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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Feb. 9, 2025

1st Reading Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 2nd Reading 1Corinthians 15:3-8, 11 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday, Feb. 8th, 5 pm, Chapel Special Intention Sunday, Feb. 9th, 9:30 am, St. Margaret's Church Parishioners/Willy Campbell Sunday, Feb. 9th, 11 am, Chapel Parishioners

Please Note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in Stella Maris Parish Centre Chapel unless otherwise announced. Tuesday, Feb. 11th, 12 noon, Chapel No Mass Wednesday, Feb. 12th, 12 noon, Chapel Christine (Tootsie) MacIsaac Thursday, Feb. 13th, 12 noon, Chapel Laurne Fraser Friday, Feb. 14th, 12 noon, Chapel St. Valentine's Day

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: Feb. 15th & 16th Sat., Feb. 15th, 5 pm Anne Lok Sun., Feb. 16th, 9:30 am Michele MacDonald Sun., Feb. 16th, 11 am Karen Hirtle

Gift Bearers: Feb. 15th & 16th Sat., Feb. 15th, 5 pm No Gift Bearers Sun., Feb. 16th, 9:30 am Claire & Cameron MacQuarrie Sun., Feb. 16th, 11 am No Gift Bearers

Sunday Offerings: Thank you! Initial Offerings Stella Maris: \$124.00 St. Margaret's: \$144.00

Feb. 1st & 2nd Stella Maris: \$1,770.00 St. Margaret's: \$822.00 Building Fund Stella Maris: \$30.00 St. Margaret's: \$65.00 Stella Maris Heating Fund: \$30.00 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 Sarah Mae Campbell whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday at Stella Maris Church. 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 Thursday, Feb. 13th and Friday, Feb. 14th. 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, March 2nd, 2 pm in St. Margaret's Church.

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 Sharing will be cancelled Tuesday, Feb. 11th due to Liturgy Committee meeting.

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.

St. Margaret's Finance Committee meeting which was cancelled this week is rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 19th, 6:30 pm in vestry.

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

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.

Pastoral Airs Celtic Concert on Sunday, Feb. 16th, 7 pm at Stella Maris Church, Creignish. Performers include

Sabra MacGillivary, Betty Beaton, Wendy MacIsaac, Mac Morin, Troy MacGillivary, Lauren MacKinnon, Cassie & Maggie MacDonald, Andrea Beaton, Celtic Touch Dancers. Donations accepted at the door. All proceeds go to Stella Maris Church, Creignish.

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

Stella Maris Heating Update Bank Balance \$78,000.00 Heat Pumps & Electrical \$106,217.00 Ceiling Fans \$5,270.00 Trench for Electrical \$3,910.00 Spray Foam Basement \$7,527.00 Three Doors \$7,702.00 Grand Total \$130,626.00

*Please note we are waiting to see the percentage of rebate from Efficiency Nova Scotia in order to proceed with the project. We hope to have an answer soon. Further information will follow when we have it. Thank you for your support and your patience.