

# Welcome to Stella Maris Parish

## Go and Make Disciples!

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 23, 2022



*“Today this scripture has been fulfilled.”*

***Our Vision Statement!*** Stella Maris Parish, a growing community of missionary disciples led by the power of the Holy Spirit, is a beacon of Hope & Love committed to witnessing & sharing God's mercy & presence!

**Parish Office:** Due to the pandemic, the parish office will remain closed until Tuesday, February 1st. Please visit [www.stellamarishalifax.com](http://www.stellamarishalifax.com) to keep up with the latest updates.

**Mass Cards:** If you would like to purchase a Mass card, you can pick one up in the church foyer or in the plastic mail box outside of the front of the glebe. Your request envelope can either be put in the collection or into the mail slot between the two front doors of the glebe.

**Registration is required for all weekend Masses until further notice:** Registration will be made available at [www.stellamarishalifax.com](http://www.stellamarishalifax.com) on Monday's at 12 noon. If you **do not have access to a computer**, registration will also be made available on Monday's at 12 noon by calling 902 477-3530. Follow the prompts and wait to hear the mass times. Leave your full name and phone number and which Mass you would like to attend. If you do not hear back from us, your spot will be reserved and you are registered to attend. **Be sure to call before Friday at noon** to secure your reservation as phone calls after this time will not be processed. We thank you for your patience as we try our best to accommodate all of our faithful.

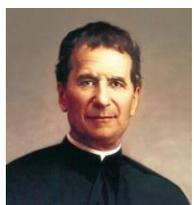
**2021 Tax Receipts** will be in the Church Foyer this weekend for pickup. Please contact Susan Hann ([stellamarisacc@gmail.com](mailto:stellamarisacc@gmail.com)) if you would like a tax receipt emailed to you or if you have any issues regarding your tax receipt. Thank you for your financial support to Stella Maris Parish!

**Rafflebox:** Please support our January Rafflebox 50/50 draw by [clicking here](#) and be sure to send it out to all of your family and friends on social media. The winner for the December 50/50 Draw was Elizabeth Morgan who won \$420.

**Family Faith Formation:** We begin preparation for First Communion & First Reconciliation on Zoom this Sunday, January, 23rd at 12:55- 1:30 pm. You are welcome to join us at 12:45 pm to chat. Note the session is for adults and children combined. An invitation to the families of children in Grades 2, 3, and 4 in the program will be sent via email.

### Saint of the Month: St John Bosco

**“Prayer is the first food of the spirit just as bread is food for the body.” St John Bosco**



St John Bosco was born in Italy in 1815. The son of farmers, he lost his father when he was 2 years old. He loved Jesus and at the age of 9, he had a dream. In his dream he saw a group of rough boys who were swearing. Two tall and distinguished figures, a man and a woman spoke to John Bosco in his dream. They said that by meekness and love he would win these boys. They told him that he would become a friend to the boys. When a circus came to town, John was delighted. He learned to do the tricks of the acrobats and magicians, and he attracted many with his performances.

John Bosco discerned a call to the priesthood. He was ordained, and in 1841 was assigned to Turin. It was the time of the **Industrial Revolution** and many young people came to Turin to look for jobs in factories. The wages were terrible as were the working conditions. Children as young as 9 years old worked, many living on the streets. John Bosco remembered his dream. He performed his magician's tricks for the boys and got their attention. Beginning with just 6 boys, he found them a place to live, food to eat, and began training them so that they would have a trade. Eventually, with the help of others, the number of boys grew to 800.

John Bosco founded a new order, the Salesians. Eventually, an order of Salesian nuns was also formed. **The Salesians of Don Bosco** are devoted to the education of the young, especially the less privileged.

At the time of John Bosco's death, there were 1000 members of the order with 57 communities in many countries in the world.

