

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

**Especially:** Linda Cornelius, Mike Costanzo, Rosalea Donahue, Maggie Dull, Amber Firestone, Paul Flaherty, Marion McLellan

Christy Kakassy, Susan M. Owens, Diane Schofield, John Tiller, and all those in nursing homes.

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

Sat., Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm Mass	I Bert Carlin
Sun., Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Mass	For the People
	9:30am Mass	I Richard O'Connell
	11:30am Mass	Ints. Tracy D'Annunzio
Mon. Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm Latin Mass	I Bette & Joe Griffithl
Tues., Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm Mass	I Ronald F. Snyderl
Wed., Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Mass	Ints. Donald Curtis
Thurs. Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Mass	I Agnes Riley Stricklandl
Fri., Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm Mass	I Deacon Pez & Judy Pezanowskil
Sat., Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am Mass	I Joe & Bette Griffithl
	<b>4:15 – 5:00pm CONFESSIONS</b>	

## TODAY'S SCHDULE

October 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	HOST FAMILIES
5:30pm c Jane Ellen Herron	Peter Schmitt	
8:00am c Kati Eller	Patti Clark	
9:30am c Joanne Winchester	Vincent Sottile	
	Mary Ellen Way	

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	HOST FAMILIES
5:30pm c Christen Hall	Ann Louise Armstrong	
8:00am c Enrique Hurtado	Debby Hurtado	
9:30am c Darrel Darby	Howard Stone	
	Mary Ellen Way	

## MONEY MATTERS

Last week's collection amounted to \$14,305.00

## 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 in the parish hall remains closed until further notice.

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Edmund "Mickey" McMahon, husband of parishioner Elizabeth McMahon. May he rest in peace.

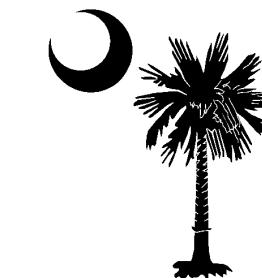
The facilities and services of Stella Maris Parish are available to its active members. This includes use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, and other sacramental events and includes parishioner status in our parochial schools. Active membership is determined by three things: being registered in the 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.



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 25, 2020



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

Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McInerny, 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, LMSW 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)

## Unfurling the Serapis Flag

I was pleasantly surprised to see that the little article on our flags sparked so much conversation a few weeks back. Perhaps the most popular response or question has to do with the *Serapis* flag, therefore I've decided to write a little followup, for those interested.

On 23 September, 1779, off the coast of Yorkshire, England, a combined American and French squadron, commanded by Commodore John Paul Jones, engaged a British merchant convoy, under Royal Navy escort. Jones flagship was the *Bon Homme Richard* (yes, that's how it was spelled), the French name for Benjamin Franklin's fictional character of Poor Richard. The ship was the private property (therefore, not a ship of the French Navy) of King Louis of France, on loan to the Americans. The British flagship was the *HMS Serapis*, commanded by Captain Richard Pearson. This became known as the Battle of Flamborough Head.

The Americans were the final victors of the battle, but in the aftermath, the mast of the *Bon Homme Richard* collapsed into the water, taking the ship's ensign (flag) along with it. The *HMS Serapis* was captured and became a prize-of-war, and re-named the *USS Serapis*. The *Richard* was so badly damaged that she was slowly sinking, and in fact did sink two days later. Jones transferred his command to the likewise damaged, but still sailing, *Serapis*. The Americans sought refuge and repairs at the Dutch island port of Texel, arriving on 3 October.

The Dutch were officially neutral in the War of Independence, but sympathized with the Americans, as they were fiercely competing with the British for colonial control of the New World. Commodore Jones was allowed to repair the *USS Serapis* in that Dutch port. Naturally, the British noticed what was, until recently, their Royal Navy ship now belonging to the nascent Continental Navy. Needless to say, they were both embarrassed and outraged on an international scale. Under the laws of war, two belligerent nations cannot engage each other while both are present as guests in a neutral port; therefore, the British could do nothing to attempt to re-capture the *Serapis*. Any attempt would have been an act of war against the host nation. However, they did have recourse to diplomatic methods, or so they thought. Since the *Bon Homme Richard*'s ensign had been lost, there was no American one to fly on the *Serapis*. British representatives approached the Dutch port authorities and demanded that the *Serapis* be returned to them, precisely because she was a captured ship and not flying the flag of any nation; thereby fitting the recognized definition of a pirate ship and pirate crew.

The Dutch authorities had no choice but to recognize the legitimacy of the British claims, however they responded by essentially saying (my own caricature): "You're absolutely right about the pirate part, but we think you just did not notice the flag. We'll look into it and get back to you as soon as we can, but we're very busy at the moment. If she isn't flying a flag, we will certainly give you your ship back." They quickly warned the Americans of their mutual predicament. It took the Dutch several weeks to thoroughly investigate the matter.

