

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Especially: Erin Burton, Linda Cornelius, Mike Costanzo, Rosalea Donahue, Maggie Dull, Amber Firestine, Christy Kakassy,

Josephine “Jo” LeBlanc, Marion McLellan, Mary Rogier, Frederick A. Shinners, John Tiller, and all those in nursing homes.

MARRIAGE

We are unable to accommodate all of the requests for weddings at Stella Maris. To marry here, at least one party to the marriage should be an active parishioner, regularly attending Mass for one year before asking to schedule a wedding. As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for marriage. Cohabitation before marriage is not part of God’s plan and decreases the chances of success in maintaining a permanent union. Cohabiting couples should separate and live apart before requesting the Sacrament of Matrimony. More information is available from the parish office regarding guidelines for weddings and parishioner status. Diocesan policy requires at least six months’ notice before setting a wedding date.

SACRAMENTAL POLICY

In order to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, students in Grades 2 and 8 must attend TWO FULL YEARS of religious instructions if they are NOT in our Catholic School system. No more than THREE (3) classes can be missed during the year of sacramental preparation.



If anyone wishes to receive Communion and is unable to come to Mass, call Deacon Jason Vaughan at 843-883-3044



BAPTISM

To schedule a Baptism please contact Deacon Jason Vaughan at 843-883-3044.

NURSERY

The Nursery in the parish hall remains closed until further notice.

ROSARY

Please join us every Sunday morning following the 9:30am Mass in the church to pray the Rosary. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 20th – February 27th

Sat., Feb. 20 th	5:30pm Mass	×Tony Merullo×
Sun., Feb. 21 st	8:00am Mass	For the People
	9:30am Mass (c)	×Susan Owens×
	9:30am Mass (h)	×Charles Robinson×
	11:30am Mass	Ints. Aurelie Marullo
	5:30pm Latin Mass	×Peggy Schiavoni×
Mon. Feb. 22 nd	6:30pm Mass	×Philip Noe×
	7:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena	
Tues., Feb. 23 rd	8:00am Mass	×Patricia Hurst×
Wed., Feb. 24 th	8:00am Mass	×Ginger Davey Stith×
Thurs. Feb. 25 th	6:30pm Mass	Ints. Kadri Family
Fri., Feb. 26 th	8:00am Mass	×Math Riedl×
Sat., Feb. 27 th	4:15 – 5:00pm CONFESSIONS	

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

February 20th – 21st

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	HOST FAMILIES
5:30pm c William Brumley	Thomas Knisley	
8:00am c Warren Tawes	Mary Ellen Way	
9:30am c Vincent Sottile	Miller Shealy	
9:30am h	Howard Stone	
11:30am c Darrel Darby	Rob Fowler	

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

February 27th – 28th

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	HOST FAMILIES
5:30pm c	Christen Hall	
8:00am c	Patti Clark	
9:30am c Vincent Sottile	Howard Stone	
9:30am h	Louis Hems	
11:30am c Christine Story	Matt Story	

MONEY MATTERS

Last week’s collection amounted to \$17,861.00.

The facilities and services of Stella Maris Parish are available to its active members. This includes use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, and other sacramental events and includes parishioner status in our parochial schools. Active membership is determined by three things: being registered in the parish for a sufficient period of time, faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and the use of the envelope system in support of the parish. N.B. If you are attending Stella Maris but not receiving envelopes, then you are not registered. Please call the Parish Office for registration information.

Stella Maris

Roman Catholic Church



We welcome all visitors who have come to worship God with us today. And we hope that your visit is safe and enjoyable.



