

STELLA MARIS & ST. MARGARET'S PARISHES
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Second Sunday of Advent
Dec. 8, 2024

Today's Readings:
1st Reading Baruch 5:1-9
2nd Reading Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday, Dec. 7th, 11 am, Chapel Novena/Mass
Saturday, Dec. 7th, 5 pm, Chapel Immaculata Hartford
Sunday, Dec. 8th, 9:30 am, St. Margaret's Church Parishioners
Sunday, Dec. 8th, 11 am, Chapel Parishioners

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

Monday, Dec. 9th, 6 pm, Chapel Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 12 noon, Chapel Jude MacNeil
Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 12 noon, Chapel Christine (Tootsie) MacIsaac
Thursday, Dec. 12th, 12 noon, Chapel Jackie Deneumoustier
Friday, Dec. 13th, 12 noon, Chapel Lucy MacIntyre Wiswell

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. 14th & Dec. 15th
Sat., Dec. 14th, 5 pm Donna Doucet
Sun., Dec. 15th, 9:30 am Mary Anderson
Sun., Dec. 15th, 11 am Ellen MacEachen

Gift Bearers: Dec. 14th & Dec. 15th Advent Candle
Sat., Dec. 14th, 5 pm No Gift Bearers Brian MacDonald
Sun., Dec. 15th, 9:30 am Bernice MacDonald & Anita Hannigan Gary Fraser
Sun., Dec. 15th, 11 am No Gift Bearers Harley Holiday

Sunday Offerings: Thank you!

Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st
Stella Maris: \$1,487.83 St. Margaret's: \$1,089.00
Building Fund Stella Maris: \$410.00 St. Margaret's: \$240.00
Stella Maris Heating Fund: \$230.00 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 Thursday, Dec. 12th and Friday, Dec. 13th. 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.

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 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!

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. 12th, 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 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.

Festival of Trees is a community event happening Nov. 30th – Dec. 7th. Stella Maris Parish has their tree set up 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 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.