

## 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*

### FAITH

May 18, 2023

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### The Ascension of the Lord "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."



Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then Jesus blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. It is plain from Scripture that Jesus' ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers.

The Catholic Catechism summarizes three important theological aspects of the Ascension:

1. Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, from which He will come again.

2. Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of His Body, may live in the hope of one day being with Him forever.

3. Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, May 20th

Earle Cosman (9:00am)  
Ken Orchard (4:00pm)

#### Tuesday, May 23rd

Katherine MacLean (Noon)

#### Wednesday, May 24th

Harold Swindells (9:00am)

#### Saturday, May 27th

Joan Sullivan (9:00am)  
Jillian and Marcus Adams (L) (4:00pm)

#### Live-Stream Scheduled Masses

**Saturday, May 20, 2023, 4:30pm**  
The Ascension of the Lord  
Parish Channel at St Theresa's  
Church

**Sunday, May 21, 2023, 11:15am**  
The Ascension of the Lord  
Parish Channel at St Mother  
Teresa of Kolkata Church

### 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

### 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

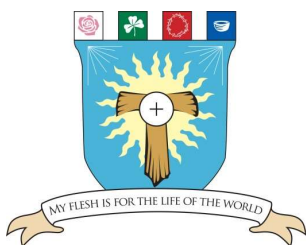
Sunday, 7:00pm  
St Catherine of Siena

### 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



### Pentecost Sunday - May 28th

St Francis and St Clare Parish invites all to join us in-person or on-line for a time of Adoration and Prayer beginning at 2:00 pm in St Theresa's Church.

Prayers will include the Rosary prayed in five different languages.

On-line Links:

[Pentecost Sunday Adoration and the Rosary](#)  
Parish Channel at St Theresa's Church

[Prayer Guide](#)

### HOPE

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

St. Catherine's - Children's Liturgies will be celebrated on May 28th and June 11th. The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on June 18th.

St. Theresa's — There will be catechism classes on Sunday, May 21st following Mass from 10:30- 11:15am in the Pius X room for grades primary to grade 6 at St. Theresa's church hall.

#### YOUTH GROUP

#### St Francis & St Clare Parish Confirmation Candidates:

We are pleased to announce that this Spring, twenty young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! This year, their Confirmation ceremony will be at St Mary's Basilica, May 28th, at 10:30am. If you are able to make it out that day to support our young people, please know that you are most welcome.

#### Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

Alma Barry, Emily Young, Fabian Jung, Isobel Mutuc, Joshua de la Salle, Katelynn Knox-Meyers, Katie MacIntyre, Kylie McMahon, Leila Goerlandt, Louise Hubbard, Matteo Mazzorana, Nadia Myers, Natalia Birkhahn, Nico Embree, Penelope Asprey, Ronan McMahon, Sawyer Kinghorne, Sofia Tejada Reyes, Sophie de la Salle, Zoë Jolin

# Refuge

## STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2023  
12-2PM

ST.CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Support the youth of St.Francis and St.Clare of Assisi parish attending the Steubenville youth conference!

**TICKETS \$15**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER MASS  
QUESTIONS? EMAIL [SR.LUCIA.OSTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SR.LUCIA.OSTER@GMAIL.COM)



**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**  
Saturday 27 May 2023 at St  
Agnes Church, Mumford Rd.  
Halifax.

You are invited to the  
*Mary, Queen of Peace*  
*Magnificat* Women's  
Breakfast on May 27<sup>th</sup>  
from 9am - 12noon.

Hot (catered) breakfast,  
prayer, praise and  
worship, and a testimony  
giving by guest speaker,  
Angele Nicholson.

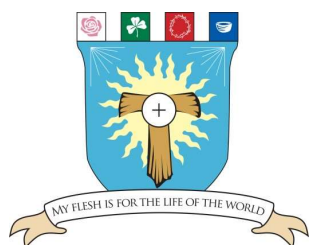
Price: \$20.

Pre-registration is  
required via [email](#)  
or call Maria Thibault at  
902 860-3304.

## REMINDER:

**20th Annual Emera  
Blue Nose Mara-  
thon** will be taking  
place on Saturday, May  
20, and Sunday, May  
21.

Traffic will be heaviest  
in the **North End** from  
**8:00 am until 10:30  
am**. Roughly 3,450 par-  
ticipants will be coming  
through this area.



## YOUTH RETREAT

The CCO missionaries will be hosting a  
youth retreat on the evening  
of Saturday May 27th

All youth are welcome to this event, and  
there will be some Steubenville  
preparation incorporated!

The night will consist of Adoration as  
well as praise and worship.

Venue: St Mother Theresa Church, 6032  
Normandy Dr.

Time: 4:30pm to 8:30pm.

## PARISH BURSARIES, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants are those who will be entering post secondary, university or community colleges and must be active participants in their worshipping church community. Unless otherwise stated, please request and/or send applications to the Parish office by the required deadlines.

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

The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday, May 31.

### Coy Scholarship Program— Knights of Columbus Halifax Council 1097

The Knights of Columbus are now accepting applications to award non-renewable scholarships through its Coy Scholarship Program. Eligible candidates are limited to Grade XII graduating catholic students are parishioners of St. Francis and St Clare Parish or are related to members or former members of Halifax Council 1097. Applications and instructions are available by contacting Paul McNeil, Coordinator, Coy Scholarship Program, Halifax Council 1097 at (902) 455-0383 or at [kofchalifax1097@gmail.com](mailto:kofchalifax1097@gmail.com). The closing return date for receipt of applications is Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

### Alexander and Maude Ferguson Award—St Theresa's Church

Deadline for applications is Friday, June 2, 2023.

### St Catherine's Church Bursaries

The deadline for applications is June 15th.

### Monsignor Murphy Scholarship—St Mother Teresa Church

The Monsignor Murphy Scholarship is available to any parishioners of Saint Mother Teresa Church. Applications are available at the back of the church for the next three weeks. Applications are due June 16th and can be mailed to the Parish office.

## LOVE IN ACTION



### Catholic Christian Outreach

We welcome the CCO missionaries who  
are visiting our Parish until June 7th.

They are offering small group faith  
studies and leadership training in sharing  
your faith.



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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

## 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



Options for  
Giving to our  
Parish

1. Request weekly Sunday envelopes through our Parish Office.

2. E-Transfer to  
[office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca](mailto:office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca)  
(include your name 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!

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Congratulations AST Graduates!

This past weekend, 41 students graduated from the Atlantic School of Theology (AST). Among those students were several Catholic students who graduated from our local theology school with either the Diploma in New Evangelization or Masters of Arts in Theological Studies.

Congratulations to all the graduates! May your studies bear much fruit in the ministries you will serve in.

If you're looking to increase your own understanding of the the faith consider taking a course at AST. Coursework is offered at a variety of different levels including: continuing education, the Diploma in New Evangelization (DNE), and masters degrees. Visit [www.astheology.ns.ca](http://www.astheology.ns.ca) to find out more.

Our Pastoral Council is meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> to begin the process of creating a Pastoral Plan through to the end of 2024. All of your suggestions at the Town Hall are on the agenda. We ask for your prayers as we go through this process, that we may be guided to follow God's will for our Parish.

## 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  
the Parish Office will be open  
Mon/ Wed/ Fri 9:00am to 12:00pm**

Address: 6351 North St.  
Office Tel: 902-454-8221

Email: [office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca](mailto:office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca)



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

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

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish  
Email: [office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca](mailto:office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca)  
Parish Office Hours for May: Monday—Friday, 9:00am—1:00pm  
Central Office: 902-454-8221  
Address: 6351 North Street, Halifax, B3L 1P7