1st SUNDAY OF LENT
February 21, 2021



1204 Middle Street, P.O. Box 280
Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina 29482

Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny, J.C.L.	Pastor
Rev. David F. Michael	Parochial Vicar
Mr. Jason Vaughan, MA, MS	Deacon, Pastoral Associate & D.R.E.
Mr. John Byrnes	School President
Mrs. Susan Splendido	School Principal
Mrs. Ann Thompson, MSW	Registration, Counseling & Activities
Mrs. Elizabeth Bolchoz Sanford	Communications Coordinator
Mr. Huey Waldon	Director of Liturgical Music
Mr. Stephen M. Collins	Associate Musician
Mrs. Winnie Van Meir	Secretary to the Pastor

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 4:00; Friday, 9:00 – Noon

Parish Office	843-883-3108	Fax	843-883-3160
Jason Vaughan	843-883-3044	Ann Thompson	843-607-0135

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services 843-261-0430
Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister 843-856-0748

St. Vincent De Paul Society Help Line: 843-814-1229

Parish Website: stellamarischurch.org

FORMED WEBSITE: formed.org/register (Access Code: R8ZH23)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear people,

As a child, it seems the season of Lent had a certain dread associated with it. I think I picked up that attitude from adults. Perhaps they were trying to convey the serious nature of a season of mortification. While various forms of fasting and self-deprivation are unpleasant on one level, God often gives many consolations with the actual grace to persevere. While our corporate observances have been much reduced, there is a power in group activities. Some years ago, a sociologist researched the effects of lifting the mandatory abstinence from meat on all Fridays of the year. Specifically, the research studied Irish laborers in England who had little education. The conclusion was that the mitigation of the weekly communal abstinence from meat had a more serious and deleterious effect on Catholic identity than might have been expected. It makes sense to me. Remember when we were called “mackerel snappers” or simply “fisheaters”? In the old rivalry between Bishop England and the High School of Charleston, I well remember the dead fish that would appear in the hand of the statute of John England just before a big game. As Catholics, we are comfortable in the world of ritual and symbol. St. Thomas says that everything that enters the soul comes through the senses. I'm sure I'm not the only older Catholic that has fond memories of the creative and comforting dishes our parents provided on Fridays. Think: tuna noodle casserole; shrimp pilau; fried oysters; salmon patties; that wonderful combination of a grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup; and even “fishsticks” or better yet fresh fried fish. Unless the dish contained a starch, buttered grits was a necessary side dish. What we ate was part of our identity. That's something to consider as we recall: **Friday** of this week, like all Fridays of Lent, is a day of **abstinence** from meat.

This **Wednesday** at 6:15 P.M. we will pray the Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, this year we will not be able to offer the light suppers of soups and sandwiches.

Lent and a pandemic are not incompatible. Hopefully, we can find consolation in quiet, prayer and reflection as we continue the austerities of distancing and isolation. This might require “media time conversion”. Why not convert the time spent with network media (e.g. news outlets) and social media into time with Catholic media? EWTN is a good start. There are many Catholic outlets on the internet. I suggest you avoid those with a lot of angry, shouting people or conspiracy theories. FORMED is another good source to which our parish has a subscription. As I often encourage you: ask for the grace to accept the graces of Lent.

*Saint Roch, pray for us that we may be preserved
from all diseases of body and soul.*

Father McNerny

PARISH NEWS

REMINDER: MISSALETTES DURING COVID

The new edition of the Missalette is here, and began with Ash Wednesday. It will go through Easter Sunday. We could have visitors at any time, as COVID travel restrictions ease, so we really need to still have some small stock through Holy Week! Please remember, if you pick up a Missalette to use at Mass, take it home with you AND bring it back for your personal use!

MASS IN THE HALL

With our increased Mass attendance, we have resumed the 9:30am Mass in the parish hall on an experimental basis, depending on the response. Wearing masks is strongly recommended. Those who arrive together may sit together. All others are asked to maintain proper distancing. Saint Roch, pray for us, that we may be preserved from all diseases of body and soul.

MEN'S MORNING MASS AND BREAKFAST READING GROUP

All men of the parish are invited to join our Men's Morning Mass and Breakfast Reading Group which will meet on Friday mornings beginning February 5. Mass will be offered in the church at 6:30am, followed by breakfast and discussion in the parish hall. We will be reading Theology and Sanity, by Frank Sheed. Please contact Deacon Jason Vaughan at 843-883-3044 or jmvdoe@yahoo.com if interested.

STELLA MARIS WOMEN'S CLUB

Stella Maris Women's Club will meet on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 6:30pm. Our program will be presented by Sarah Hammond of Charleston Sweetgrass Baskets. Sarah is one of Charleston's finest sweet grass basket makers. She started making baskets at age 7 and has passed this art down to her children and grandchildren. Sarah has taught the art of sweet grass basket making in the schools throughout South Carolina, at the Charleston Museum, and at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. Please RSVP to iopgator@gmail.com if you plan to attend so that we can save a place for you!

