PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Especially: Linda *Cornelius*, Mike *Costanzo*, Rosalea *Donahue*, Maggie *Dull*, Amber *Firestine*, Paul *Flaherty*, Marion *McLellan* Christy *Kakassy*, Ssusan M. *Owens*, Diane *Schofield*, 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. 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.

WELCOME

Stella Maris parish welcomes *Leilani Marie Torres*, daughter of parishioner Nicole Miller who was recently Baptized.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Oltorik, husband of parishioner Diane Oltorik. May he rest in peace.

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 24th – 31st

Sat., Oct. 31st	5:30pm Mass	Ints. Danielle Dixon
Sun., Nov. 1st	8:00am Mass	ǀ Bette & Joe Griffith ǀ
ALL SAINTS	9:30am Mass	ǀ Joan Bennett ǀ
	11:30am Mass	For the People
	5:30pm **Latin Mass**	Ints. Marty Castellana
Mon. Nov. 2nd	6:30pm Mass	ǀ Matt Chandler ǀ 1st Anniversary
Tues., Nov. 3rd	8:00am Mass	ǀ Karen Eppard ǀ
Wed., Nov. 4th	8:00am Mass	ǀ Phyllis Reynolds ǀ
Thurs. Nov. 5th	6:30pm Mass	ǀ Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Casey ǀ
Fri., Nov. 6th	8:00am Mass	ǀ Joe & Bette Griffith ǀ
FIRST FRIDAY	4:00pm **Latin Mass**	Ints. Lynn & Phil Lauria
Sat., Nov. 7th	**4:15 – 5:00pm CONFESSIONS**	

TODAY'S SCHDULE

October 31st – November 1st

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**		Howard Stone	
11:30am **c**	Darrel Darby	Mary Ellen Way	

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

November 7th – 8th

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION		LECTORS	HOST FAMILIES
5:30pm **c**	Nelson Little	Ann Louise Armstrong	
8:00am **c**	Kevin Bean	Bob Duke	
9:30am **c**		Mary Ellen Way	
11:30am **c**	Christine Story	Matt Story	

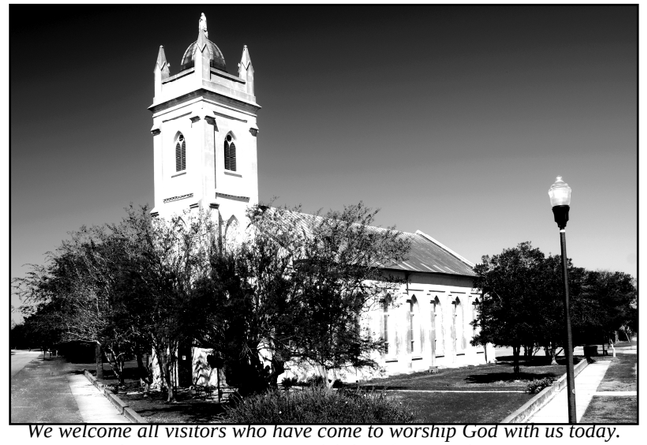
MONEY MATTERS

Last week's collection amounted to $8,841.00.

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.

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 1, 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

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear people,

Thanks to Father Michael, I have been able to take some vacation, not just "time away" for the past two weeks. In the life of a priest, an occasional Sunday away is a rare, but usually welcome break. Mainly, one does not have to concern oneself with a Sunday sermon. As I write this column on my last day in the mountains, I have been preparing for whatever comes as this area is under Tropical Storm Warnings as the remnants of Hurricane Zeta pass through. Yes, the rain is pouring, the wind is howling and the lights are flickering. Tropical Storms in the mountains? Why not? After all, this the year 2020.

In the week to come, we enter November, the month of the dead in Catholic piety. On Monday (November 2, All Souls' Day) we will offer a Solemn High Traditional Latin Requiem Mass. Please note there will be no Miraculous Medal Novena this Monday night. As explained before, spacing in the choir loft will not allow us to import instruments and vocalists for our customary hearing of Faure's Requiem. Instead, we will hear (and sing) the simple Gregorian chant Requiem Mass. I think it a very fitting and sobering reminder of the austerity of 2020 and the many deaths associated with COVID-19.

The day after All Souls' is Election Day. Many of you, like many Americans, might well have voted by now. In the past weeks, I think that I have made sufficient reference to the moral aspects of some issues in this election. I won't rehash them here but I will urge upon you the importance of your right and your duty to vote for the morally good. The laity of the Church have a much greater opportunity than the clergy to bring the Good News of Christ to our world. Not only do we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom, but we vote and work for it as well.

In the recent past, i.e. the time that I have been away, there was much internet chatter about the release of an interview with Pope Francis in which he endorsed some form of civil union for people with same sex attractions. This was not a magisterial statement from the teaching office of the Church. It was his own personal opinion, but the idea has a recent history in the life of the Church. Before many Western countries elected (or were ordered by judicial fiat) to change the definition of marriage, some thinkers in the Church spoke of domestic partnerships or civil unions as a means of extending job benefits to committed partners who were not married. Recently, Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco expanded the notion beyond sexuality and identity politics and mentioned the possibility that an adult brother and sister, living at home and caring for an elderly parent or parents might benefit from a civil union whereby job benefits and other entitlements might be extended from one to another. This was not the context in which Pope Francis was speaking. He was specifically referring to same sex couples. This does not mean that the Pope endorses the current sociological and legal experiment called "same sex marriage." He has spoken against it. By the release of this interview, he has, however, shown once again that he does not clearly fulfill the Church's *munus docendi* (mission to teach). He has done this time and time again, making offhand remarks, even writing encyclicals, then going back to correct or explain himself. Sadly, he diminishes not only himself but the dignity of his office. Instead of getting confused about what he might or might not say or mean, again I urge upon you the importance of having the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is a well-indexed, well-footnoted compendium of official Catholic teaching, given us by Pope Saint John Paul and an exercise of the Church's Magisterium. As for Pope Francis, well, if my memory is correct I believe we collected some 700 actual signatures (and some 7,000 online signatures) a couple of years ago on our petition asking for an explanation as to how and why the then Cardinal Theodore McCarrick was restored to prestige under Pope Francis after Pope Benedict had put limits on his functioning. The petition was mailed to Pope Francis, himself, and all the American Cardinals. I mailed them myself. Only Cardinal diNardo responded. We are still waiting for the McCarrick Report to be released by Pope Francis. He should answer his mail.

Especially in November, we pray for the souls in Purgatory. "To pray for the living and the dead" is a spiritual work of mercy. In the charity of your prayers, please include Pope Francis.

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

Father McInerny

NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
1ST AND 7TH GRADE SACRAMENT PREP

Two years of formation are required to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. 1st and 7th 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** 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 7th – 8th. 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: s**tuffing 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, and 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 18th, from 2:00 – 3:00pm***, and on ***Sunday, November 22nd, 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** 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**. 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 4th the Bishop England High School admissions office will launch several new informational videos on the school's website which can be found at **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 4th, 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 13th – 14th. 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** or 803-929-0858. Family Honor, created in 1988, provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love and family.