

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH**

**Especially:** Becky Armella, Michael Ned Hannan, Christy Kakassy, Josephine Burley, Erin Burton, Linda Cornelius, “Jo” LeBlanc, Marion McLellan, Brittany Mike Costanzo, Rosalea Donahue, Person, Mary Rogier, John Tiller, and all Maggie Dull, Amber Firestine, 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.

**WELCOME**

Stella Maris parish welcomes Paul Julian Hutzler, son of parishioners Todd and Melissa Hutzler who was recently Baptized.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

In the charity of your prayers please remember Frank Bloomingburg, husband of parishioner Sherrell Bloomingburg. May he rest in peace.

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

Sat., Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm Vigil Mass	×Mike Gusko×
Sun., Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Mass (c)	×Gene Bean×
	9:30am Mass (c)	Ints. Catterton Mary Doud
	9:30am Mass (h)	For the People
	11:30am Mass (c)	Ints. Allison Billadeau
	5:30pm Latin Mass	×James W. Tompkins×
Mon., Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm Mass	Ints. Janet Varner
	7:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena	
Tues., Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Mass	×Angeline Stout×
Wed., Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Mass	×Charles Way III×
Thurs., Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm Mass	Ints. Patty Konnersman
Fri., Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Mass	×Dec’d. Victims of 9/11×
Sat., Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>4:15 – 5:00pm CONFESSIONS</b>	

**TODAY’S SCHEDULE**

**September 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION		LECTORS
5:30pm c	Michael Molony	Sue Hartnett
8:00am c	Cathy Burton	Delores Schweitzer
9:30am c	Nancy Wiemann	Garen McDowell
9:30am h	Caroline Young	Howard Stone
11:30am c	Joanne Winchester	Marty Fosberry

**SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK**

**September 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION		LECTORS
5:30pm c	Nelson Little	Jane Crowley
8:00am c	Warren Tawes	Bill Shoemaker
9:30am c	Nancy Wiemann	Mary Ellen Way
9:30am h	Caroline Young	Vincent Sottile
11:30am c	Christine Story	Matt Story

**MONEY MATTERS**

The collection last week amounted to \$15,825.00.

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.*



**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 5, 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,

The ongoing pandemic is taking an obvious toll. Most significant are the deaths and suffering among those who contract COVID. The stresses engendered by pandemic precautions have various and disturbing manifestations. During the week, I had occasion to go downtown to do some research. Having worked along Broad Street many years ago, I often enjoy trips into the city. This week, I was struck by the lack of civility by some (certainly not all) people. Added to the pandemic stress, we see the continuous coverage of major fires in the West, storm devastation from Louisiana and Mississippi up to the flooding and tornadoes through much of the Northeast as well as the heartbreaking news from Afghanistan ('fires, plagues, storms, floods, wars and rumors of war'.) We have many people to pray for and many concerns to pray about. I attribute the stress of the times to some relatively minor annoyances I recently experienced as pastor. Twice in recent months, I have heard from people threatening to cut off their financial support to the parish due to disagreement with policies from supra-parochial institutes, e.g. the Diocese or national Catholic agencies. In thirty years as pastor, I have never experienced such threats. Let me make two things clear: First, I am not going to be triangled in anyone's disagreements with entities above my level of authority. Second, my decisions about parish policies, practices and procedures are open for discussion but are not for sale. Further to our stress, the peak of our hurricane season approaches (*Parce, Domine, parce*).

Some weeks ago, we began remote preparations for the observance of the twentieth anniversary of the September 11 attacks on our country. As we did in 2001 and on the tenth anniversary in 2011, we will erect a catafalque and invite you to place mementoes on or around it as space permits. The fall of Afghanistan came after our planning began and makes some remembrance even more poignant. Fr. Michael's weekday Mass at 8:00 this Friday (Sept. 10) will be offered for all who died in the 2001 attack and those who have died in the war on terror including those killed by the car bombing in Kabul last week. The catafalque will remain in the church for all our weekend Masses.

An institute from tradition, the catafalque has the appearance of a casket and is considered the "moral representation" of those who have died, a focus for prayer and remembrance. In 2001, various representations appeared in the church and I have kept them, e.g. the photo of a woman, presumably an airline stewardess. Feel free to jot down the names of people you may have lost to terrorists or the war on terror and place them on the catafalque or bring small amounts of flowers or other signs of honor. Of course, these outward symbols are meant to express a deeper reality: our prayers for the deceased and those who mourn them as well as our respectful remembrance (lest we forget, lest we forget). And let us always remember to render thanks for our blessings.

Father McInerney

## 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](mailto:jmvdoe@yahoo.com) or 843-883-3044.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

**Religious Education classes** will resume on **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. If you did not receive registration information via email, registration forms are available in the parish center or on the parish website: [stellamarischurch.org](http://stellamarischurch.org). Please be aware that two years of formation are required for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation. **Thus, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades** are considered to be required years. The **registration deadline is Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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, at 843-883-3108.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**This holiday weekend**, our devoted volunteers will not be barbecuing (at least for a little while): they will be manning the sidewalks after all Masses, to accept your donations. We continue to use your generosity to help people caught off-guard by the many small (and some large) crises that arise in our complex society. According to a Federal Reserve study released in May, around 40% of households would have difficulty gathering \$400 in case of an emergency. The percent was much greater for those who had been laid off. Many of the people we interview have smaller needs that seem insurmountable in their world. St. Vincent's goal is to provide the boost that keeps these families on the road to security as much as we can. Your support has always made these efforts possible. Thank you again.

### STELLA MARIS WOMEN'S CLUB

**Are you ready** for an exciting year to make new friends, do some charity work, and learn more about your faith? Well come and join our team! We have some great ideas for this year and we look forward to any and all women helping us make the club a real success. Our first meeting will be **Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**, hosted by Mary Ellen Way at their beach house on the Isle of Palms. Please RSVP to [iopgator@gmail.com](mailto:iopgator@gmail.com) if you plan to join us.

### STELLA MARIS MEN'S CLUB

**The Stella Maris Men's club** will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** The meeting will be held in the parish hall and will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a happy hour, followed by dinner and business at 7:00 p.m. All men are invited.

## NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

### CHRIST OUR KING STELLA MARIS SCHOOL *Teacher Assistant Needed*

**Christ Our King-Stella Maris School** is seeking a full-time teacher's assistant for our first grade. If interested or for more information, please contact Susan Splendido, Principal, at [ssplendido@coksm.org](mailto:ssplendido@coksm.org).

### CHRIST OUR KING PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

**COK Preschool begins registration** for the 2022-2023 school year on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. The 2-year-old program meets Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30a - 11:45am; and the 3-year-old program meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30-11:45am. To register your child, please provide a completed registration form, a copy of your child's birth certificate, a \$50 registration fee, and a parish verification form (obtained from the church office). Registration forms and information are available on the COK website or in the church office. For additional information please contact Kathy Jones at [katjones68@gmail.com](mailto:katjones68@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 8-9a.m on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic, 1312 Ashley River Road. **Please wear a mask or facial covering if you are not vaccinated and participate in social distancing.** For more information, Stephen Boyle can be reached at 843-323-8216.