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS

High School and Middle School boys are invited to attend a paintball activity with youth from Christ Our King and Saint Clare's on March 13th, from 10:00am – 1:00pm. The activity will be at Paintball Charleston and the cost is \$30 which includes paintball equipment, paintballs & pizza. There will also be a talk given on Spiritual Warfare by one of the chaperones. Please contact Ashley Arominski, 843-790-3779, for permission slip and additional information. To sign up go to: [COK youth.org/paintball](http://COKyouth.org/paintball) and sign the permission slip. Contact Ann Thompson, 843-607-0135, with questions.

A REMINDER FROM THE BOOKKEEPER

Regular weekend donations are deposited in the parish operational checking account, along with donations to diocesan second collections, which are then passed on to the Diocese. **All methods below are applicable.**

“Grateful to Give” building fund donations are deposited in another bank, in an interest bearing account. Therefore, we really do need separate checks for those donations. **Please do not include these donations in our online giving.**

If you are not comfortable coming to Mass yet, you can always put your envelope in a regular envelope and mail it to parish post office box (and not the street

address): Stella Maris Church, P.O. Box 280, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482. Other options for donations to the parish are:

Personal bank account via “online banking” by setting up a payment in “bill pay.” There is no fee for this service, either for you or for us. You will have options for: a one-time payment, or a recurring payment on either a weekly or monthly basis, including a specific period of time, i.e. how many weeks or months. If you use this option, please include your 4-digit envelope account number (next to the date, above your address on your envelope) and specify what the contribution is for. If you are not sure of your envelope number, please call the parish office.

If you using a smart phone, you can use the VENMO app for online giving. Once you have downloaded and installed the app, please make your payment to “@StellaMarisChurch”. Please, include your envelope number and what the contribution is for.

NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

PROJECT RACHEL

“Walking with Moms in Need” in the Myrtle Beach area has an URGENT NEED for a pregnant Mom who chose life for her baby. She needs a PLACE TO STAY for herself and her 10 year old son. We hope to find her a small apartment or mobile home, or part of a house to share. If you are in the process of donating or trading in a CAR, please consider passing it on to her. Our HOPE is that we can help this Mom who chose LIFE instead of abortion for her child, and will be living and active witnesses of Christ who said “Whenever you did it for the least of my children, you did it unto me.” Please, contact Joanne Bennett joanne.bennett55@gmail.com, or Terry Borkes t.borkes13@gmail.com. Please put ‘Mom in Need’ in subject line.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus is again hosting a golf tournament for the benefit of The Daughters of St. Paul. It will be held at Wild Dunes Harbor Course on May 10th, at noon with a shotgun start. The cost is \$110.00 per golfer and includes golfing on a championship golf course, lunch, beverages, awards dinner and great prizes. For more information, contact Neil Whitman at ngwhitman@yahoo.com. Or use the online form at: http://kofc9475.org/KofC_Golf_2021_Brochure.pdf.

SONGS FOR LENT

Again this year St. Mary of the Annunciation parishioner, Betsy Cahill, will be offering “Songs for Lent,” daily reflections on a verse or verses from the lectionary, embellished with images and music, a link to the readings, and a prayer. In Lent, these meditations will focus on the Responsorial Psalm, since the psalms lend themselves so beautifully to prayer, indeed, can even form the substance of it. If you wish to subscribe, or if you have friends who may be interested, the sign-up form may be accessed through this link: <http://eepurl.com/gj22CH>, or at betsvcahill.com. Reflections will begin on Wednesday, February 17th and go through Holy Saturday, April 3rd. There will be no reflection offered on Sundays. If you have further questions, you may reach Betsy at betsv@betsvcahill.com.

ALL ARE INVITED

Saturday February 20th: We are honored to have Special Guest Mayor Barber, first Black Mayor of Georgetown and a St. Cyprian School and Church Legacy at our **Black History Month Virtual Event**. For Information and registration go to: <https://charlestondiocese.org/event/celebrate-black-history-month/>.