



Stella Maris Weekly

Parish news for the weekend of June 14th-15th

Jubilee Year Parish Walking Pilgrimage: Saturday, June 14

Dear Friends of Stella Maris Parish,

As part of the Church's celebration of the 2025 Jubilee Year, I warmly invite you to join us for a Parish Walking Pilgrimage from Stella Maris Parish Church to Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, June 14.

We will begin our walk at 9:00 AM, journey together in prayer and reflection, and celebrate Mass at the Cathedral at 12:15 PM.

What is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is a special year of grace, traditionally held every 25 years, dating back to the year 1300. It is a time the Church sets aside for renewal, marked by pilgrimage, prayer, reconciliation, and acts of mercy. It is an invitation to return to the essentials: God's mercy, the joy of the Gospel, and the hope we have in Christ.

Our late Pope Francis declared 2025 a Jubilee Year of Hope, inspired by Saint Paul's words: "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5). In this year, we are invited to become Pilgrims of Hope, journeying in faith, witnessing to the love of Christ, and sowing seeds of hope in a world longing for peace and healing.

Throughout the year, Catholics around the world will be making pilgrimages to designated churches, praying for the Church and the world, and seeking a deeper encounter with God. The pilgrimage to Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica, one of our local Jubilee sites, is one such opportunity.

Whether you've walked many pilgrimages or none at all, this is a chance to journey together, physically and spiritually, as one parish, unified in faith.

Come walk with us. Come be a pilgrim of hope.

In Christ,
Fr. Rob Elford

Stewardship of Treasure Initiative

Please join us on the weekends of June 7th/8th and June 14th/15th as we introduce our annual Stewardship of Treasure initiative. These weekends will be all about celebrating the wonderful things that are happening at Stella Maris Parish, none of which would be possible without the generous financial support of our parishioners.

June 7th/8th we will release our first edition of the [Stewardship of Treasure magazine](#). We hope you will enjoy reading the many testimonies that highlight our journey to Be-Grow-Go as disciples, both personally and as a parish community.

June 14th/15th will be "Commitment Sunday". We will take a few moments to fill out "commitment cards" which will be collected and placed in front of the altar as a sign of our commitment to financially support the vision of the parish to be a beacon of faith, hope and love.

Here is a link to the [Preauthorized remittance \(PAR\) form](#)

Hall Renovation

The church hall will be undergoing renovations starting June 2nd. These renovations include creating additional meeting rooms, and modernizing the hall and bathrooms. The duration will be approximately 6 weeks. We look forward to using the new, refreshed space for all our parish ministries!

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. 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 or 902-423-3114.

In the Community:

March for Life: RESCHEDULED - New Date is Saturday, June 14th at 1 PM, from St. Mary's Basilica, Spring Garden Rd, to Province House return.

Campaign Life Coalition Nova Scotia (CLC NS) is organizing a provincial March for Life on May 22. At 1PM, Marchers will walk from the meeting point of St. Mary's Cathedral on Spring Garden Rd. to outside Province House where we will peacefully witness to the dignity and humanity of preborn children and pray for an end to abortion.

We are also hosting a Pro-Life Youth Summit that morning from 10AM - 12PM, with lunch

provided afterwards, and culminating in the March for Life. The event will be focused on the role of social media in the pro-life movement, and how to approach men and women who have a history with abortion. Tickets are \$35 for a single person. However, group rates are also available. If any youth wish to attend this event, we ask that they RSVP to ruth@campaignlifecoalition.com. Alternatively, they can go to our Eventbrite page [here](#).

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 or contact: admissions@frassatiacademy.ca