

**STELLA MARIS & ST. MARGARET'S PARISHES**  
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5th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

May 3, 2026

1st Reading Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:6

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, May 2nd, 11 am Blessed Mother's Intentions

Saturday, May 2nd 5 pm, Stella Maris Church Duncan MacKinnon

Sunday, May 3rd, 9:30 am, St. Margaret's Church Parishioners

Sunday, May 3rd, 11 am, Stella Maris Church Parishioners

Please Note:

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Stella Maris Church unless otherwise announced.

Monday, May 4th, 11 am, St. Margaret's Church Funeral Mass for Matilda Ingraham

Tuesday, May 5th, 12 noon Michael Merlin

Wednesday, May 6th, 12 noon Marie Welsh

Thursday, May 7th, 12 noon John Shaw

Friday, May 8th, 12 noon Special Intention

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 11 - 11:45 am before the weekday Masses in the Church.

Marian Cenacle: Mondays, 11 am in the Church

Holy Hour: Saturdays, 10:30 am in the Church

Lectors: May 9th & 10<sup>th</sup>

Sat, May 9th, 5 pm Kathleen Poirier

Sun., May 10th, 9:30 am Kevin Dugas

Sun., May 10th, 11 am Barbara Sofan

Gift Bearers: May 9th & 10<sup>th</sup>

Sat., May 9th, 5 pm Gift Bearers

Sun., May 10th, 9:30 am Rochelle & Neil MacQuarrie

Sun., May 10th, 11 am Gift Bearers

Sunday Offerings: Thank you!

Apr. 25th & 26<sup>th</sup>

Stella Maris: \$1,381.00 St. Margaret's: \$727.35

Building Fund Stella Maris: \$80.00 St. Margaret's: \$80.00

Please Note:

With the heat pumps now installed in Stella Maris Church we are no longer seeking Heating Donations. Please make donations to the "Building Fund" which is ongoing. Thank you for your support. \*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 Matilda Ingraham whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 4th, 11 am at St. Margaret's Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Prayer Line - Please Note: Calls to the Prayer Line are to be made to Bernice O'Connor 258-2808 between 10 am - 6 pm. Otherwise please leave a message with your request and it will be passed along to the group.

Family Mass will be celebrated on second Sunday of the month at 11 am Mass in Stella Maris Church.

Holy Hour/Adoration on Sunday, May 3rd following 11 am Mass. Personal confessions will be available.

Bible Study is cancelled until further notice while Fr. Daniel has time to rest and recover.

Holy Communion will be taken to the sick and shut-ins on second Thursday 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.

St. Margaret's Sunday Rosary is prayed on Sundays at 9am before Mass. All are welcome.

Stella Maris Rosary for Peace will be prayed for before the Mass on Saturdays, 4 pm and on Sundays, 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Margaret's Finance Committee is looking to add two new members, one male and one female, to the committee. Anyone that may be interested in joining are asked to please contact Chairman Donnie MacLellan or Secretary Mary Anderson.

Stella Maris Parish – Volunteer are needed to assist with preparation for the Masses especially now on Tuesdays. If you are willing to assist you would be doing tasks such as laying out vestments, setting up the altar, placing vessels (chalices, etc), linens, books, lighting candles and putting them away after the service. If would like further information please call Stella Maris Parish Office 258-2462.

St. Margaret's Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 5th, 6:30 pm in the vestry.

St. Margaret's Cemetery Clean-up will take place on Saturday, May 16th, 9am. Volunteers are asked to please bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. Many hands make light work!

Steubenville Youth Conference happening this summer! It is a joyful encounter with Jesus with other teens from all over. Steubenville Atlantic is happening in Halifax on July 10th – 12th. It is the biggest Steubenville Conference since 2009 and we are pleased to have a group attending from the Diocese of Antigonish. Limited space is available. If interested in attending or for further information please contact <https://www.steubenville.ca/>

Inverness Food Bank needs your help! You can contribute by placing non-perishable food items or essential family supplies in the basket at the churches or businesses that may have a box set up. Monetary donations can be mailed to Inverness Food Bank. PO Box 123, Inverness, NS B0E 1N0. Memorial cards are available if you wish to donate in memory of a loved one. For further information please contact Olga Smith 259-7015 or Ruth Watts 258-7583. Thank you for your support.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is being observed this weekend and you are invited to support the Antigonish Diocesan Society in its work to financially support priestly formation by making a contribution. Donations can be made in the special envelope provided in your parish envelopes. Thank you for your support.

Event Coordinator for the 70th Annual Broad Cove Scottish Concert, July 26, 2026. The position is for a 14 week period @ 35 hours/week. The anticipated start date would be mid-May, 2026. The successful candidate will be an enthusiastic self starter who is able to work independently. Previous experience in the field of event planning and coordination would be an asset. Candidates must be enrolled in a post-secondary program, preferably in the field of marketing, advertising or tourism, and have good Social Media Skills. A good understanding of the culture and music associated with the concert, would also be beneficial. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact the parish office at 902-258-2462.

St. Margaret's Groundskeeper Position: 10 weeks/35 hours per week. The successful candidate will be responsible for general groundskeeping and preparing for the Broad Cove Concert. Duties include mowing grass, painting, erecting signs, minor repairs, cleaning and general set up for concert. Post concert employee required to do grounds clean up, store benches, remove signs, etc. Interested persons may submit their resumes to Stella Maris Parish office. For further information please contact 258-2462.