



# THE SFSC MESSENGER

**St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish**

*We are a welcoming community of Jesus' disciples who journey together in right Faith, certain Hope, and live out His Love in Word and Deed*

## Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday 4:00 pm**  
St. Stephen's Church

**Sunday 9:30 am**  
St. Stephen's Church

**Sunday 9:30 am**  
St. Patrick's Church

**Sunday 11:00 am**  
St. Catherine's Church

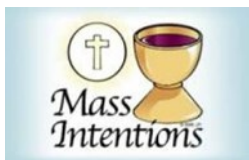
**Sunday 1:00 pm**  
St. Catherine's Church  
(Polish - English Mass)

**Sunday 7:00 pm**  
St. Catherine's Church  
**CANCELLED FOR  
MAY 5TH ONLY.**

**Livestream Mass:**  
Sorry, not available  
this Sunday.

## Weekday Mass Schedule

Saturday—9:00 am  
St. Catherine's Church



Saturday, May 11th  
Mary Hope +  
9:00 am St. Catherine's

Anne Langille +  
4:00 pm St. Stephen's

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—May 5, 2024**

### **FAITH**

#### MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Since the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor, Mary, the Mother of God. May, considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth, reflects Mary's gift of new life to the world when she gave birth to our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a chance for new beginnings in a spirit of gratitude and devotion.



Devotion to Mary is an important part of our Catholic identity. As our mother, she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. The month is dedicated in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. An opportunity for all the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives.

#### DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETREAT

The Priests of the Diocese will be on Retreat from May 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Let us pray that it is a time of rest and renewal for our Diocesan Clergy. Please note:

- The 7:00 pm Mass on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, is cancelled.
- Weekday masses, including Tuesday's 12:00 noon Mass at St. Catherine's, Friday's 9:00 am Mass at St. Stephen's, and the 7:00 am FOH Conventual Masses at St. Catherine's from Tuesday to Friday are cancelled for this week.
- Adoration/Confession on Thursday evening at St. Catherine's is cancelled for this week.



**Adoration on Wednesday and Friday, from 8:00 am -4:00 pm, at St Catherine's will still take place. The 9:00 am Saturday Mass on May 11<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated.**

#### ST. STEPHEN'S — CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION!

On Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at St. Stephen's 9:30 am Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion with Arthur, Momore, Rafaella, Renata, and Sebastian. We would like to thank all of the parishioners for keeping these children in their prayers as they worked towards this very special day. We would like to ask all of our parishioners to join us in the hall after Mass on May 12<sup>th</sup> to meet the children and their families as we continue the celebration with a reception. Thank you all very much for your continued support and prayers for all of our children.



#### FUNERAL MASS TO BE CELEBRATED THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Virginia Turner**— The funeral Mass for Virginia will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am (with a time of visitation beginning at 9:00 am) in St. Patrick's Church.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

First Wednesday of the Month  
7:00 pm - Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available.  
St. Stephen's Church

Wednesdays/Fridays Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00 am—4:00 pm  
St. Catherine's Church

Thursdays  
7:30 pm - Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available  
St. Catherine's Church  
CANCELLED MAY 9TH

**CONFESSION TIMES**

First Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm (includes a Holy Hour)  
St. Stephen's Church

Thursdays, 7:30 pm (includes a Holy Hour)  
St. Catherine's Church  
CANCELLED MAY 9TH

Saturdays, following the 9:00 am Mass  
St. Catherine's Church

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 pm  
St. Stephen's Church

**SSVP Food Assistance**

St Catherine's  
902-455-6525

St Patrick's  
902-405-3806

St Stephen's  
902-405-3686

St Theresa's  
902-414-4625

**CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION – SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**



On the Feast of Pentecost, May 19<sup>th</sup>, five of our young people will be Confirmed at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica by Archbishop Brian Dunn. They have been very faithful in learning more about their Baptismal faith and coming closer to Jesus by prayer and understanding the Scriptures. Please keep Loic, Wallace, Gladys, Nick and Graeme in your prayers, especially in the coming weeks.

