

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Especially: Becky Armella, Kathleen Bedell, Dean Belue, Jessica Berry, Bailey Cole, Mike Costanzo, Cathy Curtis, Dennis Donahue, Maggie Dull, Peter Durst, Audrey Graham, Ken Grismore, Morgan Heath, Nadine Hershey, Christy Kakassy, Josephine “Jo” LeBlanc, Sharon Lewis, Brittany Person, John Robertson, Mary Rogier, 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

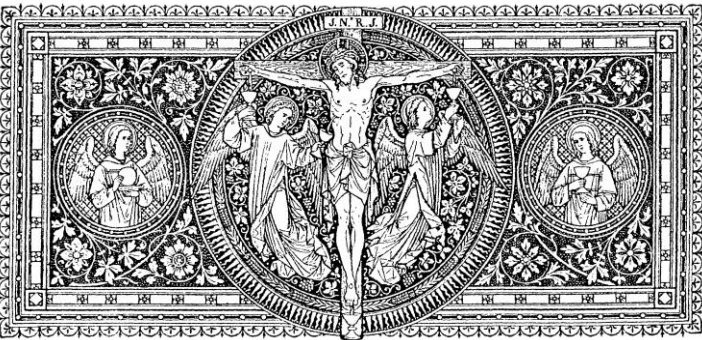
The nursery in the parish hall is now open during all weekend Masses: Saturdays 5:00 - 6:30pm, and on Sundays 7:30am - 12:30pm, and 5:00 - 6:30pm for the 5:30pm Latin Mass. The nursery is not guaranteed during Sunday morning Religious Education classes.

ROSARY

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

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Please join us in the parish hall after the 9:30am Mass (on regular Sundays of the year) for coffee, juice, and breakfast snacks.



Fifth Week of Lent

April 5th – April 12th

Sat., Apr. 5 th	5:30pm Mass	†Sylvia Mitchell† For the People
Sun., Apr. 6 th	8:00am Mass	†Patrick A. Hunkler†
	9:30am Mass	Ints. Challiss Gaeta
	9:30am Mass (h)	†Jean Thompson†
	11:30am Mass	†Angela Conway†
	5:30pm Latin Mass	Ints. Joe & Dot Palisi 69 th Anniv.
Mon., Apr. 7 th	6:30pm Mass	
	7:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena	
Tue., Apr. 8 th	8:00am Mass	Ints. Myles Noonan Doud
Wed., Apr. 9 th	8:00am Mass	Ints. Rita Burke
Thu., Apr. 10 th	6:30pm Mass	†Susan Owens†
Fri., Apr. 11 th	8:00am Mass	Ints. Tina Jost
First Friday	4:00pm Latin Mass	†March Ann Beagle†
Hall Sat., Apr. 12 th	4:15pm – 5:00pm	CONFESSIONS (in the Parish Hall)

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

April 5th – 6th

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION

5:30pm	Nelson Little
8:00am	Enrique Hurtado
9:30am c	Enrique Hurtado
9:30am h	Anthony Stith
11:30am	Matt Story

LECTORS

Mark Stadtmueller
Debby Hurtado
Thomas Knisley
James Dolan
Mary Ellen Way

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

April 12th – 13th

EX. MIN. HOLY COMMUNION

5:30pm	Michael Molony
8:00am	Enrique Hurtado
9:30am c	Enrique Hurtado
9:30am h	Anthony Stith
11:30am	Matt Story

LECTORS

Stephen Blanchard
Jon Tirpak
Paul Heinauer
Howard Stone
Coleen Martin

MONEY MATTERS

The collection for March 30th was \$19,134.00.



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.



FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT
April 6, 2025



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

Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. McNerny, J.C.L.	Pastor
Rev. Timothy Tebalt	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, Financial Secretary

Parish Office Hours:
Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 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

Pregnant and need help? Visit lowcountrypregnancycenter.com for local assistance or call/text 1-800-712-4357 (24/7 national hotline).

