



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

April 27, 2023

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

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4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

"The sheep follow him because they know his voice."

Good Shepherd Sunday occurs on the fourth Sunday in the Easter Season. The name comes from the gospel reading for the day, which is taken from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. In this reading, Christ is described as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down His life for His sheep. The Psalm for the day is Psalm 23 - "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

Sunday, April 30th, also marks the 60th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, 'Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest' (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Let us take time on this day to remember those who are discerning priesthood or religious life. Let us especially remember our Franciscans Brothers and Sisters who have answered the call and serve us so faithfully! As we hear in scripture, the harvest is plenty, but the labourers are few. Let us pray for more labourers!

Live-Stream Scheduled Masses

Saturday, April 29, 2023, 4:30pm

4th Sunday of Easter
Parish Channel at St Theresa's Church

Sunday, April 30, 2023, 11:15am

4th Sunday of Easter
Parish Channel at St Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church



"Remember that Jesus Christ comes in our reality...in our weaknesses, in our tribulations, and in our pain."

- Fr Nathanael



The Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena is April 29th, and the liturgy at Saturday's 9:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's will celebrate the day.

We will continue to celebrate her blessings to us on **Sunday, April 30th**, at the 11:00 am Mass in St. Catherine of Siena Church. We will also celebrate our 75th Anniversary of the establishment of our Church community. A reception will follow.

All parishioners are welcome.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm
St Mother Teresa

Saturday 4:30pm
St Theresa

Sunday 9:30am
St Patrick
St Theresa

Sunday 11:00am
St Catherine of Siena

Sunday 11:15am
St Mother Teresa

Sunday, 7:00pm
St Catherine of Siena

Mass Intentions

for the Week

Saturday, April 29
Hugh Reid (9:00am)
Marie Oickle (4:00pm)

Tuesday, May 2
Jozsot Kerkes (Noon)

Wednesday, May 3
Memorial Book (9:00am)

Saturday, May 6
Elfrieda Oster (9:00am)
Elizabeth McDonald (4:00pm)

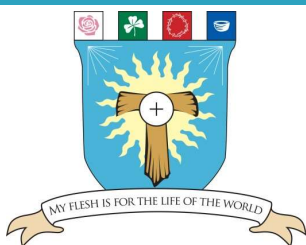
Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Noon
St Catherine Church

Wednesday - 9:00am
St Theresa Church

Friday - 9:00am
St Mother Teresa Church

Saturday—9:00am
St Catherine Church



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. This month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty and is connected with nature renewing itself.

In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ. The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her, many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

YOUTH GROUP

This week the Youth Group had an interactive discussion about Truth and Morality. We discussed the difference between Vices and Virtues, as well as the roles they play in our spiritual lives. The teens also problem solved what they would do in different moral dilemmas... how would they choose to live out virtue in a variety of circumstances?



Next week we will be talking about Mary as we enter the month of May.

Divine Mercy Sunday

If you missed Divine Mercy Adoration on April 16th click the links below to view it and pray it now:

Devotion

Adoration Divine Mercy Sunday,
Parish Channel at St Theresa's Church

Divine Mercy Prayer Guide

Rosary Making!!

If you wish to learn this skill and help Nova Scotians United for Life provide rosaries for our display table at Steubenville Youth Conference in July, please join us from 2-4pm Sunday April 30 in the Pius X room, St Theresa's church. (must be 19+ to participate). If you can, please bring a small tray to confine rolling beads! We provide the beads, etc. You provide the willing hands!



Religious Education

St. Catherine's Church

This Sunday, April 30th, another "Gathering" for students from grade primary to six will take place from 10:15 - 10:45 am in St. Catherine's Church Hall.

St. Theresa's Church

There will be catechism classes following Mass on Sunday, April 30th for grades primary to 6.

We will have a tour of the church with a sacramentals scavenger hunt during class for those in First Communion prep.

Adoration/Confession

1st Wednesday of the Month

St. Mother Teresa
7:00pm - Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available

Wednesdays

St. Theresa's Church
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows 9:00am Mass

Adoration with Benediction until 4:30pm

Thursdays

St. Catherine's
7:30pm - Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available

FRANCISCAN Weekday Mass with Morning Prayer

Tuesdays - Fridays @
7:00-7:45am
at St. Catherine's Church



PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

We would like to communicate some recent changes in leadership. Donna Noddin and Patricia Donnelly were asked to step back from their positions on the Parish Leadership Team as Fr. Nathanael discerned that their talents would be better suited in other spheres of parish leadership. Effective immediately, Patricia agreed to take up a position on the Parish Council. Donna will continue her excellent work on the Parish Property Committee and local leadership at the St. Catherine of Sienna site. We thank them for their understanding and continued service.

