**STELLA MARIS & ST. MARGARET'S PARISHES**

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)**

**Laetare Sunday**

Mar. 30, 2025

1st Reading Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2nd Reading 2Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, Mar.29th, 5 pm, Chapel Ronald MacDonnell

Sunday, Mar. 30th, 9:30 am, St. Margaret's Church Parishioners

Sunday, Mar. 30th, 11 am, Chapel Parishioners

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

Tuesday, Apr. 1st, 12 noon, Chapel Alice Hekimian

Wednesday, Apr. 2nd, 12 noon, Chapel Sarah & Roddie MacDougall

Thursday, Apr. 3rd, 12 noon, Chapel Alma Larade & Leona Doucet

Friday, Apr. 4th, 6 pm, Chapel Stations of the Cross/Mass – Joe MacDonald

Saturday, Apr. 5th, 11 am, Chapel Blessed Mother’s Intentions

**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: Apr. 5th th & 6th**

Sat., Apr. 5th, 5 pm Clare Pothier

Sun., Apr. 6th, 9:30 am Georgie Gillis

Sun., Apr. 6th, 11 am Mary Chisholm

**Gift Bearers: Apr. 5th & 6th**

Sat., Apr. 5th, 5 pm No Gift Bearers

Sun., Apr. 6th, 9:30 am Georgie Gillis & Dolores Chapin

Sun., Apr. 6th, 11 am No Gift Bearers

**Sunday Offerings: Thank you!**

**Mar. 23rd & 24th**

Stella Maris: $1,314.00 St. Margaret's: $920.00

Building Fund Stella Maris: $0 St. Margaret's: $90.00

Stella Maris Heating Fund: $70.00 Veteran’s Memorial Fund: To Date: $17,075.00

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

**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.

**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.

**The Congregation of The Sons of the Immaculate Conception** is celebrating the bicentenary of their Founder Blessed Luigi Maria Monti in 2025. "HERE IT ALL STARTED”

**Parish Lenten Mission 2025** with Fr. Peter LeBlanc and hosted by Margaree Family of Catholic Churches will take place

Wednesday, April 2nd, 7 pm at St. Joseph’s Church; Thursday, April 3rd, 7 pm at St. Patrick’s Church; Friday, April 4th, 7 pm at St. Michael’s Church. On Thursday and Friday, 2 – 4 pm Fr. Peter will be available for one on one conversation and confessions. Wednesday to Friday, 6-7 pm Fr. Peter and Fr. Silvichan will be available for confessions.

**Broad Cove Veterans Memorial Fund** - A Go Fund Me created to raise money to erect a monument in remembrance of the almost one hundred Veterans of WW1, WWII and Korean War from the parish of St. Margaret's and area is still up and running. You may Google GoFundMe ---Search---type in Broad Cove Veterans Memorial Fund. Donations may also be dropped in collection baskets at the weekend Masses, mailed to Stella Maris Parish, PO Box 250, Inverness, N.S. B0E 1N0 or dropped in to Parish Office..Please include name and address and envelop number if applicable. Income Tax receipts will be issued for any donation. **We are pleased to announce that the stone has been approved and ordered. The next step is to plan and install the foundation. The design has also been finalized. To date we have raised $16,825.00 with donations. Your continued support is very much appreciated**

**2025 Jubilee Year – Theme: Pilgrims in Hope**

Jubilee Sessions

Wednesday, February 26th, 6:30 pm 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

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 and St. Margaret’s

Church. Sessions for Vatican II Book to start in September. More details to follow.

**Stella Maris & St. Margaret’s Mission with Rev. Fr. Goodwin Kalu**, SMMM, April 5th - 9th.

**Theme**: LISTENING TO HIM: A CALL TO HEARING GOD’S VOICE IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF OF HOPE (Mtt 17:5).

Sat., Apr. 5th, 4:30 pm – Welcome to Fr. Godwin Kalu; 5 pm – Mass

Sun., Apr. 6th, 9:30 am – Mass (St. Margaret’s); 11 am – Mass (Stella Maris); 2 pm – Adoration/Reconciliation

Mon., Apr. 7th, 6:30 pm – Daily Mass; 7:00 - Talk, 7:30 pm - Prayer

Tues., Apr. 8th, 6:30 pm – Daily Mass; 7:00 – Talk, 7:30 pm - Prayer

Wed., Apr. 9th, 6:00 pm – Daily Mass; 6:30 pm – Healing Prayer

**St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove will celebrate their 200th Anniversary on October 17th. St. Margaret’s will be one of the sites of the Pilgrimage in our Diocese.**

**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the jubilee reawaken in us, ***Pilgrims of Hope***, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

***Pope Francis***

**Schedule for Lent**

**Ash Wednesday -** Wednesday, Mar. 5th, 6:30 pm, St. Margaret’s Church

**Reconciliation/Solidarity Sunday,** April 6th, 2 pm, St. Margaret’s Church

**Stations of the Cross,** Fridays during Lent, 6 pm, Mass to follow without Homily, Stella Maris Chapel

**Palm Sunday –** Sunday, April 13th - Regular weekend Masses

**Mass of Chrism** – Monday, April 14th, 3 pm at St. Ninian’s, Antigonish

**Holy Thursday –** April 17th, 6 pm, St. Margaret’s Church

**Good Friday** – April 18th, 11 am – Stations of the Cross/ 3 pm – Good Friday Service

**Easter Vigil** – Saturday, April 19th, 8 pm, St. Margaret’s Church

**Easter Sunday,** April 20th, 10 am, To Be Announced

**Please Note: program may be re-adjusted according to heating situation in Stella Maris Church**

**St. Margaret’s Parish** – Applications are being accepted for **Events Coordinator for Broad Cove Concert**. Anticipated start mid-May, 14 weeks/35 hours weekly. Candidate must be enrolled in post-secondary program, will be an enthusiastic, self starter able to work independently. Experience in field of marketing, advertising, tourism with good social media skills would be beneficial. For further information or to apply contact Stella Maris Parish Office 902-258-2462.

**Jubilee Pilgrimage** link to schedule and map **https://antigonishdiocese.com/pilgrims-way/**