St. Vincent de Paul Society Help Line: 843-814-1229

Parish Website: stellamarischurch.org

FORMED WEBSITE: formed.org (parish “Stella Maris”)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

My dear people,

Our thanks go to members of our Homeschooling Community and Journey of Faith group for providing the soups and sandwiches after Stations of the Cross this past Wednesday. Also, congratulations go to the young people of our parish who read the meditations for the Stations. They were obviously well prepared and familiar with their readings. Likewise, we are grateful to our Youth Group which is serving every week with setup, serving the food and cleaning up afterwards. This is their Lenten service project and we appreciate their cheerful help. This coming Wednesday, we celebrate the last of the Stations, Soups and Sandwiches for Lent of 2025. We look forward to soups and sandwiches from our Men’s Club.

This week, Holy Mother Church leads us into Passiontide. During what I like to call the “layers of Lent” we have been focused on prayer, fasting and almsgiving as works of penitence. Also, Baptism is a theme of Lent as those who will enter the Church at Easter make their spiritual preparation. Remember, please, that all of us should be making a similar preparation as we will be invited to renew our promises of Baptism during the Easter Masses. As the name implies, Passiontide focuses us on the people’s rejection of Christ, as well as His sufferings. The season is easily notable as images in the sanctuary are veiled until the Easter Vigil. Why? The origins are somewhat obscure, but we can simply describe the practice as a “fasting of the eyes”.

For a couple of months, I have wanted to let you know about some improvements to the church. Space in the bulletin column did not allow for much information. Proposals were accepted and this past week both projects were brought to completion. They were not unrelated. Devices for listening enhancement are now available in the church. To amplify the sound through our speaker system, a device with volume control can feed an ear speaker OR for those who wear hearing aids with T-Coil technology, a harness can be attached to the device and volume in the hearing aid can be controlled by the device. We also improved our capacity for livestreaming services, hopefully making the system easier to operate from our end.

If, like me, you have missed the sound of church bells, know that it is our custom to give up the change ringing bells for Lent and simply use the old St. Julia automated bell for services. The latter has been disabled for some months. A new control system was installed on Thursday and St. Julia (age 130) is back. Eventually, the new system will allow us to program ringing of the Angelus as we want. For now, St. Julia will ring the Angelus daily at Noon, except for Sundays. The call to worship will continue to be controlled from the sacristy.

This Friday (12N-1 and 5-6 PM), we begin our extra hours for **Confessions before Easter**. This coming Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. The outdoor procession (weather permitting) will begin at 11:15 and lead up to the 11:30. To insure that the people in the procession have priority for seating, no one will be allowed into the church until the procession enters. Until the procession reaches the church, seats by the church doors will be provided for those who are physically unable to participate. Upon arrival of the procession, they and those in procession will be given priority for seating. There are many gifts in the days to come, not just free palms, but grace upon grace.

Father McInerny

PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th

Come and meditate on the passion of Our Lord as we pray together the Stations of the Cross at 6:15 in the church. Afterwards there will be a light supper in the hall of soups and sandwiches with an opportunity to offer alms to the local community. **The nursery will be staffed from 6:00 - 8:00pm.**

ADULT BIBLE CLASS THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 6

New or returning, please join us this Sunday in the *Sedes Sapientae* cottage from 10:30 to 11:15 for our continuing study of David. Last week, we finished the First Book of Samuel. We are now starting the Second Book of Samuel which covers three successive phases in the life of King David. The early chapters document the political, spiritual, and military victories which solidify David's rule over Judah, Israel, and several border states surrounding Palestine. If you haven't had the opportunity to try one of these classes, it's a perfect time to start. We have outstanding footnoted study guides available. If you've been attending, please read Chapters 1 and 2 in the Second Book! Hope to see you there!

APRIL MEN’S CLUB MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

We continue to have great participation at our monthly meetings with 35 members enjoying the presentation from Charleston Catholic historian Donald Williams at the March meeting. The next meeting will be April 8th beginning will social hour at 6:00pm in the hall. After a dinner of lasagna prepared by Steve Clark, we will hear from Chief Anthony Stith who will share how First Responders have served our community over the years. All men of the parish are invited to participate. A contribution of \$10 is kindly requested at the door. To be placed on the email list please forward contact information to cwelliottjr@gmail.com. FYI, it is not too early to put May 13th on your calendars—our second annual salute, reception, and dance with our significant others.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Howdy partners! Are you ready for a Rootin’, Tootin’, Foot Stomping Time? Well, giddy up because this year’s VCS theme is How the West Was Won! VCS will run from June 2nd - 6th, 9:00am - 12:00pm. This program is for rising kindergarten to rising 5th graders. If you have a rising 6th grader or higher that would like to volunteer, please let us know (service hours available)! Fill out a form for each participating child and submit payment of \$40/child by check/cash in the parish office during office hours, or by Venmo at [@StellaMarisChurch](https://venmo.com/StellaMarisChurch), by May 9th. This program runs on the gift of time given by our amazing crew of volunteers. We would LOVE your help! Please let us know if you can join us this year. If you have any questions, please contact ChristyLC23@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT CHARITY COLLECTION TODAY

