

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Especially: Frank *Bloomingburg*, Michael *Burley*, 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 is now open on Saturdays 5:00 - 6:30pm, and on Sundays 7:30am - 12:30pm, and at 5:00pm for the 5:30pm Latin Mass.

ROSARY

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

. REQUIESCAT IN PACE

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner *William Kenneth Keefer*, husband of Jill Keefer. May he rest in peace.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 14th – 21st

Sat., Aug. 14 th	5:30pm Vigil Mass	Ints. Winnie & Ed Van Meir – 56 th Wedding Anniversary
Sun., Aug. 15 th	8:00am Mass (c) 9:30am Mass (c) 9:30am Mass (h) 11:30am Mass (c)	×Deacon Pez & Judy Pezanowski× Ints. Michael & Vijaya Bodach For the People ×Elie Macaron×
Mon., Aug. 16 th	5:30pm Latin Mass 6:30pm Mass 7:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena	Ints. Paul Zaio ×Thomas J. Allen, Jr.×
Tues., Aug. 17 th	8:00am Mass	×Charles Aprill×
Wed., Aug. 18 th	8:00am Mass	×Bobby Molony×
Thurs., Aug. 19 th	6:30pm Mass	×Mary H. Mayo×
Fri., Aug. 20 th	8:00am Mass	×Bette & Joe Griffith×
Sat., Aug. 21 st	4:15 – 5:00pm CONFESSIONS	

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

August 14th – 15th

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS
5:30pm c Diane & William Brumley	Ann Louise Armstrong
8:00am c Enrique Hurtado	Debby Hurtado
9:30am c Caroline Young & Ann Thompson	Garen McDowell
9:30am h Anthony Stith	Howard Stone
11:30am c Matt & Christine Story	Marty Fosberry

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

August 21st – 22nd

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS
5:30pm c Diane & William Brumley	Winnie Van Meir
8:00am c Warren & Sandra Tawes	Mary Ellen Way
9:30am c Joe & Joanne Hann	Don Smith
9:30am h Anthony Stith	Paul Heinauer
11:30am c Darrel Darby & Helena Bastian	Marty Fosberry

MONEY MATTERS

The collection last week amounted to \$18,787.00.

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.



**ASSUMPTION OF
BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY
August 15, 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 the Delta variant of COVID-19 makes its spread locally, I sense a quiet pause in parish activities. Schools reopen soon and we are beginning registration for religious education classes in the hope that we can function normally. Otherwise, this parochial quiet leaves me with little to address in the immediate future of the parish and space to share thoughts on larger concerns.

The ongoing toll of death and suffering from the "China Flu" reminds me of something the late Senator Fritz Hollings said to me years ago. He was talking about Pope Benedict and expressed his admiration saying, "He's about the only world leader who will stand up to China." He was referring, of course, to the Chinese Communist government. Indeed, will we ever know how this deadly virus was unleashed on the world? I certainly don't know the answer, but how can it not be thoroughly investigated and reported? Even among the population of China, I am told, there is a movement to call the government to accountability.

Sadly, the present leadership of the Church does not appear to be 'standing up to China'. In 2018, the Vatican entered a secret pact with China for two years. It was renewed in 2020. Touted as a step towards normalizing relations, the accord allows for government approval when appointing Bishops. Those familiar with Church History will recognize the term "lay investiture" going back to the 11th century. Eliminating the appointment of Bishops by lay leaders was a significant reform which strengthened the Church's role as a check on the absolute power of governments. Under the Vatican accord, Bishops of the Patriotic (government approved) Church who were previously excommunicated have been given provisional approval by Pope Francis. Since the recent accord, the Chinese government requires Catholic leaders to register with the government before conducting services. Bishop Joseph Zhang Weizhu of Xinxiang, seven priests and ten students at a seminary (in a former factory building) were recently arrested for failure to register. Earlier this year, Jimmy Lai, a Chinese publisher was sentenced to 14 months imprisonment for his pro-democratic protests in Hong Kong. Jimmy Lai is a billionaire. He could have easily fled Hong Kong to avoid arrest. He is also a Catholic. If interested, using Google, you can probably find his video pleading with Pope Francis to speak out in defense of the Catholics loyal to the Bishop of Rome. In many parts of China, the government refuses to issue permits for the post-pandemic reopening of underground (loyal to Rome) parishes unless the priest or Bishop joins the Patriotic Catholic Church (government controlled). In all of this, Catholic underground Bishops maintain their loyalty to the Bishop of Rome as constitutive of their offices and their identity as Catholics. To add insult to injury, the role of the ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick in the accord is not fully known. Sanctioned by Pope Benedict in 2009, McCarrick was brought back into active service after the election of Pope Francis in 2013. In 2014, he described himself as "busier than ever." At one point, he even opined that the leadership of China and the Church had similar interests and hopes! McCarrick is

said to have been involved in negotiations with China for 20 years. Let us pray for the faithful, suffering Catholics of China. If interested, you might want to check out The Cardinal Kung Foundation at their website: www.cardinalkungfoundation.org.

