

Welcome to Stella Maris Parish  
Go and Make Disciples!  
Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 26, 2023

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

*\*Please Note That Incense Will Be Used This Sunday - At The 10am Mass - The Feast Of Christ The King*

CWL Bake Sale - get your treats this weekend after every mass!

Employment Opportunity - Stella Maris Parish Operations Manager - As mentioned last week, Susan Hann will be retiring in the spring and we are starting to look for her replacement now. Please click on this link to see the job advertisement. <https://www.halifaxarmouth.org/admin-services/human-resources>

2024 Envelopes Available for pickup in the foyer - Please write your name on your envelope the first time it is used to verify that the correct number is assigned. Note: for some parishioners your envelope number may have changed. If you would like a set of envelopes, or have an address change to update, please notify Susan at 477-3530 ex.3 [susanh@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:susan.h@stellamarishalifax.com). Thank you for your financial support!

Advent preparation: Do you want to learn more about Advent and why we do what we do in the Catholic Church? If so, join us this Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Church Hall from 10:00am to noon. Dr. David Deane will talk to us about Advent. Hope to see you there! For more information email [newcomers@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:newcomers@stellamarishalifax.com).

Dance in Church Hall: Join in this Saturday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00pm in the church hall. There will be a band, bar, snacks, Good will offering at the door. For further information, please contact Paula Lawlor at 902-477-7118.

Eventide - Tuesday, November 28, 7:00pm

All are welcome to this candle-lit hour of contemplative music, prayer, and inspiring talk, offered the last Tuesday of each month, September through May, here at Stella Maris. This month's talk: "Is There A Way Back?" A reflection on guiding our loved ones back to the Church, by Marie Muise. 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.

Archdiocese Feast Day - to celebrate, you are invited to mass at the Basilica on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

SAVE the DATE: Join us for Reconciliation Evening on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00pm. There will be multiple priests available to hear confessions.

Shelter Support Team is looking for parishioners who would like to help with providing hot dinners to the men who live in our temporary shelters. Your commitment would be 2 hot suppers, once every 4 weeks, delivered to the occupants between 5 and 6 pm. Please contact Monica McNamara at [monica@hfx.eastlink.ca](mailto:monica@hfx.eastlink.ca) or 902-809-4142 for more information, or to join our team.

## Christmas Care Packages

It's that time of the year again when we begin to think of preparing for the next big holiday season, Christmas. While everyone is thinking of what to put on their lists, my thoughts go out to the many we have met over the years while doing a project which has become a tradition I have shared with the parish for many years. This project is The **Christmas Care Packages**.

For the past several years, A small group of people along with myself set out for downtown Halifax after Mass to hand deliver care packages to those panhandling and make a living downtown. The packages (bags) are filled with basic necessities and handed out by Santa and his helpers along with hot drinks, sandwiches and sweets.

Our mission is about encountering others, meeting them where they are in life and making Christ's loving presence known. Each year I have asked parishioners to help me with this project and each year I am overwhelmed by your support.

I am happy to say the Care package project will continue this year on **December 17<sup>th</sup>** and again I am asking for your support in putting these packages together.

**We would be looking for the following items for the care packages: Hats, Mitts, Gloves, Scarves, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Combs, Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo, reusable shopping bags ( etc.)**

Along with these care packages we will also be handing out sandwiches, hot drinks and sweets.

**Santa Claus will hand out these care packages with his helpers on December 17<sup>th</sup> around 12:30 in the downtown area.**

Donations can be left at the back of the church in a marked bag. I can also try to make arrangements to pick up donations. I welcome any volunteers willing to help with putting the packages together or delivering the packages with Santa.

If you wish to contact me my phone number is 902-489-1894, or email [rosswilliamlawrence@live.com](mailto:rosswilliamlawrence@live.com)

Thank you and God bless, Ross Lawrence

**From the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth:** Class Action: Claims Period - The Claims period of the class action suit filed against the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth runs from December 14, 2022 until December 14, 2023. Individuals who wish to make a claim to receive settlement benefits have 12 months in which they can make a formal claim. See notice below. The Claims period of the class action suit filed against the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth runs from December 14, 2022 until December 14, 2023. Individuals who wish to make a claim to receive settlement benefits have 12 months in which they can make a formal claim. See notice below. Please read on for more information on this suit or visit [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/classaction](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/classaction)

***This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia***

### **NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION**

**To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.**

**The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.**

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email [catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca](mailto:catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca).

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

#### **Stella Maris Parish Contact Information**

Mass Times: Wednesday and Friday-9AM, Saturday-4PM (Confession at 2:00-3:30PM), Sunday-8 & 10AM

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