## PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

**Especially:** Kayla *Airaghi*, Cindy *Anderson*, Brian *Ard*, William *Bennett*, Marie *Daniels-Betts*, Steven *Black*, Bob *Brown*, Jr, Lisa *Cain*, Janet *Carlier*, Kathy *Chambers*, Deborah *Christensen*, Bethanne *Clark*, Larry *Connell*, Bailey *Cole* & Chris *Crowley*, James Patrick *Crowley*, Norm *Dandaran*, Lynn *Daniels*, Barry *Darwent*, Joan *Delaney*, Carol *DeLisio*, Laura *Delvac*, Roland *DeVita*, Debra Thomas *Donnelly*, Jakob *Duchesneau*, Michael *Duesterbeck*, Maggie *Dull*, Mac *Dunbar*, Adam *Esserine*, Marianne *Ezman*, Joyce *Fernando*, Mary *Ferrara*, Cambell *Fretz*, Fred *Figge*, Brynn *Fitzsche*, Pauline *Flanagan*, Eldon *Freeman*, Marie *Furlano*, Jane, Gina & Sara *Galasso*, Susan *Gilbert*, Michele *Greb*, Stephen Griffith, Ken *Grismore*, Michelle *Gudelski*, Patricia *Hall*, Mike *Hartnett*, Helena Hopkins *Harvey*, Jayne *Helm*, Nancy *Hinchey*, Mary *Hodgin*, Tim & Debbie *Hoppman*, Joe *Houdek*, Don *Howie*, Milean *Humplik*, Joan *Ikemoto*, Billie *James*, Jennifer *Johnson*, Thomas *Kakassy*, Gina *Kimbrel*, Doris *King*, Kelly *Koepenick*, Kristen & Samantha *Konersmann*, Beth *Kruger*, Teresa *Laeorre*, Roy *Leopold*, Lynn *Lenards*, Michael *Lighthart*, Mark *Mandell*, Jodi *Novak*, Devenny *Mazell*, Audrey *McCants*, Frank *McCudden*, John *McDermott*, Marie *McManus*, Samantha *Merritt*, Jane *Millar*, Stephanie *Miller*, Jerry *Mixson*, Leon *Moore*, Danny *Newman*, Sarah *Nicksa*, Anthony *Notte*, Tom *Oltorik*, Jacquelyn *Osbourne*, Anne *Owens*, Christian *Owens*, Jasper *Owens*, Mike *Paul*, Ellen *Paveldciki*, Michael *Poe*, Ellen *Pruitt*, Gina *Puckhaber*,, Kit *Regnery*, Jon *Richardson*, Mark *Riley*, John *Robertson*, Jr., Henry *Roth*, Peggy *Sams*, John *Santos*, Nancy *Schaaf*, Mary Ann *Shinners*, Karen *Shivers*, D. *Simanaitis*, George *St. George*, Nick *Strable*, Kay *Tener*, George *Thompson*, Shelby *Todd*, "Billy" *Topping*, Gerri *Urbanic*, Colleen *Valdivia*, Pauline *Viette*, Will *White*, McGregor *White*, Harold *Wilkin*, William & Ann C. *Williams*, Gwen *Wise*, Mark *Woodward*, **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. Cohabitating 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 is in the parish hall**, and is open on Saturdays 5:00 - 6:30pm, and on Sundays 7:30am - 12:30pm, and at 5:00pm for the 5:30pm Latin Mass.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 14th – 21st**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sat., Dec. 14th | 5:30pm Mass | ❙ Rosemarie Battaglia ❙ |
| Sun., Dec.15th | 8:00am Mass | ❙ Billy Bean ❙ 10th Anniv. |
| | 9:30am Mass **(c)** | For the People |
| | 9:30am Mass **(h)** | Ints. Julia Poch |
| | 11:30am Mass | Ints. John Doud |
| | 5:30pm **Latin Mass** | ❙ John P. Maginn ❙ |
| Mon., Dec. 16th | 6:30pm Mass | ❙ Barry Lawler, Jr., ❙ |
| Tue., Dec. 17th | 8:00am Mass | ❙ Bette & Joe Griffith ❙ |
| Wed., Dec. 18th | 8:00am Mass | Ints. Donald Curtis |
| Thur., Dec. 19th | 6:30pm Mass | ❙ J. Donald Sylvestre ❙ |
| Fri., Dec. 20th | 8:00am Mass | Ints. McGraw Family |
| Sat., Dec. 21st | 4:15 – 5:00pm **CONFESSIONS** | |

