

# Welcome to Stella Maris Parish

## Go and Make Disciples!

5th Sunday of Easter - April 28th, 2024

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

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?** - If you are someone who is interested in exploring what it means to be fully received into the Catholic Church, join us on *Monday, April 29th at 7:00pm* in the church in the Seton room (off the foyer) as we begin a program called The Search, for anyone who is curious about joining the Church.

**Eventide - Tuesday, April 30th @ 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 fellow parishioner, Theresa Belliveau. Her talk is: "A journey of growth through service". Prayer intentions for group prayer may be left in the Eventide box near the Marian votive candles at the back of the church.

**Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well - Saturday May 4th and 11th from 10am-12pm** - Join us in the church hall for this two part video series. We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Eternal Rest examines the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life. For info [ronnie.l@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:ronnie.l@stellamarishalifax.com)

**Collection for Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference:** Your support for the attendance of youth from our parish would be much appreciated. Starting this weekend, you can donate using the envelopes in the pews or at the welcome desk. They can be dropped in the collection box. You can also e-transfer donations to [giving@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:giving@stellamarishalifax.com) (be sure to include a note that your donation is for Steubenville youth).

**SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, May 16th at 7pm - Join Us for a Charcuterie Night to Support Holy Cross Chaplaincy!** Holy Cross Chaplaincy, commissioned by the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, is dedicated to caring for the needs of Catholic young adults in our community. We are actively engaged with three local universities, providing hospitality, spiritual care, and sacraments on campus. We offer off-campus programming focused on spiritual formation and growth for students. We collaborate with the Vocations Office to run a household program, accommodating 10 young people who seek deeper engagement in community, prayer, and sacramental life, including one here at Stella Maris Parish! We invite you to join us for a *Charcuterie Night on Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 PM*. This event serves to spread awareness of our work and to raise funds for this year's operations. Your support will enable us to continue nurturing and empowering young adults in their faith journey. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our community's youth. For more information and to RSVP, please contact [margaret@hcchaplaincy.ca](mailto:margaret@hcchaplaincy.ca) We look forward to your presence and support at our Charcuterie Night!

**2023 Parish Financial Statement** - is now available. It is posted on the parish website, was sent out to our email list and copies are available 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.

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 [ronnie.l@stellamarishalifax.com](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.

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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