

**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, Brittany Person, Mary Rogier, 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.

**FLOWERS**

Altar flowers this week are in memory of Lewis Young husband of parishioner Linda Young.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

In the charity of your prayers, please remember *Judy Lumpkins*, a parishioner of Stella Maris who recently died and *Lewis Young*, husband of parishioner Linda Young. May they rest in peace.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Sat., May 1 <sup>st</sup>	5:30pm Vigil Mass	×Margaret Bailey×
Sun., May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00am Mass (c)	×Judy Pezanowski× – 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
	9:30am Mass (c)	×Jack Schaaf×
	9:30am Mass (h)	For the People
	11:30am Mass (c)	×Barbara Mann×
	5:30pm Latin Mass	×Adele Shahid×
Mon., May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30pm Mass	×Robert Bobby & Bonita Brooks Smalls×
	7:00pm <b>Miraculous Medal Novena</b>	
Tues., May 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Mass	×Tom Oltorik×
Wed., May 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Mass	×Susan M. Stith×
Thurs., May 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm Mass	Ints. Linda Sands
Fri., May 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Mass	Ints. Dagny Bodach
<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	4:00pm Latin Mass	×Bette & Joe Griffith×
Sat., May 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>4:15 – 5:00pm CONFESSIONS</b>	

**TODAY’S SCHEDULE**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>**

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	HOST FAMILIES
5:30pm c Terry Vedilago	Patricia Vitkovic	
8:00am c Kati Eller	Bob Duke	
9:30am c Ann Thompson	Howard Stone	
9:30am h	Miller Shealy	
11:30am c Helena Bastian	Coleen Martin	

**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	HOST FAMILIES
5:30pm c Joanne Gilmore	Paul Heinauer	
8:00am c Clydie DeBrux	Enrique Hurtado	
9:30am c Terry Vedilago	Don Smith	
9:30am h	Garen McDowell	
11:30am c Joanne Winchester	Marty Fosberry	

**MONEY MATTERS**

Last week’s collection amounted to \$15,736.00.

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.*



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 2, 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](http://stellamarischurch.org)**

**FORMED WEBSITE: [formed.org/register](http://formed.org/register) (Access Code: R8ZH23)**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear people,

We begin the month of May with hope and caution. It is good to see people comfortable with returning to church after getting their COVID shots. We must remain cautious, however. Just last week we had our second COVID related funeral. Yesterday, I learned of a middle-aged parishioner with COVID and a few weeks before, another middle-aged parishioner had a rather rough time with 'Rona, the wicked witch.

Friday of this week is First Friday and while we have not yet returned to Eucharistic Adoration all night, I will expose the Blessed Sacrament at the close of the 6:30 P.M. Mass on Thursday for a Holy Hour that will end at 8:00 P.M.

Last year, due to the pandemic, perhaps you missed my annual notes about how busy May can be. This year, we are able to return to the "busyness" of May. One half of our First Communion class received yesterday; the second half will receive this coming Saturday. Unlike last year, we will celebrate a May Procession and Crowning at 6:30 P.M. (after the Latin Mass) on Mother's Day (May 9). Weather permitting, we will gather outside the church and process to the site of the crowning. In the event of rain, we will adapt and conduct the service inside. All children of the parish are invited to participate by bringing flowers and joining in the procession. Those making First Holy Communion this year, are encouraged to wear their First Communion clothes and process as a group. During the month of May, all are invited to bring flowers to Our Lady's altar. As is our custom, we will close our Sunday Masses chanting the Salve Regina. Confirmation is set for May 27.

Island elections are this Tuesday and interest is obviously high. While the expression about all politics being local is well-known, it seems that truly local politics can be extremely emotional and sometimes unforgettable. Over fifty years ago, as a high school student, I was told (by someone whose father had lost his position on the Island) how very much something my Great-Grandfather supported some sixty years earlier had 'set the Island back fifty years'! There are many such stories. Smiling now, I remember the huge controversy generated by "Madame Horseflies" who led the movement to outlaw horses on the Island. With everyone involved in the present election, I share a keen interest and love for our community. For the record, please know that the parish does not publicly support particular candidates. Political signage that appears near parish property is not placed by Father Michael or me. The signage is in the public right of way. We are past the days when my Uncle Schroeder was with the Washington Light Infantry and called out to seize ballot boxes in the notorious Grace-Stoney mayoral race in the City. May dedication to the good and wisdom guide all who are elected.

