

Welcome to Stella Maris Parish Go and Make Disciples!

The Most Holy Trinity - June 4, 2023

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

Prayers for Those Affected by the Forest Fires: As the uncontrolled forest fire in Upper Tantallon and surrounding areas keep burning, Archbishop Dunn invites all the faithful to join him in prayer for all who have been impacted. We are particularly mindful of the fire fighters and first responders. As news of the devastating effects of the fire is surfacing we pray in a particular way for those who have lost their homes.

A Litany Prayer Those Impacted by the Wildfires

Almighty God, for those affected by the wildfires, we pray;
have mercy on them and keep them safe from harm.

For those in the affected areas, their loved ones, neighbors, friends, pets and livestock, we pray;
grant that they may escape the flames, smoke and devastation.

For homes, businesses and places of worship, we pray;
save them from destruction.

For those whose health is threatened by the smoke and ash, we pray;
ease their suffering and protect them from permanent damage.

For firefighters and first responders, we pray;
meet their needs, shield them from harm, lift their weariness, and send them relief.

For wildlife and old growth in the path of the flames, we pray;
grant the means of escape and prevent irreversible harm.

For those who have already lost homes and jobs and treasured possessions, we pray;
comfort and sustain them and restore all they've lost.

For the displaced and the discouraged, we pray;
lift their spirits and restore hope to them.

For all who are stressed, anxious and fearfully following the news, we pray;
pour out a healing and calming balm.

And, Lord, when these fiery trials have ceased,
renew lives, families, communities and environments in ways only You can.

In You, O Lord, we place our trust. For You, O Lord, we wait in hope.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Information on the fires can be found at: <https://novascotia.ca/alerts/> as well as the <https://halifax.ca>.

How we can help: Some have asked how can we as a church help? We can donate. In crisis situations it's hard to know exactly what's needed and when it's needed. Often the best way to help is to make a financial donation.

1. People can donate online to the Red Cross [Nova Scotia & Atlantic Canada Fires Appeal \(www.redcross.ca\)](http://www.redcross.ca)
2. For parishioners who prefer not to donate online, or are not able to, can donate to their parish specifying that the donation is for Wildfires Appeal. The parish will forward them on to the Red Cross Appeal.

Healing Mass: Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00pm. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, it will be offered during the Mass. All are welcome.

Household Items Needed: We continue to hear from families new to our parish who are trying to get established in our community. This week we are looking for some home furnishings such as a couch/sofa, and a kitchen table and chairs. If you have any of these items could you please contact the Immigrant Support Committee at: newcomers@stellamarishalifax.com Thank you!

Food Bank: The food bank is always in need of canned soup, and currently in need of juice, cereal, canned fruit and peanut butter. Items can be dropped off in the food bank basket, as you enter the church. Every little bit helps!

Fallen Headstones at Catholic Cemeteries: As the weather warms up many people will once again be visiting passed loved ones in our Catholic Cemeteries: Gate of Heaven in Lr. Sackville, Mount Olivet in the west end of Halifax, and Holy Cross in downtown Halifax. As is common with the spring thaw, headstones may have fallen and cemetery grounds may require maintenance. Our cemetery grounds staff are busy at work delivering ongoing maintenance to our cemeteries. We ask for your patience as this will take time. Please note: It is important that you refrain from lifting or repositioning headstones yourself as this poses a considerable danger to yourself and others. If your cemetery plot has been disrupted at any of the above noted cemeteries, due to the spring thaw please contact the Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax at 902-429-9800 Ext. 308 or email: dpetitpas@halifaxyarmouth.org

Faces Of Abortion Tour: Every day in Canada, nearly 300 children are killed by abortion – faceless and nameless. This summer, Canadian Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR a national pro-life organization) is going on a national tour across the country. At each stop, there will be educational street outreach during the day and an evening presentation on *The Faces of Abortion* and how to take action to [End the Killing](#). Local stop: Sat **June 10 @7pm** - Stella Maris Parish (14 St Michael's Ave, Halifax, Nova Scotia). For more details and other stop locations visit endthekilling.ca/tour. If you'd like to join local outreach during the day, please contact Charity at cwielinga@endthekilling.ca.

Holy Communion for the Sick or Homebound: If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion on Sundays at your home, please email our Care & Compassion team at homecommunion@stellamarishalifax.com or call the parish office to have your name added to the list.

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference: July 7-9, 2023 at Dalhousie University. Please pray for the conference organizers, the ministry team, and the youth and youth leaders who will attend. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be dropped in the collection if you would like to support the youth from our parish. You can also e-transfer donations to stellamarisacc@gmail.com (be sure to include a note that your donation is for Steubenville youth). As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Looking for a Summer Camp Experience? St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral will be holding our annual residential youth summer camp at Johnston Christian Park in Digby County again this year! It is an amazing time to grow in your faith, to swim, canoe, to do crafts, games, challenges and to build lifelong friendships. The camp begins Sunday, **August 13th** and goes to **Friday, August 18th**. It is for ages 10 to 14 and the cost is \$200.00 before June 30th and after June 30th it is \$225.00. Please contact the contact the parish office at Saint Ambrose: 902-742-7151 or email at stambrose.youthministry@gmail.com

Stella Maris Parish Contact Information

Office Hours: Tuesday-12 Noon to 2PM, Wednesday and Thursday-10AM to 2PM

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Please have your submissions in no later than Wednesday @ 5 PM.