

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Especially: Becky *Armella*, Michael *Burley*, Erin *Burton*, Linda *Cornelius*, Mike *Costanzo*, Rosalea *Donahue*, Maggie *Dull*, Amber *Firestine*, Ned *Hannan*, Christy *Kakassy*, Josephine “Jo” *LeBlanc*, Marion *McLellan*, John “Jack” *McDermott*, 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.

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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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 8th – 15th

Sat., Jan. 8 th	5:30pm Mass	Ints. Linda Sands
Sun., Jan. 9 th	8:00am Mass (c)	×Brian Bean×
	9:30am Mass (c)	Ints. Henry Gaeta
	9:30am Mass (h)	×Roland DeVita×
	11:30am Mass (c)	For the People
	5:30pm Latin Mass	×Gregory Hobday×
Mon., Jan. 10 th	6:30pm Mass	×Lewis Young×
	7:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena	
Tues., Jan. 11 th	8:00am Mass	×Faith Sellers×
Wed., Jan. 12 th	8:00am Mass	×Sandra Condon×
Thurs., Jan. 13 th	6:30pm Mass	×Richard Vedilago×
Fri., Jan. 14 th	8:00am Mass	Ints. Ava Grace Van Meir
Sat., Jan. 15 th	4:15pm – 5:00pm CONFESSIONS	

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

January 8th – 9th

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION

5:30pm c	Mary Vedilago
8:00am c	Enrique Hurtado
9:30am c	Christen Hall
9:30am h	Anthony Stith
11:30am c	Helena Bastian

LECTORS

Peter Schmitt
Debby Hurtado
Howard Stone
Louis Herns
Marty Fosberry

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

January 15th – 16th

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION

5:30pm c	Winnie Van Meir
8:00am c	Warren Tawes
9:30am c	Terry Vedilago
9:30am h	Anthony Stith
11:30am c	Mikki O’Connell

LECTORS

Jane Crowley
Bob Duke
Howard Stone
Garen McDowell
Rob Fowler

MONEY MATTERS

Last week’s collection amounted to \$18,835.00.

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.*



BAPTISM
OF THE LORD
January 9, 2022



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

Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny, J.C.L.
Rev. David F. Michael
Mr. Jason Vaughan, MA, MS
Mr. John Byrnes
Mrs. Susan Splendido
Mrs. Ann Thompson, MSW
Mrs. Elizabeth Bolchoz Sanford
Mr. Huey Waldon
Mr. Stephen M. Collins
Mrs. Winnie Van Meir

Pastor
Parochial Vicar
Deacon, Pastoral Associate & D.R.E.
School President
School Principal
Registration, Counseling & Activities
Communications Coordinator
Director of Liturgical Music
Associate Musician
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,

Today’s Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Church’s Christmas Season. Traditionally, the season was celebrated until February 2 (the Presentation in the Temple) and in some Catholic cultures that tradition perdures. Thanks go to our Women’s Club who organized an Epiphany celebration for children on Wednesday, January 5. The Omicron variant of COVID-19 was spreading rapidly and the weather was not exactly pleasant, but the response was encouraging. I was pleasantly surprised to see how many children showed and participated. We, adults, are more prone to getting beat down by life’s challenges such as the pandemic, but children are resilient. We need them and their energy.

In years past, it has been customary to publish the numbers for Christmas Mass attendance and until 2020, the numbers tended to increase, often setting records. For the last two years, it has been impossible to predict attendance. On the one hand, it’s Christmas and people want to attend Mass; on the other hand, is it safe? Attendance this year was greater than last, but still below pre-pandemic levels. As I have said before, people who are vulnerable or possibly contagious should not attend. Those who were able to attend made for more reverent celebrations.

In the week to come, our Men’s Club is scheduled to meet this Tuesday. Our Men’s Reading Group resumes meetings this Friday (Jan. 14). We begin with Mass at 6:30 A.M. in the church, then adjourn to the Hall for breakfast and discussion. We are taking up Fr. Tom Gallagher’s book on the discernment of spirits in the tradition of St. Ignatius. Those interested can contact Deacon Vaughan to register and get a copy of the book.