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

Father McInerney

## PARISH NEWS

### TUITION ASSISTANCE

**Requests for tuition assistance** for families with children attending our Catholic Schools are now being received. You may pick up a form at the office or request one by mail or email by calling the parish office. **We must have all requests back no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Our budgeting process for the upcoming fiscal year must begin promptly so it is very important that all requests be submitted on time and fully completed to be considered

### STELLA MARIS WOMEN'S CLUB

**Ladies, join us for our year end "Luau"** on Tuesday, **May 4<sup>th</sup>**, at the SI home of Laura Schroeder. This promises to be a fun filled evening with lots of great food and surprises! Party starts at 5:30pm and we will need a head count. So, please RSVP to [iopgator@gmail.com](mailto:iopgator@gmail.com) no later than midnight, Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**The Stella Maris Women's Club** is helping our **Neighborhood House** during this great time of need. They currently are in need of 300 new or nearly new reusable grocery bags (not paper) to support their food drive. If you can donate a bag, please drop it off at the **Parish Hall before May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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. 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](mailto:jmvdoe@yahoo.com) if interested.

### ECCO FOOD DRIVE St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers

**It's time for the spring** Stella Maris food drive for ECCO. Bags distributed last week can be returned by leaving them to the Parish Hall. As always, SVdP thanks you for your generous support. Please text (preferable) or call SVdP at 843 437-7283 if any questions. God Bless!

### REMINDER: MISSALETTES DURING COVID

**The current edition** of the Missalette goes through July 31<sup>st</sup>. We are already down to the last unopened box! 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! Thank you for helping.

### 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.

### JOIN FLOCKNOTE FOR PARISH NEWS

**Do you want to stay in the loop** with events, messages, and reminders from Stella Maris Catholic Church? Text StellaMaris to the number 84576 to opt-in to receiving parish news from Flocknote, or email [stellamaris.ebs@gmail.com](mailto:stellamaris.ebs@gmail.com) to be added. (Text code is case sensitive.)

## NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

### 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 10<sup>th</sup>**, 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. Questions? Contact Jim Welsch 843-442-9614 or [welschj@hotmail.com](mailto:welschj@hotmail.com).

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

**The retreats in South Carolina are:** May 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, in Charleston; and August 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, in Greenville. For more information or registration, call Christy at 803-554-6088, or Kathy at 803-546-6010 or [Grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:Grace4healing@gmail.com).

### PRIESTS FOR LIFE

**The organization, Priests for Life**, has called for each Catholic to pray fervently for the closing of their local abortion facility. Please join, The Reverend H. Gregory West, Pastor of St Clare of Assisi on Daniel Island, who will lead a pro-life Rosary and prayers from 8:00 – 9:00a.m on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic, 1312 Ashley River Rd. Please wear a mask or facial covering and participate in social distancing. Call Stephen Boyle: (843) 763-0681

### GIRL POWER" SUMMER CAMP 2021 Christ Our King-Stella Maris School

**Rising 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls only**, please join us on June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am – 3:00pm, for a fun Christian Camp with lots of arts/crafts, exercise, games, a service project, dancing, prayer, trip to James Island County Park ropes course, and a free t-shirt. Our theme is Strong Women of the Bible and the cost is \$289.00. Please contact Ms. Holly Van Thullenar with any questions at 843-345-2710, or [Hvanthullenar@coksm.org](mailto:Hvanthullenar@coksm.org). You can register at Sign-Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4eafa72fa2fb6-girl2>.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**Put Spring into your marriage.** The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. In just one short weekend you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track to be healthy. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: on July 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in Beaufort; and January 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in North Myrtle Beach. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, you can contact us at 803-810-9602 or [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org). Or you can visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org>.

