

# Welcome to Stella Maris Parish Go and Make Disciples!

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 9th, 2024

*Our Vision Statement - To be a beacon of Faith, Hope & Love!*

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\***

Due to the Clergy Annual General Meeting -  
there will be *no 9am mass on Wednesday, June 12th and Thursday June 13th*

**Welcome Julia Yurchesyn** - Please join us in giving Julia a very warm welcome to the position of Parish Administrative Assistant! In addition to being our welcoming presence when you drop by or call the parish office, she will have responsibilities in the areas of communications, administration and parish record keeping.

**TAP TO GIVE** - There is a new way to GIVE at Stella Maris! We now have a Tap to Give station in the foyer which offers you 3 options to GIVE: \$5, \$10 or \$20. If you want a tax receipt there is a very easy extra step, and you only have to do it once – your information will be saved for future taps. We hope you find this an easy and convenient solution for giving to the parish.

**Exciting News: Introducing Our New Connect Card!**

Are you eager to register with our parish family for the first time? Are you seeking guidance on how to get involved in our vibrant parish ministries? Wondering about ways to contribute financially to support our community's mission, or adjust your current giving? Look no further! Our brand-new Connect Card awaits you at the hospitality desk. Simply pick one up and hand it to a friendly member of our hospitality team, or conveniently drop it in the collection basket during Mass. From there, we'll swiftly reach out to assist you with whatever you need. Experience the ease of connection and the joy of belonging with our Connect Card today!

**Bed needed** - A newcomer to our community requires help with a bed, preferably a double or queen-sized one. If anyone has one to donate, please get in touch with us at [newcomers@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:newcomers@stellamarishalifax.com).

**Vacation Bible School - Interested in having your child join us?**

This Summer from August 12th-16th we will be running VBS here at Stella Maris. This is for children going into Grade 1 - up to Grade 5. If you would like your child to be a part of this please register here: <https://forms.gle/sRnpHUe8R3wedkF79>. If you have a child older than Grade 5 that would like to help volunteer, or if you have any questions regarding VBS please email [maria.p@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:maria.p@stellamarishalifax.com).

**You are invited** - The Sisters of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus wish to invite everyone to a Mass in Honour of the Eucharistic Heart, celebrated by Archbishop Dunn at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica Friday, June 14th at 7pm.

**Eucharistic Congress 2024** - Join us this October for our first diocesan Eucharistic Congress! The Eucharistic Congress is a powerful way to unite the Church, where our diocesan family of faith can gather to worship Our Lord in the Eucharist through the communal celebration of the Mass. There will be a variety of opportunities to dig deeper into our understanding of the gift of the Eucharist. These types of gatherings reaffirm and re-emphasize the source and summit of our faith, putting Jesus where he belongs—at the center.

It will take place October 17-20, 2024 at Good Shepherd Parish and Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. The cost is \$25 for full Congress registration, or \$10 for a day pass. To find out more about the Congress and to register visit: <https://www.halifaxarmouth.org/congress2024>.

**Thank you!** - We would like to say a big thank you to all of our regular donors and everyone who contributed to Gaby's Birthday Food Drive. As a parish we were able to contribute 175kg of food to the food bank! Let's keep the momentum going—the food bank is asking for and is always in need of: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, all varieties of soup, and canned meats. Again, thank you for being a beacon of faith, hope and love in the community!

**\*\*NEW MASS SCHEDULE STARTING JULY 1ST\*\***

Tuesday 7:00pm (*with the exception of the last Tuesday of the month when Eventide will take place*)

Wednesday 9:00am

Thursday 7:00pm

Friday 9:00am (*with Eucharistic Adoration for 1 hr*)

Saturday 9:00am (*First Saturdays only*)

Saturday 4:00pm (Anticipated Sunday Mass)

Sunday 8:00am

Sunday 10:00am

## *A Message from the Immigrant Support Committee*

Since its inaugural meeting on November 1, 2022, the Immigrant Support Committee (ISC) has been a beacon of light and hope within our community. Our mandate is to work with the leadership and all of you to help integrate newcomers to Canada into our parish community. We focus on individuals new to Canada, regardless of the circumstances that led to their arrival in our community. The impact of our work is tangible, with newcomers finding a sense of belonging and our community growing stronger through diversity. However, to continue this vital work, we need your help.

Over the past year or so, we have achieved significant milestones together. As co-sponsors, we successfully welcomed and supported a refugee who arrived in Halifax in November 2022. We are assisting another refugee family who arrived on April 26, 2024, to settle in our community. Thanks to your support, these are just a few examples of our tangible impact.

Our work was not only focused on refugees. We have assisted and continue to assist several of our fellow parishioners in diverse ways. Your past support has been instrumental in this, and we are deeply grateful. Out of respect to those who knock on our doors for help, we do not believe in presenting a count of how many people we have helped. Nevertheless, I can assure you that they are here; they appreciate your support. Your response to our occasional requests for support has not only made a difference in their lives but has also formed deep bonds, showing the power of our community's compassion and unity.

The need is growing, partly reflecting society's broader socioeconomic issues. We are dedicated to doing more for those among us first. With your generosity, we can expand our efforts, touch more lives, and bring the love of Christ to even more people.

On **June 9, 2024**, we will hold a special collection for the ISC. We aim to raise a minimum of \$5,000 to meet the growing demand. Every dollar raised will directly support our vital programs, ensuring we can continue serving our community with the same passion and dedication. The Parish office manages our finances, guaranteeing transparency and accountability.

To donate, you can put your donation in the special collection envelope for June 9 and place it in the offering basket. The envelope is in your pack for the year. Supplementary envelopes will be in the Pews for those who do not have one. You could also make an e-transfer using the email address [giving@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:giving@stellamarishalifax.com). We recommend that you specify that it is for the Immigrant Support Committee in the message when transferring. If you have any questions or need more information, please reach out to the ISC by sending an email to [newcomers@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:newcomers@stellamarishalifax.com)

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and continued support of the ISC. Your contributions, whether financial or in kind, are deeply appreciated and make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

In Christ's love,

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Chair, Immigrant Support Committee

### Stella Maris Parish Contact Information

Mass Times: Tuesday to Saturday-9AM, Saturday-4PM (Confession at 2:00-3:30PM), Sunday-8 & 10AM

Office Hours : Tuesdays 10pm-2pm and Thursdays 10am-2pm

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