**CATHERINE OF SIENA—A SPECIAL CELEBRATION!**

Last Sunday, we gathered at the 11:00 am Mass to celebrate with Andrei, Colton, Harin, James, Joseph, Julie, Natalie, and Sophie as they received their First Holy Communion. Congratulations!! Special thanks to Colleen Dompierre and Elizabeth Carter who prepared the children for this special day. After Mass, the church hall was full as we gathered for a reception to celebrate our Patron Saint and our First Communicants!



**ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNION MINISTRY**



Bringing Holy Communion to those who are ill, shut-in or unable to attend Mass is a great gift to those who have served the church for many years, especially our elderly. St. Catherine's Church needs additional volunteers to make these visits. The commitment would be for one Sunday a month following the Sunday Mass. If you feel you may be called to this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 902-454-8221 and leave your contact information.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH'S FAMILY!!**



Last weekend, we welcomed Gabriel Patrick Galipeau Hebb, child of Johanna & Andrew, and Henryk Hedley Gates, child of Catherine and Kendall, into the community of faith. May the Spirit they have received through the waters of Baptism guide them as they grow in greater understanding of their faith and holiness!

**HOPE**

**GRADES PRIMARY TO SIX**



This Sunday, May 5th, classes will take place for students enrolled in our Parish program.

St. Catherine's classes—10:00-10:45 am  
St. Stephen's classes— following the 9:30 am Mass



Youth group meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00—8:30 pm in St. Stephen's Church Hall. For more information about Youth Group or to register, please contact Anna Irish. ([annamichelleirish@gmail.com](mailto:annamichelleirish@gmail.com)).

**LOVE IN ACTION**

**COLLECTION FOR ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON—NORTH END PARENT RESOURCE CENTRE**

—This weekend is your last chance to donate funds towards the North End Parent Resource Centre's annual Mother's Day Luncheon, and personal items for the gift bags. Please place your money donation in an envelope marked Parent Resource Centre Mother's Day Event and place in the collection basket. Personal items (hand lotion, soap, shampoo, body wash, lip balm, sweets) can be placed in the marked basket at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.



## PARISH NEWS



### APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HALIFAX-YARMOUTH

Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, released the following appointments, which will be effective on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, unless otherwise stated:

Pastoral Changes that will be of interest to SFSC parishioners:

**Rev. Robert Nicholas**, Assistant Priest of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Halifax, will become Pastor of Saint John of the Cross, Eastern Shore. He will also begin a five year appointment as the Spiritual Advisor for the Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan Catholic Women's League.

**Rev. Peter Hanna, FoH**, Assistant Priest of Divine Mercy, Dartmouth, shall become the Assistant Priest of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Halifax.

**Rev. Francesco Pirisi, FoH**, will continue his leave of absence for another year for the purpose of pursuing further studies in Rome.

**Rev. Mr. Len Moore**, currently providing ministry at St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish, will retire from active diaconal ministry, effective immediately.

For a full list of Pastoral changes, visit: [Diocesan Appointments](#)

The **St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata CWL** will be holding its next meeting on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 pm in the Marian Room. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Please use the entrance off Robie Street. Also, this will be the last weekend for selling tickets on the afghan. If you have not purchased your lucky ticket, they will be available before and after Masses.



### MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY!

**St. Faustina Polish Mission** invites everybody for "golabki" (cabbage rolls) on May 12th, after the Polish Community's 1:00 pm Mass, in St. Catherine of Siena Church Hall. The price is \$10.00 per person.



And, a coffee or tea with homemade piece of cake for \$5.00 per person.

**All are welcome!!!**



### FUN FOR SENIORS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & BINGO!



**Who?** All Seniors and their Friends are welcome!

**What?** A fun party consisting of LUNCH—Delicious Sandwich Plate, Birthday Cake, Beverages; 10 Games of BINGO with fun prizes; Door Prize Draw; 50/50 Draw; Birthday Gifts!

**When?** **Thursday, May 16th** – 12:00 pm

**Where?** St. Stephen's Church Hall, Corner of Robie Street and Normandy Drive. Please use the lower Robie Street door that leads directly into the hall. (Under the ramp.)

