STELLA MARIS & ST. MARGARET'S PARISHES P.O. Box 250, 47 Upper Railway St., Inverness, N.S. 902-258-2462902-258-3782 (FAX) stellamarisparish@bellaliant.com Fr. Daniel Tshimbalanga 1-705-529-9197

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan. 19, 2025

1st Reading Isaiah 62:1-5 2nd Reading 1Corinthians 12:4-11 Gospel: John 2:1-12

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday, Jan. 18th, 5 pm, Chapel Edmond Romard Sunday, Jan. 19th, 9:30 am, St. Margaret's Church Parishioners Sunday, Jan. 19th, 11 am, Chapel Parishioners

Please Note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in Stella Maris Parish Centre Chapel unless otherwise announced. Tuesday, Jan. 21st, 12 noon, Chapel Special Intention

Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, 12 noon, Chapel Special Intention Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 12 noon, Chapel Special Intention Friday, Jan. 24th, 12 noon, Chapel Marie Welsh

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: Jan. 25th & 26th Sat., Jan. 25th, 5 pm Donna Doucet Sun., Jan. 26th, 9:30 am Mary Anderson Sun., Jan. 26th, 11 am Natalie MacKinnon

Gift Bearers: Jan. 25th & 26th Sat., Jan. 25th, 5 pm No Gift Bearers Sun., Jan 26th, 9:30 am Marcella & Danny Doucet Sun., Jan 26th, 11 am No Gift Bearers

Sunday Offerings: Thank you! Initial Offerings Stella Maris: \$114.00 St. Margaret's: \$114.00

Jan. 11th & 12th Stella Maris: \$2,025.00 St. Margaret's: \$740.00 Building Fund Stella Maris: \$200.00 St. Margaret's: \$180.00 Stella Maris Heating Fund: \$80.00 Veteran's Memorial Fund: To Date: \$13,254.30 + 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 Delia Harper whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated next week (TBA). Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, February 2nd, 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.

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

Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Tree of Lights in memory of deceased loved ones and friends. Total of \$1,878.70 was raised to go towards Stella Maris Building Fund. Your support is much appreciated. Fr. Daniel, Marguerite, Marilyn, Linda

Thank you to all who made monetary donations to the Christmas Cheer Fund. Unfortunately, due to circumstances we fell short this year. However we were able to provide Christmas Cheer boxes to all who applied. Thank you to all those who helped with the packing and delivery of the boxes and to Shean Co-op for the use of their facility. Many thanks also to those who supported the Angel Tree and Freeman's Pharmacy & Staff for looking after the gifts, those who donated to the Jesse Trees, and to the Mitten Tree and to Ann & Staff of Coal Miners Café. To any and all who donated in helping in other ways we appreciate your donations, time and efforts. The kindness and continued generous support certainly made Christmas brighter for those in need. God bless you all!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is scheduled for the week of Monday, Jan. 20th – Friday, Jan. 25th. More information to follow.

Church Envelopes 2025 – Envelopes for Stella Maris Parish are available for pick-up at Stella Maris Parish Centre Chapel and are available for St. Margaret's Parish at the back of the church. If you would like to receive envelopes for either of the parishes please contact Parish Office 258-2462.

2025 Jubilee Year – Theme: Pilgrims in Hope Jubilee Sessions Wednesday, February 26th Introduction Tuesday, March 4th The Jubilee Year Wednesday, March 12th Hope Wednesday, March 19th Pilgrims of Hope on a Synodal Path Tuesday, March 25th Signs of the Time Wednesday, April 2nd Appeals for Hope April 5th – 9th Mission Wednesday, April 16th Anchored in Hope Jubilee Sessions will take place 6:30 -7:30 pm on the dates above. Sessions will rotate between Stella Maris Church and St. Margaret's Church. Sessions for Vatican 11 Book to start in September. More details to follow.