We would also like to inform you of three new additions to the Parish Leadership team, also effective immediately. We welcome Carla Jackson, Claudette Carol, and Catherine Costello to the Team. Here is a picture of the new team.



PARISH FUN FOR SENIORS COMMITTEE



Allow us to introduce you to our vibrant Fun for Seniors Committee. These ladies are in charge of organizing fun events for the Parish, with a focus on Seniors. However, I hear that all are welcome. I know that they are planning a fun event sometime soon. Watch this space and make sure you come out and enjoy the event. On the team are Barb Bourgeois, Carol Charlton, Frances Cody, Linda Cody, Catherine Costello, Myra Donnelly, Janet Mullock, Trish Poole and Ex Officio Sister Rita Hanna. The above picture of the group taken recently is missing Barb, Janet and Sr. Rita. We look forward eagerly to adding fun events to our calendar.

St Francis & St Clare of Assisi Youth Group Leaders!

Anne



Sr Lucia



Marcia



Sr Angela



JOIN US!

ANNE.YURCHESYN@BELLALIAN.NET



TOWN HALL REPORT

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SVDP Contact #s

St Catherine
902-455-6525

St Mother Teresa
902-405-3686

St Patrick
902-405-3806

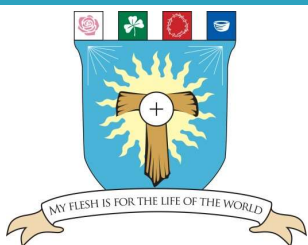
St Theresa
902-414-4625

St Patrick's
Meals for
Hope Cottage

Group 2: Nancy Bliss
May 31

Group 3: Mike Convey
June 27

Group 1: Diane Sullivan
July 26



PARISH BURSARIES, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

George P. Leach, S.J. Scholarship St Patrick's Church

The \$1000.00 George P. Leach, S.J. Scholarship is awarded to a student at St. Patrick's Church who is enrolling in a university or college diploma or degree program and has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to the service of others in their high school years. Applications will be available from Colleen Doucette before and after Sunday Mass on April 30, May 7 and May 14. The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday, May 31.

Alexander and Maude Ferguson Award St Theresa's Church

This award is available on a one-time basis to members of St Theresa's Church who are graduating from High School and who are planning a full year of post-secondary studies at a university or Community College. Please email: office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca for further information. Deadline for applications is Friday, June 2, 2023.

St Catherine's Church Bursaries

Bursaries are awarded to parishioners of St. Catherine's Church who are entering a full year of post-secondary studies, university, trade school or community college with special consideration given to those students who are active in our worshipping community. Applications are available through the Parish Office - office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca. The deadline for applications is June 15th.



The Sycamore Program is ON!!

You can still sign up. Send an email to
events@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca
NOW.

The program runs every Wednesday from
7pm to 8:30pm at St. Catherine of Siena
Church, for 8 weeks until June 7th 2023.

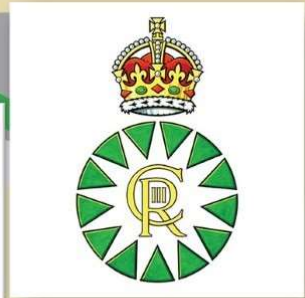
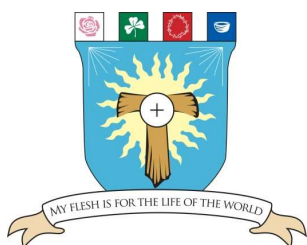
SYCAMORE



Nova Scotia Choral Federation

St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish welcomes Sunday, April 30th the Nova Scotia Choral Federation and 400 singers in 11 choirs for afternoon practice and evening choral concert of the music of the late Robbie Smith.

We wish them an inspiring concert in St Patrick's church building and safe journeys home.



Coronation Day Tea

Saturday, May 6th, 2pm to 4pm
Saint Patrick's Church Hall
2263 Brunswick Street

Price \$20.23 per person

Sandwiches, sweets, tea, coffee.

Children FREE—Hot dogs with Coronation relish from Quebec; Cookies, milk or juice.

Join others for conversation on what was seen on the televised Coronation of King Charles III of Canada

Bring your favourite Royal souvenir to show others.

Raise a glass of Punch to toast the King and Canada.



Proceeds to Chisholm Education fund held by Saint Patrick's.

Sir Joseph A. Chisholm was Mayor of Halifax, later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

Please contact the Parish Office at 902-454-8221 or email events@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca to book your tea space
Cash payment accepted at hall on May 6th for reserved space.