In the meantime, Benjamin Franklin was on a diplomatic mission to Europe, and was not in Philadelphia when the Flag Act was passed on 14 June 1777, more than 2 years earlier. He did have a letter from a friend, who described the new American flag, but due to a scribe's error, the letter stated that the flag had stripes of "red, white, and blue." That description was passed along to Jones, who hastily had a flag made to match it, and began to fly it on the *Serapis*. Once he did so, the Dutch authorities reported back to

the British that there was indeed a flag of a recognized nation flying aboard the *Serapis*, and that the British must not have noticed it when they looked earlier. When the British demanded to see the port logbook from 3 October, the Dutch accommodated their request. Sure enough, written in the book was an entry that an American ship called the *USS Serapis* had sailed into the port and, very conveniently, whoever made that entry was thoughtful enough to note that the ship was flying a flag of the newly independent States *at the time she entered the port*. Just to be safe, the entry included not only a description of the flag, but a tiny drawing of it! The British knew they had been duped, but short of accusing the Dutch of lying (while the two were already on the brink of war), there was nothing they could do about it. Eventually, the Dutch were forced to ask the Americans to leave the port because, as the British pointed-out, the Dutch had no formal diplomatic relations with the newly independent States. The American ships were able to slip out of the port and later evade the British Navy once they returned to open waters. And now you know how we came to have a flag with three blue stripes and 8-pointed stars.

The other names for this flag are the *Franklin*, the *John Paul Jones*, and even the *Texel*. As I've already written, three of the stripes are blue, and all the stars have eight points. Keep in mind, though, that the design of the stars has always been a matter of choice for the individual flag-maker. The *Serapis* flag will always remain an official flag of the United States, thanks to the fact that the Dutch government officially recognized it as such, along with every other nation that happened to have a presence in the Port of Texel at the time. This is still the flag used by the United States Army 111th Infantry Regiment (nicknamed the *Franklin Regiment*, after its founder), and was even carried into battle during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In case anyone is curious, I just learned about the *Fort Mercer* flag, entirely by accident, and for the first time. I quickly ordered one for the rectory. No, I won't tell you. You'll have to research that one for yourself.

As always, may Almighty God bless and protect those who keep us safe at home and abroad, and may God bless America!

—Fr. David F. Michael

## NEWS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SACRAMENT PREP

**Two years of formation are required** to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders who are not enrolled in our Catholic schools will need to be enrolled in our Religious Ed. program this year. Due to COVID we are not holding in-person classes; however, materials (text book and workbook) will be provided for home study. Please contact Deacon Vaughan at [jmvdoe@yahoo.com](mailto:jmvdoe@yahoo.com) to enroll and get more info.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY *Food drive for ECCO*

**St. Vincent de Paul** will be re-instituting the food drive for ECCO at Stella Maris the weekend of November 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. SVDP asks Stella Maris parishioners to bring grocery donations to services that weekend. We will have ECCO collection bins positioned outside the church and parish hall for donations. Flyers/bags will not be passed out for the food drive due to COVID. The following food items are

requested: **stuffing mix, turkey gravy, instant potatoes, canned pie filling, canned sweet potatoes, canned yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, chicken broth.** ECCO will be building bags to go with "free turkeys" for clients. As always, SVDP thanks you for your generous support, particularly during this time of heightened need at Thanksgiving due to COVID. If you have any questions relative to the food drive, you can text (preferable) or call SVDP at 843-437-7283.

### STELLA MARIS WOMEN'S CLUB OKRA SOUP

*Stella Maris Women's Club & Men's Club bringing you their best Homemade Okra Soup, Cheese Cornbread & Jambalaya*

**Due to concerns about the coronavirus**, the Stella Maris Women's Club has decided not to hold the Bette Griffith Food Festival this fall. **FEAR NOT**; the Women's & Men's Club will still be cooking and selling their famous Homemade Okra Soup, Cheese Cornbread & Jambalaya. Each club will limit their number of cooking days to only one. Less soup will be available this year, so come early! New containers will provide for more soup (32 oz.) at last year's price of \$8/quart. Cheesy Cornbread will be \$5 and the Men's Club Jambalaya (32 oz.) is \$15.00. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** All will be available for sale and pick up on the day of cooking, **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 – 3:00pm**, and on **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 am – 1:00pm**. If you are interested in helping to cook soup, clean, package, or sell, please contact Patty by email at: [iopgator@gmail.com](mailto:iopgator@gmail.com) or text 843-327-7072 for an assigned shift. If you would like to help the Men's Club cook Jambalaya, contact Joey Basha at [joeyb@duffyandbasha.com](mailto:joeyb@duffyandbasha.com). For all other questions, please contact Cathy Curtis 843-412-6298. Work stations will be assigned to provide for socially distanced space. Gloves, masks and face shields will be provided to ensure everyone's safety.

## NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

### BISHOP ENGLAND'S ADMISSIONS OFFICE

**On November 4, 2020**, Bishop England's admissions office will launch several new informational videos on the school's website found at [www.behs.com](http://www.behs.com), "Open House 2020", since we will not be able to have our typical on campus Open House event. We hope you learn more about our school through the videos if you are considering BE for your child for the 2021-22 school year. On that same page beginning on the 4<sup>th</sup>, you will also find a link to sign-up for a campus tour on four designated dates starting in the month November into December. For questions, please call the admissions office at 843.849.9599, ext. 125.

### GROW YOUR RELATIONSHIP

*Understanding the Human Person*

**Want to deepen your faith** and at also get answers to some of the confusing moral issues of the day? Family Honor invites you to sign up for our new in-person weekend course, *Understanding the Human Person*, to be held at St. Peter's Basilica in Columbia, on November 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. The course is co-sponsored by Family Honor and the Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office; adult students can receive continuing education credits from the Diocese. You'll hear interesting speakers, enjoy fellowship with others, and experience spiritual refreshment. For details, go to: <https://familyhonor.org/weekend-course/>. Some tuition assistance available. Space is limited; social distancing will be in effect. For more information, contact Family Honor at [info@familyhonor.org](mailto:info@familyhonor.org) or 803-929-0858. Family Honor, created in 1988, provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love and family.