Yes, it’s Spring-ish, but it’s still Lent for a couple more weeks. If you haven’t been able to fulfill the Lenten practice of “alms giving,” you have an opportunity today to pitch in the penny, drop in the dollar, or otherwise score a basket by finding our volunteers today after Mass. This is a convenient way to show Christ-like love and to make a difference for people in crisis, and also to prop up that pillar of Lenten practice: don’t let the pillar fall on you! Thank you for your generosity!

STELLA MARIS YOUTH GROUP

Lenten Prayer Challenge (at home on your own): Week 6: Begin with 2 minutes of silence pondering God’s presence; add 1 minute meditating on faith, hope, and love of God; add 4 minutes of ABC’S (**Adore** God, review your **Blessings**, **Contrition** for failings, **Supplication** (ask God’s help). Add 2 minutes of spiritual

reading (Gospels or saint of the day are a good place to start). **April 9th - Volunteer! Soup and Sandwiches** after Stations of the Cross: Set up at 5:30, Stations start at 6:15pm, serve soup with a smile, and clean up until 8pm (8:30 latest!).

FLAGS FOR HEROES

If you have a friend or family member who served in the armed forces, you can honor them by sponsoring a flag to be flown Memorial Day, Independence Day & Veterans Day. Go to: IOPflagsforheroes.com and complete the order form by May 14th, listing the hero’s name, branch, rank, & time of service. This info will be placed on a tag on the flag. Payment can be made online or send a check to IOPEC, PO Box 314, IOP, SC 29451. Flags will be flown at the IOPEC location or Towne Centre. Proceeds go to local Veterans Charities. For questions call Alice Bova at 843-981-6830.

JOIN KATHY AND JOE BUSTOS TO SUNNY PORTUGAL

Portugal is waiting for you to explore its ancient castles, 16th century Jeronimos Monastery, Roman Temple of Evora, numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites, quiet villages, and welcoming locals. November 16th – 25th, at \$3,699/person, double occupancy. Fare includes round trip air from Charleston, 10-day tour, hotels, 13 meals, transfers, taxes and fees. Not included: Travel Insurance: \$549/person. For day-by-day itinerary go to <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1335855>. For more information contact Kathy at 843-822-6364 or bustostravel@comcast.net.

Lent & Easter Schedule 2025

Confessions: (in classrooms in the Parish Hall.)
Every Saturday: 4:15-5:00 P.M.
Friday, April 11: 12 Noon - 1:00 P.M. & 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Saturday April 12: 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Monday, April 14: 12 Noon - 1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, April 16: 12 Noon - 1:00 P.M. & 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
No Confessions scheduled for Good Friday or Holy Saturday

Palm Sunday:
Palms will be blessed & distributed at all Masses.
Mass with Procession begins at 11:15 A.M. outside (weather permitting)
Traditional Latin Mass (Low Mass): 5:30 P.M.

The Sacred Triduum:
Holy Thursday (April 17): Mass: 6:30 P.M. concluding with Procession to the altar of repose and the Stripping of the Altar.
(Adoration at the altar of repose until Midnight.)

Good Friday (April 18): Liturgy of Good Friday 3:00 P.M.
Stations of the Cross: 6:15 P.M.

Holy Saturday (April 19): Easter Vigil: 8:00 P.M.
No 5:30 P.M. Anticipated Mass on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday (April 20): Simultaneous Masses in Church and Hall at 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.
Traditional Latin Mass (Low Mass): 5:30 P.M.

Altar Server Practices will be:
for Holy Thursday Mass and Procession, on Wednesday, April 16 at 4:15 P.M.
for Liturgy of Good Friday, on Good Friday at 10:00 A.M.
for the Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday at 10:00 A.M.

No practices for Easter Sunday Masses; please arrive early.