

STELLA MARIS & ST. MARGARET'S PARISHES
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Third Sunday of Advent
Dec.15, 2024

Today's Readings:
1st Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18a
2nd Reading Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday, Dec. 14th, 5 pm, Chapel Johnena MacLellan
Sunday, Dec. 15th, 9:30 am, St. Margaret's Church Parishioners
Sunday, Dec. 15th, 11 am, Chapel Parishioners

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

Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 12 noon, Chapel Alma Larade
Wednesday, Dec. 18th, 12 noon, Chapel Special Intention
Thursday, Dec. 19th, 12 noon, Chapel Dougald MacLellan
Friday, Dec. 20th, 12 noon, Chapel Mary Ann Beaton

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. 21st & Dec. 22nd
Sat., Dec. 21st, 5 pm Clare Pothier
Sun., Dec. 22nd, 9:30 am Michele MacDonald
Sun., Dec.22nd, 11 am Natalie MacKinnon

Gift Bearers: Dec. 21st & Dec. 22nd Advent Candle
Sat., Dec. 21st, 5 pm No Gift Bearers Knox & Harlow MacNeil
Sun., Dec. 22nd, 9:30 am Penny Kennedy & Danaan Murdock James Beaton
Sun., Dec. 22nd, 11 am No Gift Bearers Linda Cameron

Sunday Offerings: Thank you!
Dec. 1st & 2nd
Stella Maris: \$1,300.00 St. Margaret's: \$792.00
Building Fund Stella Maris: \$0 St. Margaret's: \$50.00
Stella Maris Heating Fund: \$80.00 Veteran's Memorial Fund: To Date: \$1,240.30 + Go Fund Me
*Please Note: Anyone making a donation by cheque, please check to assure it is signed and date is correct.

Condolences to the family and friends of Hughena Kennedy MacNeil (sister of Christine Kendzoria and late Rannie & John Archie Kennedy). Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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 second Sunday of the month following 11 am Mass 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.

Sunday Missals are available at Stella Maris Parish Chapel and St. Margaret's Church. Cost of missals this year has increased to \$8.00 each.

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 is set up in Stella Maris Parish Chapel. Tree 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.

Inverness County Singers concert that was scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6th has been cancelled and is re-scheduled for Friday, Dec. 13th, 7:30 pm at St. Margaret's Church, Broad Cove. No admission but donations accepted at the door.

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 is set up in Stella Maris Chapel and St. Margaret's Church during the Christmas Season. 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!

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 greatly appreciated to help in covering the cost of the food boxes. Any monetary donations can be dropped off at Stella Maris Parish Office during regular office hours or by e-transfer to stellamarisparish@bellaliant.com Please indicate that donation is for Christmas Cheer and include name and address. Income Tax receipts will be issued on request. Thank you for your support.

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 Church; 7 p.m. - St Margaret's Church

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

Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 5 p.m. - Stella Maris Church; 7 p.m. - St Margaret's Church

Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 10 a.m. - Stella Maris Church

*Please Note: Stella Maris Church will be heated for the Christmas Season Masses scheduled above.