

STELLA MARIS & ST. MARGARET'S PARISHES
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First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 1, 2024

Today's Readings:

1st Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16
2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, Nov. 30th, 11 am, Chapel Novena/Mass
Saturday, Nov. 30th, 5 pm, Chapel Dora Larade
Sunday, Dec. 1st, 9:30 am, St. Margaret's Church Parishioners
Sunday, Dec. 1st, 11 am, Chapel Parishioners

Please Note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in Stella Maris Parish Centre Chapel unless otherwise announced.

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, 12 noon, Chapel James Campbell
Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 12 noon, Chapel Sarah Beaton
Thursday, Dec. 5th, 12 noon, Chapel D.A. MacEachern
Friday, Dec. 6th, 11 am, Chapel Joseph Hartford
Saturday, Dec. 7th, 11 am, Chapel Novena/Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11 -11:45 am before the weekday Masses in Chapel.
Marian Cenacle: Mondays, 11 am in Chapel
Holy Hour: Saturdays, 10:30 am in Chapel

Lectors: Dec. 7th & Dec. 8th

Sat., Dec. 7th, 5 pm Kathleen Poirier
Sun., Dec. 8th, 9:30 am Marcella Doucet
Sun., Dec. 9th, 11 am Mary Chisholm

Gift Bearers: Dec. 7th & Dec. 8th Advent Candle

Sat., Dec. 7th, 5 pm No Gift Bearers Ramona Miller
Sun., Dec. 8th, 9:30 am Lois & Francis MacIsaac Isabel Eisenhauer
Sun., Dec. 8th, 11 am No Gift Bearers Isabel MacEachern

Sunday Offerings: Thank you!
Nov. 23rd & 24th

Stella Maris: \$1,407.00 St. Margaret's: \$590.00

Building Fund Stella Maris: \$0 St. Margaret's: \$30.00

Stella Maris Heating Fund: \$170.00 Veteran's Memorial Fund: To Date: \$1,2304.30 + Go Fund Me

*Please Note: Anyone making a donation by cheque, please check to assure it is signed and date is correct.

Rosary for Peace in the world will be prayed at Stella Maris Chapel and St. Margaret's Church before weekend Masses.

All are welcome to join in beginning at 4 pm on Saturday in Stella Maris Chapel, on Sunday mornings starting at 9 am at St. Margaret's and at 10 am in Stella Maris Chapel.

Prayer Line - Please Note: Calls to the Prayer Line are to be made between 10 am - 6 pm. at 902-258-2328. Otherwise please leave a message with your request and it will be passed along to the group. Thank you

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, December 1st, 2 pm in Stella Maris Parish Centre Chapel.

Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 8th, 11 am at Parish Centre Chapel. Reception to follow. Parishioners are asked to bring sandwiches/sweets.

Bible Study will take place on Tuesdays, 7 pm in Stella Maris Parish meeting room.

Holy Communion will be taken to the sick and shut-ins on the second Thursday and Friday of the month. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office with your name, phone number, and civic address. If no one is in the office, please leave a message with your information.

Tree of Lights IMO of deceased loved ones will be set up in Stella Maris Parish Chapel. Tree will be blessed and lit on Sunday, December 1st at 11 am Mass and will be lit at weekend Masses during the Christmas Season. Names of deceased loved ones will be placed on Angels and hung on the tree. Donations may be made by contacting Linda 258-2798, Marilyn 258-3264, Marguerite 258-2249 or drop in to Parish Office. Income Tax receipts will be issued for donations.

St. Margaret's Church Decorating for Advent & Christmas Season will take place on Monday, December 2nd, 9:30 am

With Tuesday, December as an alternate weather day. Many hands make light work!

Inverness County Singers will be in concert on Friday, Dec. 6th, 7:30 pm at St. Margaret's Church, Broad Cove. No admission but donations accepted at the door.

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine Gift Shop open on Saturday, December 7th, 1-4 pm. Sale 50%

off all gifts except candles. For information call 902-945-2221.

The Congregation of The Sons of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrating the bicentenary of Founder Blessed Luigi Maria Monti in 2025. "HERE IT ALL STARTED!"

Broad Cove Veterans Memorial Fund - A Go Fund Me has been created to raise money to erect a monument in remembrance of the almost one hundred Veterans of WW1, WW11 and Korean War from the parish of St. Margaret's and area. You may Google GoFundMe ---Search--- type in Broad Cove Veterans Memorial Fund. Donations may also be dropped in collection baskets at the weekend Masses or dropped in to Stella Maris Parish Office. Please include name and address and envelop number if applicable. Income Tax receipts will be issued for any donation. Your continued support is very much appreciated

Jesse Tree will be set up in Stella Maris Chapel and St. Margaret's Church during the Christmas Season beginning the First Sunday of Advent at which time the tree will be blessed. Parishioners can donate hats, mittens, socks, etc to hang on tree. These items will be distributed to families with children who receive Christmas Cheer boxes in the area. Thank you for giving!

Christmas Cheer Applications available at Stella Maris Parish Office during office hours Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 12 noon, Friday, 9am – 4 pm. Please bring a copy of income. Closing date is Thursday, Dec. 13th, 12 noon with delivery on Sunday, Dec. 15th. Please be at home to receive delivery.

Angel Tree is set up at Freeman's Pharmacy for anyone wishing to donate a children's gift. Gifts will be distributed to families receiving Christmas Cheer.

Donations for Christmas Cheer Fund would be appreciated and can be dropped off at Parish Office. Income Tax receipts will be issued.

Festival of Trees is a community event happening Nov. 30th – Dec. 7th. Stella Maris Parish will be putting the tree up on Monday, Dec. 2nd in the parish office. Our theme is "Holy Night". To date we have some religious ornaments and some donated recently. We are asking that any parishioner who wish to donate a religious ornament to hang on the tree to do so by dropping it off at the parish office. Thank you in advance.

Come out and enjoy some Christmas Spirit on Saturday, Dec. 7th, 6 -10 pm at Judique Community Centre. Donations at door. Tickets on chance to have Chef Becki House come to cook for 6-8 people or \$850 decorated Christmas Tree. Hourly door prizes. See you there!

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON 2024

Reconciliation: Sunday Dec. 15th, 2 p.m. at St Margaret's Church, Broad Cove.

Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 5 p.m. - Stella Maris; 7 p.m. - St Margaret

Wednesday, Dec. 25th, 10 a.m. - Stella Maris

Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 5 p.m. -Stella Maris; 7 p.m. - St Margaret
Wednesday, Jan. 1st,10 a.m. - Stella Maris