**Feast Day: Jan. 31, Patron of magicians, school children, and juvenile delinquents.**

**EVENTIDE RETURNS TO STELLA MARIS, 7 PM TUESDAY, January 25!** Eventide is a candle-lit hour of contemplative music, intercessory prayer, and inspiring talk. In keeping with this year's focus on the Corporal Acts of Mercy, this month's speaker will be Captain Mark Carew sharing his experiences this past fall and winter as captain of a medical Mercy Ship off the coast of Africa. Due to Covid, attendance is capped at 50. Sign-in will be at the door. Wearing of masks, social distancing, and proof of vaccinations are compulsory.

**ALPHA:** In keeping with our parish vision to be a beacon of Hope and Love AND to witness and share God's mercy and presence, Stella Maris Parish would like to invite all parishioners and their loved ones to attend our next Alpha (Alpha is an 11 week course that creates a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about Jesus). The first night is **January 27, 2022** at 7:00 PM and can be enjoyed from the comfort of your own home because this year we will be hosting Alpha **on-line**. You can register by [clicking here](#) or by contacting the parish office.

**FYI!** If you have subscribed to our email news and bulletins and are not receiving them, please ensure that you click on the "Promotions" tab at the top of your inbox or look in your "Spam" folder to determine if that is where your news and bulletins are going. **NOTE:** If you have unsubscribed to our mailing list in the past and would like to re-subscribe, please follow this link <http://eepurl.com/g6oc7v> and fill out the required form.

**Would you like us to include your loved ones in our prayers of the faithful?** If you have a friend or family member who is sick or who has passed away recently, and you would like the parish to pray for them, just text Margo at 902-410-8385 or email [briggs.margo.c@gmail.com](mailto:briggs.margo.c@gmail.com) before Thursday evening. We will include your loved one's name in our Prayers of the Faithful on Sunday.

**FORMED** To sign up for free, go to our website under the RESOURCE tab and click on "FORMED". There you will find instructions on how to enjoy great content at home and on the go, from any device. Recommended video: Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth - The story of Saint Maria Goretti is retold in this beautifully made film from Italy. It explains the plight of the poor labourers of the time, struggling to survive in a swampy area with rampant malaria and extreme poverty. Luigi and Assunta Goretti keep their faith despite the hardship, and they instill in their children a deep love for God. Their daughter Maria is especially devout. But tragedy strikes more than once as sickness and death affects the Goretti's, and then their young neighbor Alessandro does the unthinkable. This film, made on location and filled with authentic detail, stars Martina Pinto as Maria, Flavio Insinna (Saint John Bosco, the Saint of the month) as the brave local Passionist priest, Luisa Ranieri and Massimo Bonetti as her parents, and Claudia Koll as the Countess Mazzoleni.

**February 2nd: World Day for Consecrated Life** - World Day for Consecrated Life is an opportunity to recognize the contributions that consecrated men and women make to the Church and society at-large. Instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, World Day for Consecrated Life is a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. The celebration is attached to the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2). This feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers. We acknowledge, thank, and pray for the communities of consecrated life in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. The gifts you bring to the people and parishes of our local Church make a huge impact to the many communities in which you serve.

DATE	MASS TIMES	FEAST DAY
Monday, January 24	12 Noon - St. Michael's	St. Francis de Sales
Tuesday, January 25	12 Noon - St. Michael's	The conversion of St. Paul
Wednesday, January 26	7 PM with Rosary at 6:40 PM and Adoration following Mass - St. Michael's	St. Timothy and St. Titus
Thursday, January 27	9 AM - St. Michael's	Ferial
Friday, January 28	9 AM - St. Michael's	St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday, January 29	4 AM - St. Michael's	Ferial
Sunday, January 30	9 AM and 11 AM - St. Michael's	4th Sunday in ordinary time

**If you have something for the next bulletin, please email: [stellamarishalifax@gmail.com](mailto:stellamarishalifax@gmail.com).  
Please have your submissions in no later than Wednesday @ 3 PM.**

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