Likewise, we must remember the Uyghur Muslims in "reeducation camps" and "vocational training centers". Let us pray for all who suffer for religious freedom.

Father McNerny

PARISH NEWS

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 meets 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 "Beyond Order: 12 More Rules for Life" by Jordan Peterson. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Jason Vaughan at jmvdoe@yahoo.com or 843-883-3044.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

Religious Education classes will resume on Sunday, September 12th. If you did not receive registration information via email, registration forms are available in the parish center or on the parish website: stellamarischurch.org. Please be aware that two years of formation are required for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Thus, 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th grades are considered to be required years. The registration deadline is Sunday, August 29. Please contact Jason Vaughan at 843-883-3044 if you have any questions.

WE ARE IN NEED OF CATECHISTS!!! There is perhaps no greater work that you can do than to assist in the religious instruction of our youth, because you will be helping them grow in holiness and faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please contact Jason Vaughan at 843-883-3044 if you would like to help.

ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING YOU'VE EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the means of inquiry into the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. If you are considering becoming a Catholic, or just interested in learning more about the Church in a friendly, informal environment, plan to attend RCIA Inquiry Classes. We will begin on Tuesday, August 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the small cottage across the street from the front of the Church. There is no obligation, only an opportunity to learn. If interested, please call Jason Vaughan at (843) 883-3044

THE CATHOLIC MISCELLANY NEW FORMAT

The Catholic Miscellany, our Diocesan newspaper, is changing its format to a magazine style that will be published once a month. The first issues have already been delivered. We are, therefore, in the process of updating our subscribers list. To this end we would appreciate hearing from those parishioners who would be interested in receiving this magazine. Please let us know if you are interested by sending us an email at stellamarisbulletin@yahoo.com. Only those parishioners who wish to receive the magazine need reply. Any questions please call the office 843-883-3108 during regular office hours 9:00am - Noon.

PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM COLLECTION

Public School Uniform Collection begins next weekend! Please consider donating some uniform items for students in the area. We will be collecting the following: Gray, Powder Blue, White, Navy & Black Polo Shirts; girls sizes M, L & XL and boys sizes M, L, XL & adult S; Khaki & Navy Bottoms; girl's sizes 12, 14 & 16 and boy's sizes 14, 16 & 18. We will also be collecting girls and boys' underwear, belts and personal hygiene products. There will be collection bins in the Hall or you can leave items in the library during the week. Please contact Ann or Winnie in the church office with questions, 843-883-3108.

HOSPITALITY COFFEE Food & Fellowship After Mass

Welcome Back! Stay for coffee, juice, doughnuts and other refreshments served after the 9:30am Mass in the church hall. This hospitality hour is a wonderful opportunity to gather for friendly conversation, meet new people, and deepen relationships with fellow parishioners. Everyone is invited and volunteer opportunities are available.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please pray the Rosary for Life for the protection of the unborn and the end of abortion with us, on zoom or in person at Planned Parenthood in Columbia, August 21st, at 8:00am For more information please contact Deacon Greg or Maureen at RespectLife@OLLchapin.org.

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](https://www.stellamaris.org) (code is case sensitive) to the number 84576 to opt-in to receiving parish news from Flocknote. or send an email to stellamaris.ebs@gmail.com to be added

NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

CATHOLIC CRUISES AND TOURS HOLY LAND DISCOVERY

Take your Faith on a journey to the Holy Land on this Catholic 9-day experience, April 21st - 29th, 2022. Your destinations on this Journey will be: Tel Aviv, Israel; Jaffa; Caesarea; Megiddo; Nazareth; Bet She'an; Magdala; Sea of Galilee; Capernaum; Mount o Beatitudes; Cana; Bethlehem; Jerusalem; Masada; and The Dead Sea. Plus, Mass will be offered on your journey. Land prices begin at \$2059 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$500 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info, contact Brian at 860-399-1785 or Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

