

# Welcome to Stella Maris Parish Go and Make Disciples!

4th Sunday of Easter -April 21st, 2024

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

Confirmation Tuesday, April 23rd at 7pm - Please join Archbishop Dunn, Fr. Rob and Fr. Al Ray as they welcome two confirmandi into the church and our parish. All are welcome.

MAiD Presentation - Thursday, April 25th at 7pm - Given the prevalence of MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) we will be hosting a presentation entitled “A Catholic Perspective on Life, Death & Dying”. Speakers will be: Deacon Larry Worthen, (Executive Director, Christian Medical & Dental Association) and Monica McNamara, palliative care nurse. This will take place in the church hall.

Eventide - Tuesday, April 29th, 7pm - All are welcome to this candle-lit hour of contemplative music, prayer, and inspiring talk, offered the last Tuesday of each month here at Stella Maris. This month’s speaker will be our own Theresa Belliveau. Her talk: “A journey of growth through service”. As always, prayer intentions for group prayer may be left in the Eventide box near the Marian votive candles at the back of the church.

Parish Employment Opportunity - the parish is currently hiring a Parish Administrative Assistant. If you, or someone you know is interested please check out the details on the front page of the parish website at [www.stellamarishalifax.com](http://www.stellamarishalifax.com).

### - Parish Volunteers needed -

#### AV Upgrade and Team

Are you passionate about enhancing the worship experience? Join us in revitalizing our AV system to create an even more immersive and engaging atmosphere during services. Whether you have technical skills or simply a willingness to learn, your contribution can make a meaningful difference. Connect with Ronnie at [ronnie.l@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:ronnie.l@stellamarishalifax.com) to be a part of this process.

#### Youth Ministry - Men Needed!

Our vibrant youth ministry is on the rise, but we're missing a crucial piece of the puzzle – a male leader to inspire and guide our teens. If you have a heart for youth and a desire to see them flourish in their faith journey, reach out to Maria at <mailto:maria.p@stellamarishalifax.com> to take the first step toward empowering our youth.

#### Parking Lot Blues?

Let's turn chaos into cohesion in our parking lot! As we strive to ensure everyone feels welcomed and at ease, we're launching our inaugural parking ministry. Whether you're skilled at directing traffic or simply passionate about hospitality, your involvement can help us transform our parking area into a stress-free zone and a more inclusive experience for all who visit our church. Get involved in this exciting initiative by contacting Ronnie at <mailto:ronnie.l@stellamarishalifax.com>.

**Recycling Donations to Support Outreach:** Don't Forget! - Stella Maris Parish has opened an account called the Outreach Fund at Beaver Recycling, next to Station Six on Herring Cove Road. When returning your refundables, simply say, 'I would like this to go to the Stella Maris Outreach Fund'. 100% of the funds raised in this way will go to our Outreach efforts.

**Food Bank:** The food bank really needs support from Stella Maris Parish. Their shelves need to be restocked. They need juice, coffee (ground or instant), tea bags, shampoo and always canned soup. Items can be dropped off in the Food Bank basket as you enter the church. What we donate helps families right here in our community. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

## How to Donate to the Parish and receive Tax Receipts

For information please contact Joanne Thibeau at 902-477-3530 ext3 or [operations@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:operations@stellamarishalifax.com)

***\*NEW \**** - to make a donation or payment to the Parish by e-transfer, please note that our email address has changed to:  
**[giving@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:giving@stellamarishalifax.com)**

### 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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