**Cost?** It's FREE! (We will have a free-will Donation Basket for anyone who might wish to make a contribution to future events.)

YOU MUST REGISTER BY SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE CONTACT:

Janet Mullock	902-455-3718	<a href="mailto:janet.mullock@bellaliant.net">janet.mullock@bellaliant.net</a>
Catherine Costello	902-422-9347	<a href="mailto:cathhalifax@yahoo.ca">cathhalifax@yahoo.ca</a>
Barb Bourgeois	902-429-2647	<a href="mailto:barbjbourgeois@gmail.com">barbjbourgeois@gmail.com</a>
Fran Cody	902-292-7700	<a href="mailto:franniecody1950@gmail.com">franniecody1950@gmail.com</a>
Linda Cody	902-453-4558	<a href="mailto:lindacody49@gmail.com">lindacody49@gmail.com</a>

*Your life is a gift from God.*

*We are grateful for and we celebrate all the blessings you bring into this world!*

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Parish

#### Leadership Team

Claudette Carroll  
Elizabeth Clark  
Jim Evans  
Charles Yochoff

#### FOLLOW US ON



[Facebook](#)



@sfscparish



@sfscparish

#### MEET OUR TEAM

Fr. Nathanael DesRoches  
Administrator

Fr. Robert Nicholas  
Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr Paul Carnell

Brent Hopkins  
Operations Manager

Sr. Rita Hanna, FoH

Cheryl Delaney  
Administrative Assistant  
[admstfsc@gmail.com](mailto:admstfsc@gmail.com)

Sara Hutt  
Administrative Assistant  
[officestfsc@gmail.com](mailto:officestfsc@gmail.com)

### SISTERS OF CHARITY CELEBRATE 175TH ANNIVERSARY

The Sisters of Charity Halifax will celebrate 175 years of service this May. On May 11, 1849, four Sisters from the New York Sisters of Charity arrived in Halifax and began their ministry at Saint Mary's School and Convent on Barrington Street. As they served the people of Halifax at the time, young women expressed interest in their ministry and wanted to join the religious community. This resulted in the group becoming an independent Congregation with their own Motherhouse and Novitiate in 1856, and the Sisters of Charity of Halifax came into being. As their ministry to teach and care for children grew, so did their impact and service to the larger community locally, nationally, and internationally.



To recognize the ministry and service of the Sisters of Charity, there will be a Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 pm at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Dunn presiding. A reception will follow.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Children *SAFE*  
Families *TOGETHER*



"Our mission at Safe Families Halifax is to partner with local churches to host children and support families who have nowhere to turn when facing unmanageable circumstances."

Build community-based connections to offer multiple levels of support to families in need.

Keep families intact by offering friends to support them.

Provide secure, temporary homes for children (parents maintain full custody).

Screened – All host families and volunteers are fully vetted.

Information Nights are being held on:

May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – 6199 Chebucto Road

May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am – St. Stephen's Church

May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – Colby Community Church, 131 Colby Drive.

For more information, visit: [Safe Families Canada](#)

## STEWARDSHIP

### Options for Giving to our Parish

1. Request weekly Sunday envelopes through our Parish Office.
2. E-Transfer to [officestfsc@gmail.com](mailto:officestfsc@gmail.com) (include your name, designation for your gift, and church).
3. Sign up for pre-authorized payments through our Parish Office.
4. Mail your donation to our Parish Office.



Please be assured that any donations received will be assigned to your account and income tax receipts will be issued. Thank you for your continued generosity! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anyone wishing to submit announcements for the bulletin is asked to send them to [officestfsc@gmail.com](mailto:officestfsc@gmail.com) by 9:00 am each Wednesday morning. Thanks!

PARISH OFFICE - WALK-IN HOURS: MON/WED/FRI 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

Email [officestfsc@gmail.com](mailto:officestfsc@gmail.com)

Parish Office: 902-454-8221

Address: 6351 North Street, Halifax, B3L 1P7

Website: <https://www.stfrancisandstclareparish.ca>