## TODAY'S SCHDULE

**December 14th – 15th**

| EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION | | LECTORS | HOST FAMILIES |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5:30pm | William & Diane Brumley | Jon Tirpak | Leo & Marcia Russo |
| 8:00am | Kati Eller & Enrique Hurtado | Debby Hurtado | George & Marge Leber |
| 9:30am **(c)** | Micki O'Connell & Vince Sottile | Don Smith | Joseph & Dorothy Palisi |
| 9:30am **(h)** | Anthony Stith & Nancy Wiemann | Louis Herns | Paul & Tatiana Kane |
| 11:30am | Elizabeth Wain & Joanne Winchester | Marty Fosberry | Michael & Amy Sottile Gay |

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

**December 21st – 22nd**

| EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION | | LECTORS | HOST FAMILIES |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5:30pm | Nelson Little & Winnie Van Meir | Peter Schmitt | |
| 8:00am | Warren & Sandra Tawes | Bob Duke | Dick & Marcie Cronin |
| 9:30am **(c)** | Micki O'Connell & Elizabeth Wain | Charles Way, Jr. | Jim & Mary Ann Mackey |
| 9:30am **(h)** | Vince Sottile & Terry Vedilago | Sarah Eyre | Adam & Jenny Gooding |
| 11:30am | Helena Bastian & Valerie Gore | Rob Fowler | |

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

### MONEY MATTERS

Last week's collection amounted to $20,736.00.

**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.*

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 15, 2019**

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


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| Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerny, J.C.L. | Pastor |
| Rev. David 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, LMSW | Registration, Counseling & Activities |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Bolchoz Sanford | Youth Minister |
| 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

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| 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*
*Furniture Donation Pick-up: 843-416-7126*

**Parish Website: stellamarischurch.org**

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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear people,

Many compliments came my way about the Solemn High Mass last Sunday night. I was pleased to receive them but told several people they might be better directed towards Mr. Waldon, the musicians and singers as well as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart as regards the music. Thanks go to all and to the deacon and subdeacon as well as to our altar servers who practiced hard in preparation.

Today is Gaudete Sunday which means we are at least half way through Advent. There is much to do in preparation for Christmas, the feast that renews hope for our poor chaotic world and for our struggling selves. A good Confession is an excellent, spiritual preparation. In Confession, we name very specific and personal ways in which we need what the birth of Christ among us offers: forgiveness in our failures, wisdom from above to avoid poor choices, strength to pursue the good.

For some years, it has not been our practice to offer a general penance service. There is a certain beauty to assembling as a group in repentance, but sometimes I have found such services rushed and many times people cannot make it to the one time scheduled. Instead, we offer extra hours of Confession especially in the week before Christmas, i.e. this week. I have also learned to schedule them in hour increments and leave time to stay over the hour if numbers warrant. Please note the hours available this week: 6-7 P.M. Wednesday; Noon-1:00 P.M. Friday; and 6:00-7:00 P.M. Friday. On Saturday, our regularly scheduled Confessions will begin at 4:00 instead of 4:15.

There's a nasty cold going around and it's hard to shake. Be cautious. And, speaking of health: over the years I have expressed my fondness for the sweets and treats of Christmas. Sugar and carbohydrates are no longer in my program and I feel good, so please no Christmas sweets for me; maybe say a Hail Mary instead! Thank you.

Father McInerny

### Advent & Christmas 2019

***Confessions:*** *(All Confessions are heard in the Parish Hall)*
Every Saturday: 4:15-5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, Dec. 18: 6:00-7:00 P.M.
Friday, Dec. 20: Noon-1:00 P.M. & 6:00-7:00 P.M.
Saturday, Dec. 21: 4:00-5:00 P.M.
Monday, Dec. 23: 4:00-5:00 P.M.

***Christmas Masses:***

Tuesday, Dec. 24: 5:00 & 7:00 P.M. Anticipated Masses
Latin High Mass at 9:30 P.M. *(No Mass at 12 Midnight)*

Wednesday, December 25: 8:30 A.M. &
Children's Mass at 10:30 A.M.

We expect to be crowded at Christmas and extend an invitation from **Sacred Heart Parish** (888 King Street, corner of King and Huger) to join them for their **Christmas Masses: 4:00 & 7:00 P.M. on Dec. 24, & 10:00 A.M. Christmas morning.**

***The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1 is a holyday of obligation. Masses will be at 6:30 P.M. on December 31 and at 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. (Latin Mass) on January 1.***

***Christmas Altar Server Practices:***
*(A memo will be sent to servers)*
***Practices on Monday, December 23:***
For the 5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass in the church: 11:00 A.M.
For the 5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass in the hall: 11:30 A.M.
For the 7:00 P.M. Vigil Mass in the church: 12 Noon
For the Christmas Day 10:30 Children's Mass: 12:30 P.M.
(Latin Mass servers will practice separately.)

## PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

**The Sunday Scripture study has resumed.** We meet from 10:30 to 11:20am in the front room of the ***Sedes Sapientiæ*** (small white cottage across the street from the church). We will be studying the **Acts of the Apostles**. Books are available. Any questions, contact Jason Vaughan 843-883-3044.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

**All children 5 years old to 4th grade** are invited to participate in the reenactment of the Gospel at the Children's Christmas Mass on December 25th, at the 10:30am Mass. **Practices will be held on December 15th** at **12:30pm**, and **December 22nd at 10:30am.** Both practices will be held in the church. If your child(ren) would like to participate please email name, age, and desired role (e.g. shepherd, king, ox, sheep, angel) to Mary Ellen Baily at **maryellen@baily.me** **by December 13th**. Roles are assigned on a first come, first served basis and past participation is considered.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Join us as we prepare the music** for the Christmas Day Children's Mass. We will rehearse on Sunday, December 15th & 22nd, 12:30 to 1:15pm; and Wednesday, December 18th, 3:30 t0 4:15pm. Meet in the choir loft. Contact Huey Waldon at **stellamarishuey@gmail.com**.

### STELLA MARIS ANGEL TREE

**A big thank you to all parishioners** who helped support the Angel Tree effort this year. Either by taking a tag (or two!) from the tree, or making a donation, you helped provide presents for children who would otherwise receive little or nothing. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### SAVE CHRISTMAS CANCELLED STAMPS

**The Sister of the Holy Cross** use canceled stamps to benefit their Ministry With the Poor to support programs to help children and parents in the poorest areas throughout the world. The requirements are a little different: no Forever flags, bells, Statue of Liberty, non-profit, or presorted stamps. Please cut the stamp as close as possible without cutting into the stamp. A special thanks to my cutters, David McCann and Holly Rossi. Please be as generous in support of this program as you have been in the past. Leave the stamps in the parish office addressed to Lois Abele.

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS

**The new Workbooks for Lectors** are available in the parish office. They may be picked up during regular office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm and on Friday 9:00am - Noon.

## NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

### CHRISTMAS TREE LOT EVENT
***Christ Our King-Stella Maris Catholic School***

**COK-SM School is proud to offer** the finest blue ribbon Fraser Fir Christmas Trees fresh from the farm! The Knights of Columbus will also be on site offering fresh 12″ wreaths. Lot opens the day after Thanksgiving. We are located at the corner of Camellia Dr. and Coleman Blvd. on the field behind the school. Our hours are 9:00am - 8:00pm on weekends and 3:00 - 8:00pm weekdays.

### ADVENT REFLECTIONS STARTING DECEMBER 1st

**St. Mary of the Annunciation parishioner** and biblical scholar Betsy Cahill will be offering daily Advent reflections by email. These brief meditations are accompanied by a prayer and a link to the day's lectionary readings. The reflections will begin **Sunday, December 1st and conclude on Christmas Eve**. To sign up, go to **http://eepurl.com/gj22CH** or **betsycahill.com** and fill out the form on the website. The reflections will also be available as a podcast through America Media. If you have any questions, you can contact Betsy at **betsy@betsycahill.com**.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
***2019 Annual First Christmas Fund***

**This fund supports Charleston's non-profit** organizations that provide aid to new and expectant mothers struggling with the challenges of new life. One hundred percent of all donations go to the support of Birthright of Charleston, Low Country Pregnancy Centers, and Florence Crittenton Programs of SC. Make your tax deductible donation payable to**: Knight of Columbus Council 6250** and mail your donation on or before Dec. 31st to: First Christmas Fund, c/o Knights of Columbus Council 6250, Att: Malcolm Brennan, 1061 Folly Road, Charleston, SC 29412.

### FROM THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE FOR 2020

**Rachel's Vineyard weekend offers women and men** who have had an abortion, or participated in one, a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental retreat where they can find spiritual healing and strengthening of faith! Upcoming 2020 weekends are: March 20th - 22nd, in Greenville; April 17th - 19th, in Rock Hill; and November 6th - 8th, Charleston. For more information on retreats, please contact Christy at 803-554-6088.

**Finding you: a weekend retreat for women and men** who have been sexually abused to find spiritual healing and strengthening of faith, will be offered Friday, February 28th, 7:00pm to Sunday, March 1st, 4:00pm, at The Oratory, 434 Charlotte Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730. For registration, contact the Office of Family Life at 803-547-5063 or **familylife@charlestondiocese.org**.

**The 20th Annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration**, Sponsored by the Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life, will be held Sunday, February 2nd, 3:00pm, at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, 28 Sumter Ave., Summerville, SC 29483. The Marriage Anniversary Celebration is an opportunity to honor all married couples especially those in long-term marriages. The married couples will affirm their love and commitment to each. Most Reverend Robert Guglielmone, Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston will be the main celebrant. The Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation. A simple reception will follow. Reservation forms are available in the parish office.