Annual Mother's Day Event Parent's Resource Centre



The annual Mother's Day Event at the Parent's Resource Centre is currently being organized by the Centre. St. Patrick's community has supported this event for many years. This year we will support the Parent Resource Centre through a money collection to help with the brunch that will be served to the mothers of our neighbourhood.

All members of the parish community are welcome to support this annual event.

Donations will be received until Sunday, May 7th. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Mother's Day Event and place in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support of this special event for the mothers of our neighbourhood.

For further information, please see Michele O'Neill, email: micheleoneill@ns.sympatico.ca or Colleen Doucette, email: cdoucette@aol.com





St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish welcomed David Levangie into full Communion in the Catholic Church on Sunday, April 16th

St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Parish

Celebrate Spring!

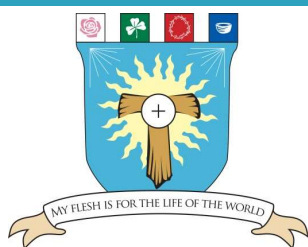


Fun For Seniors

Afternoon Tea



- Who?** ALL Seniors and their Friends are welcome
- What?** Prayer Service followed by Light Refreshments, Games, Prizes, 50/50 Draw
- When?** Thursday, May 18, 2023
1:00 p.m.
- Where?** St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church Hall
Please use the lower Robie Street door that leads directly into the hall. (Under the ramp)
- Why?** A chance to re-connect with old friends and make some new friends, enjoy some tasty treats, win a prize, have fun!
- Cost?** It's **FREE!** (We will have a free-will Donation Basket for anyone who might wish to make a contribution to future events.)



On the evening of Palm Sunday, members of the Jesus Youth Movement in Halifax gathered at St Patrick's after 9.30 AM Mass and prepare for an evening of adoration.

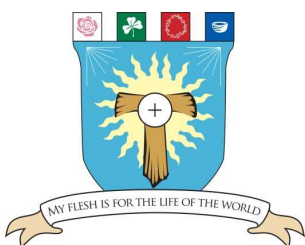
CCO Summer Mission in Halifax

From May 11 - June 9 the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth will host a mission for Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) that will see roughly 20 students and 4 staff travel to Halifax from across Canada to proclaim the Gospel and advance the work of evangelization.

These students will be divided onto teams that will serve the peninsula parishes of Good Shepherd, St. Francis and St. Clare, and St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica. There will also be public events that all those within the region will be able to take part in that will help to train people to be effective evangelists and leaders. Stay tuned to hear how you might be involved in this mission project, and please pray in particular for those coming on mission, as well as those in the parishes they will be serving.

Steubenville Atlantic is happening July 7 to 9, 2023 at Dalhousie University

Check out the Steubenville promo [video here](#)



DIOCESE NEWS

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.

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Please read on for more information on this suit or visit 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.

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.

Diocesan Feast Day Change

The Archdiocese is in the process of seeking permission from Rome to change the patronal feast of the Archdiocese from the Feast of the Assumption (August 15) to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8). This change is recommended because August 15 is a special day for the Acadians and they are involved in other festivities. As well December 8 is the date of the establishment of the new merged Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. The clergy have agreed with this change and this announcement is a way to consult all parishioners to see if you have any comments on this change. Please respond to Pauline (pamirault@halifaxyarmouth.org) by Monday, May 15.

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Anyone wishing to submit announcements for the bulletin is asked to send them to bulletin@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca by 9:00am each Tuesday morning. Thanks kindly!



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Keep up to date with all that is going on in our parish community by following us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. You can

find us on Facebook at St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish, or on Instagram and Twitter [@sfscparish](#).

MEET OUR TEAM

Fr Nathanael DesRoches
Administrator

Archbishop Martin Currie
Pastoral Support

Rev Mr Len Moore
Rev Mr Paul Carnell
Rev Br Grant McLean

Sr Rita Hanna, FoH

Ruth Bartholomeusz
Operations Manager

Pat Belgrave
Admin Assistant

Cheryl Delaney
Admin Assistant

CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICES INTO A SINGLE PARISH OFFICE



As you know, we began the process of consolidation of the Parish Offices at the end of March 2023. This process will be completed at the end of May 2023.

**With effect from June 1 2023,
we will offer administrative support
From the Parish Office only at 6351 North St.
Office Tel: 902-454-8221**

Over the next few weeks, watch this space for details on how the changes will be implemented

We appreciate your understanding and co-operation as we go through this change

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

Email: office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca

Parish Office Hours for April: Monday—Friday, 9:00am—1:00pm

Central Office: 902-454-8221

Address: 6351 North Street, Halifax, B3L 1P7

