

Welcome to Stella Maris Parish Go and Make Disciples!

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 30th, 2024

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

**This is the last Bulletin before we break for summer!
Be sure to follow Stella Maris Parish on Facebook for updates.**

NEW MASS SCHEDULE STARTING JULY 1ST

Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am
Thursday 7:00pm
Friday 9:00am (*with Eucharistic Adoration for 1 hr*)
Saturday 9:00am (*First Saturdays only*)

Saturday 4:00pm (*Anticipated Sunday Mass*)
Sunday 8:00am
Sunday 10:00am

UPDATED Office Hours - During the summer months, the Parish office will be open on Tuesdays from 10am-2pm to answer in-person inquiries. Feel free to come by and say hi!

Immediate Accommodation Needed - A newcomer in our community is in desperate need of accommodation and is at serious risk of becoming homeless by the end of the month. They're able to pay but need immediate help. A one or two-bedroom apartment would be fine, or alternatively short-term accommodation would be greatly appreciated as it would give them some time to find a long-term solution. Please email any information to newcomers@stellamarishalifax.com.

You are Invited: Farewell Party for Fr. Al Ray - All are welcome to a reception to bid farewell to Fr. Al Ray on Sunday, July 28th after the 10am Mass. Please feel free to bring your favourite dish!

Vacation Bible School: Volunteers Needed! - From August 12th-16th, we will be running a morning VBS here at Stella Maris for children going into Grade 1 - up to Grade 5. We need adults to help volunteer for this event. If you are able to volunteer or if you have any questions regarding VBS please email maria.p@stellamarishalifax.com. If you have not registered your child for VBS yet and would like to, please register here: <https://forms.gle/sRnpHUe8R3wedkF79>

Update from Pathway to Progress Nicaragua - From Barbara and Ed Dunsworth - Ana Mercedes, the student that the parish is sponsoring, has finished the 1st term of grade six with a core-subject average of 88.4%. Many thanks to you all for your continuing support for Ana Mercedes and the Nicaragua program in general.

Food Bank - Let's keep the momentum going—the food bank is asking for: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, all varieties of soup, and canned meats. This need continues throughout the summer months. Thank you for being a beacon of faith, hope and love in the community!

TAP TO GIVE - There is a new way to GIVE at Stella Maris! We now have a Tap to Give station in the foyer which offers you 3 options to GIVE: \$5, \$10 or \$20. If you want a tax receipt there is a very easy extra step, and you only have to do it once – your information will be saved for future taps. We hope you find this an easy and convenient solution for giving to the parish.

Introducing Our New Connect Card! - Are you eager to register with our parish family for the first time? Are you seeking guidance on how to get involved in our vibrant parish ministries? Wondering about ways to contribute financially to support our community's mission, or adjust your current giving? Look no further! Our brand-new Connect Card awaits you at the hospitality desk. Simply pick one up and hand it to a friendly member of our hospitality team, or conveniently drop it in the collection basket during Mass. From there, we'll swiftly reach out to assist you with whatever you need. Experience the ease of connection and the joy of belonging with our Connect Card today!

The Art of Listening in the Style of Christ - This seminar covers Christ inspired listening, coaching methods, and advanced conversation skills. It takes place July 8-12 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (option for an early departure at 4:00 pm) at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Centre, 10 Maple Street, Dartmouth, NS. More details can be found here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/10jR8GoMHB4YXPUJ2_raXxrH9J5HVxask/view.

Caring for Our Community Collection - Do you know a retired priest you'd like to honour or celebrate? This collection allows you to mark an important date in the life of a priest, like the anniversary of ordination or the day they baptized someone you love. The fund supports 20 retired and/or infirmed priests. You can schedule or change your donation at any time. To give, you can:

- Use a Donor Card you received in the mail. You can mail this directly to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth or drop it in the collection basket at your local parish.
- Donate online here: halifaxyarmouth.org/donate.
- Send a donation by e-transfer to finance@halifaxyarmouth.org. Please note "June 2024 Donation" in the memo box.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Deane: jdeane@halifaxyarmouth.org or (902) 429-9800 ext 125.

Hope Cottage: Seeking Board Members - Hope Cottage is seeking volunteers to serve on the Board, which would involve approximately 6-8 meetings annually. The focus of the Board will be to provide direction and a renewed vision. If you feel called to contribute your time and talents to this cause, contact Ray Burke, President of Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Halifax Particular Council, at 902-646-0155 or rhburke.54@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Congress 2024 - Guest Speakers, Youth Night, & Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis

The Archdiocese will host a Eucharistic Congress for the first time ever this fall from **October 17-20, 2024**. This is an opportunity for all Catholics to re-discover why the Eucharist is so essential to our Catholic faith. To help us understand the Eucharist, the theme, *Communion to heal the world*, will be broken into five keynote talks: **RESTORE, UNITE, INSPIRE, SERVE, and EQUIP**. The guest speakers attending the Congress are the Archbishop of Edmonton, Most Rev. Richard Smith, and the Archbishop of Gatineau, Most Rev. Paul-André Durocher.

As part of the Congress, there will be a **Youth Night on Thursday, October 17** aimed at young people ages 16-35. It will provide an opportunity to reflect on and encounter Christ in the Eucharist. The night will include a talk on the Eucharist and moments of music, prayer, reflection, adoration and fellowship. There will also be a special appearance at this event: the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a Catholic Italian teenager who died in 2006. He was a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer and the Eucharist. Carlo's life is an example of how young people can use and enjoy technology appropriately while growing in their relationship with Christ. In addition to the Youth Night, the relics will also be available for veneration at different times throughout the Congress.

The Eucharistic Congress will take place October 17-20, 2024 at Good Shepherd Parish (St. Agnes Church, 6903 Mumford Rd) and Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. The cost to register is \$25 for the full Congress, or \$10 for a day pass. To find out more about the Congress and to register visit: <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/congress2024>.

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

***NEW * - to make a donation or payment to the Parish by e-transfer to: 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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