

## Parish news for the week of July 12th - July 18th

### We're Hiring!

We have 2 part-time positions available in the parish office: **Parish Administrative Assistant** and **Finance & Operations Assistant**. If you feel called to join our parish staff team in either of these roles and want to know more, please click the link below for further details. Applications will be accepted until July 18th and can be sent to Joanne Thibeu, Parish Manager: [operations@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:operations@stellamarishalifax.com).

<https://halifaxymouth.org/admin-services/career-opportunities>

### Hall Renovation

The hall renovations continue and are expected to take a couple more weeks. We look forward to using our renovated space to accommodate our many wonderful parish ministries.

### Church Spaces

As we renovate our space and create more multi-purpose areas (hall, meeting rooms, library, etc.) we would ask that everyone refrain from placing any items in those spaces. This is in an effort to ensure that our spaces remain uncluttered and available for their intended use. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Friday Adoration

Friday Adoration will include a meditation from *'The Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ'* by Luisa Piccarreta - Little Daughter of the Divine Will. For those wishing to follow along using a printed copy, there is a pdf available to download for free from [divinewill.org](http://divinewill.org) or the book can be purchased online.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will still be offered every 1st Friday of the Month.

### 12 Baskets

Looking to volunteer at Stella Maris? 12 Baskets is one of our key parish Outreach ministries and we would love for you to volunteer with us! We provide a free, simple, and delicious meal every Friday to those looking for something to eat and a friendly community to spend some time with.

One way you can volunteer is to join one of our Hall Teams, giving you the opportunity to sit and chat with people in our community who may need to see a friendly face. Along with your fellow team members you would be involved with setting up the hall, serving the meal and cleaning up afterwards. Your time commitment would be Friday 4:45 PM to 6:45 PM, once a month.

Another way to volunteer is to be one of our soup makers. If you have a talent for making delicious hearty soup and would like to share that with others we have an opportunity for you. You would be

creating your delicious soup once a month for about 24 people and delivering it to the hall by 4:45 PM. Please note that making soup for that many people can be expensive, so the parish can reimburse you for your expenses.

Interested in volunteering with the 12 Baskets Ministry or would like to get more information? Please contact the ministry lead Linda Lee at 902-483-8256 or via email at [stellamaristwelvebaskets@gmail.com](mailto:stellamaristwelvebaskets@gmail.com). We can all make a difference!

### **Communal Rosary in the Herring Cove Grotto: Every Wednesday at 7PM**

Every Wednesday at 7:00pm, the rosary will be prayed in the grotto in Herring Cove - all are welcome. The prayer intention is that this stunningly beautiful grotto will become a place of pilgrimage and prayer for parishioners and visitors alike. We are all pilgrim people, so let's make pilgrimage to a place of prayer part of our lives.

### **Columbarium**

If you are interested in purchasing a niche, please call our Parish Manager Joanne at 902-477-3530 ext. 3.

### **Seven Sisters Prayer Ministry**

The Seven Sisters prayer ministry is looking for 5 prayerful women to join us in praying for our dear priests. The commitment is to pray for 1 hour a week for one of our parish priests. We currently have one full team of 7 sisters and a second partial team, and are looking to fill the second partial team. This will give us 2 teams of prayerful sisters committed to praying for our parish priests. Although it's only one hour per week individually, collectively our priests will have a sister praying for them one hour each day. Contact [sherryflemming@gmail.com](mailto:sherryflemming@gmail.com) or call 902-423-3114 if you are able to support this ministry. We're excited to see the fruits of this ministry in our priests and within our parish.

### **Stella Maris Parish to Host Relic of Saint André Bessette (Brother Andre)**

#### **Wednesday, July 30, 2025**

We are thrilled to announce that Stella Maris Parish will host a relic of Saint André Bessette this summer as part of a special Archdiocesan-wide tour from July 25 to 31, 2025.

Saint Brother Andre was a humble religious brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Born in 1845 in rural Quebec, he was frail and poorly educated, yet became known throughout Montreal, and eventually the world, for his deep holiness, compassion, and miraculous healings through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to whom he had a profound devotion. In spite of his humble beginnings, Brother André was instrumental in founding Saint Joseph's Oratory, the largest shrine to Saint Joseph in the world. He was canonized in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Saint André's life reminds us that sanctity does not require worldly power or prestige, only a faithful heart, a life of service, and deep trust in God.

Stella Maris Parish Relic Gathering - Wednesday, July 30

We are honoured to host a morning of prayer and reflection around the relic of Saint André. All are welcome to participate in this beautiful moment of grace:

- 8:00am - Exposition of the Relic & Brief Talk on the Life of Saint André
- 8:30am - Praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary
- 9:00am - Celebration of Holy Mass
- 9:45am - Veneration of the Relic and Blessing with the Oil of Saint Joseph

This is a powerful opportunity for personal prayer, healing, and renewal. Come be inspired by the witness of Saint André Bessette, a simple doorkeeper who opened hearts to heaven.

Saint André, pray for us!

### **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: November 1st to 13th, 2025 (13 days)**

This pilgrimage will take place with Fr. Rob Elford as the Spiritual Chaplain, and Rhonda-Lynn Clarke as the group leader. Cost is \$3699.00 (includes airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax, ground transportation, twin accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, professional local guide, and gratuity). Single room supplement if available is \$300.00. Contact Sherry Flemming to reserve your seat at [sherryflemming@gmail.com](mailto:sherryflemming@gmail.com) or 902-423-3114.

### **In the Community:**

#### **Hope Cottage - Executive Director position**

Hope Cottage is seeking a passionate and experienced Part-Time Executive Director (20hrs/week) to lead the organization in its mission of nourishing the bodies and souls of the most vulnerable. Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director oversees operations, builds relationships, ensures financial and organizational sustainability.

This is a dynamic role that requires a diverse skill set, including leadership, communication, organizational management, and community engagement. It is a great opportunity to live your faith through meaningful service.

To apply: please send your cover letter and resumé to [lkinghorne@hopecottage.ca](mailto:lkinghorne@hopecottage.ca)

#### **Frassati Academy: Accepting Applications**

[Apply now](#) for admission to Frassati Academy for the 2025-2026 academic year! Families may apply for Pre-Primary through Grade 7 with the understanding that the grades offered at [Frassati Academy](#) will be dependent on enrollment.

Frassati Academy is an independent, classically-inspired Catholic school which will be located at the Campbell Centre of the [St. Agnes site of Good Shepherd Parish in Halifax](#). For more information on Frassati Academy, visit our website: [www.frassatiacademy.ca](http://www.frassatiacademy.ca) or contact: [admissions@frassatiacademy.ca](mailto:admissions@frassatiacademy.ca)