In this Christmas season, I have spoken often of the psychological term being applied to our state as we approach year 2 of the pandemic: languishing. It has much in common with acedia (aka the Noonday Devil) in the spiritual life. Psychologically, people are encouraged to combat languishing by small accomplishments: get focused and complete tasks. In the spiritual life, the advice about overcoming acedia is similar: “live the present moment in-tensely” and “be faithful in small things.” We are encouraged to ‘force ourselves to pray and pray for the grace to be drawn to prayer’. In the sermon last Sunday, I quoted a reference to a then unknown source regarding human flourishing. A parishioner identified the source: Dr. Martin Seligman. Essentially, the quote pointed out that humans flourish when they love. (Sound familiar?) May we flourish in 2022

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. (We do **NOT** meet on First Fridays). Mass will be offered in the church at **6:30am**, followed by breakfast and discussion in the parish hall. We will be reading “*The Discernment of Spirits – An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living*” by Fr. Tom Gallagher. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Jason Vaughan at jmvdoo@yahoo.com or 843-883-3044.

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 to the number 84576 to opt-in to receiving parish news from Flocknote, or email stellamaris.ebs@gmail.com to be added. (Text code is case sensitive)

FIRST CHANCE TO DONATE TO ST. VINCENT IN 2022 A.D.

In this unquiet time, first responders are being appreciated as never before. You, too, are appreciated as you have made possible the immediate response to those who have called on us in urgency and anxiety. Your generosity in Pandemic Year 2021 was unequaled. As Christmas season winds down, and “odd” gifts might be put aside for “re-gifting,” we would like to assure you that your gifts to SVdP are almost immediately “re-gifted.” Our warm-hearted and unrelenting volunteers will be collecting them after all Masses this weekend. See you in the New Year.

STELLA MARIS MEN’S CLUB

The Men’s Club will start the New Year with a special **Chili Cook-Off** “meeting”, at 6:00pm, **January 11th**. So, dust off your recipes and prepare to bring your pot of DEE-licious chili. All entries will be judged, and prizes will be awarded. All men are invited, with or without a pot of chili. Please RSVP to John Borkowski at john@jcb3.com and indicate if you plan to bring a chili entry.

STELLA MARIS WOMEN’S CLUB

Calling out to all our friends at Stella Maris. The Women’s Club is planning a spectacular yard sale for **April 30th**. In order for this event to be a success we need your gently used items that you are looking to donate to our sale. Start cleaning your attic, garages and storage sheds. Your junk could be someone’s treasure! Keep checking the bulletin for more information on this event and drop off days. Should you have questions or want to help contact Patty Fournier at iopgator@gmail.com; Janine Davis at irishmomtrouble@gmail.com; or Mary Ann Mackey at mackey8@aol.com. The proceeds from this event will be donated to the many Catholic charitable organizations we support.

NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

WOMEN’S EMMAUS RETREAT

Save the Date. The Women’s Emmaus Retreat will be held Friday, **February 18th** – Sunday, **February 20th**, at Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island. Registration will be open the weekend of January 8th -9th. For more information, contact April Johnston at 843-995-1259 or apriljohnstonsc@gmail.com; or Cathy Rider at 843-437-7823 or cathirider@me.com.

MEN’S EMMAUS RETREAT

Are you willing to put in 48 hours of effort to: become a better husband, father, son, friend and brother? If your answer is yes, then unplug and recharge with a group of men who are local Catholic parishioners like you. The 15th Annual Men’s Emmaus Experience will be held at Camp St. Christopher, Seabrook Island, **Friday, February 4th – 6th**, from 4:00pm Friday until 4:00pm Sunday. For a registration form and to make donations, go to www.christourking.org, or call Bill Kundinger at 843-789-9170 to learn more.

OUR LADY OF MERCY

Community Outreach

We are in need of volunteers who can share the talents and time with us to help the community in the many programs and services that we provide. Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to: Dentists and Dental Professionals, After School Tutor, GED Language Arts Tutor, Reception, Van Driver, Clerical Assistant and Substitute Clothing Room & Food Pantry Assistants. For more information, email Jennifer.meshanko@olmoutreachl.org, or call 843-559-4109 ext. 106, or visit www.olmoureach.org.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREATS

We offer support to everyone who has had an abortion experience and offer them an opportunity to experience compassion and understanding and to find God’s love, forgiveness and mercy in a non-judgmental confidential setting. Retreat dates are March 4th – 6th in Greenville, May 14th – 16th in Charleston, and July 30th - Aug 1st in Greenville. For more information and registration contact Kathy at 803-546-6010 or Christy at 803-554-6088.

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & BENEFIT

The Knights of Columbus East Cooper Council #9475 is hosting their annual oyster roast & benefit on Saturday, **January 22nd** at 6:30pm on Gold Bug Island (at the foot of the Ben Sawyer Bridge). Includes oysters, fish stew, hot dogs, beer & wine. Cost is 12 years and older: \$30.00; children \$8.00; \$35.00 at the door. All proceeds go to charity. For information contact Tom A. Franzzone at 843-729-7734.

