP to Jennifer Close at 215-285-7755 or dtbyjen@gmail.com.



CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE

Our Church Sanctuary Candle is available to be offered, for the living or deceased, and will remain lit for seven days. If you would like to reserve a candle, please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. All names and information will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

REQUESTED BY:



**ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
TO FATIMA AND LOURDES**



As part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Fr. Dennis Gill will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes on June 5 through June 12, 2017. This pilgrimage promises to be a deeply spiritual event in communion with the Mother of the Lord, with prayers for peace and healing for all of us, especially for the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Cost per person is \$3,395 (double occupancy); add \$395 more for a single. For more information on our 100th Anniversary of Fatima celebration, visit:

<http://archphila.org/fatima/>



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Altar Bread and Wine may be offered for an entire week, for the living or deceased. If you are interested, please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$25 donation. All names and information will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

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ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES



Two Adoration Chapel candles are available to be offered (\$20 each), for the living or deceased, and will remain lit for seven days. If you would like to reserve a candle, complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. All names will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly. Thank you!

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