

## 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*

May 4, 2023

### WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

- Diocesan Priests' Retreat
- Sr Rose's first profession of vows
- Catholic Christian Outreach

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### Live-Stream Scheduled Masses

**Saturday, May 6, 2023, 4:30pm**  
5th Sunday of Easter  
Parish Channel at St Theresa's Church

**Sunday, May 7, 2023, 11:15am**  
5th Sunday of Easter  
Parish Channel at St Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church



## Religious Education

St. Catherine's - This Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, a Children's Liturgy will take place during the 11:00 am Mass.

St. Theresa's - we will do the crowning of Mary during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass. It's a beautiful way to honor Mary and kick off the Month of May, Mary's month! If any families would like to have their children participate, please see Sr. Lucia before Mass. We will also have an emailed version of children's liturgy available. Please email [sr.lucia.oster@gmail.com](mailto:sr.lucia.oster@gmail.com) if you would like it sent to you.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Fr. Nathanael will be attending the Diocesan Priests' Retreat the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES FROM MONDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> ARE CANCELLED INCLUDING THE 7:00AM WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

### Franciscans of Halifax News

It is with great joy that we share some good news with you! Sr Rose Long has completed her novitiate and will be making her first profession of vows on **Saturday, May 13, 2023**. The profession will take place in St Francis and St Clare Parish during the **9:00am Mass** at St Catherine of Siena Church.

There will be a reception to follow in the hall downstairs - if you'd like to bring any items to share, they would be most welcome!

We invite you all to join us as we witness and celebrate this step in Sr Rose's journey, as she professes the evangelical counsels of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience for one year. Let us keep her in prayer as she prepares, and continue to pray for an increase in vocations. All of you are kept in our prayers in a special way as well!

Youth Group—This week the youth group had a night talking about the Blessed Mother Mary and how we honour her in the month of May! They shared different titles of Mary, the role she plays in our Faith, and how she can help us grow in Holiness! The night was concluded with some mini skits of the 7 sorrows of Mary.

## 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 May 7 and May 14. The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday, May 31.

### 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. The deadline for applications is June 15th.

### 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 contact the Parish office for further information. Deadline for applications is Friday, June 2, 2023.

### 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, who have been accepted in a first-year post-secondary program at a university or community college and 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)

St Francis and St Clare Parish invites all parishioners to a celebration of Mother's in St Patrick's church hall following their 9:30am Mass on May 14th.

Join us for coffee, tea, delicious homemade sweets and great conversation.

St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Parish

*Celebrate Spring!*

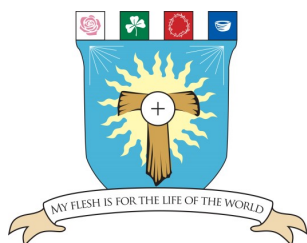


Fun For Seniors

*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.)



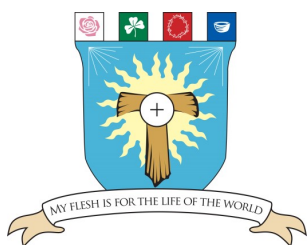




If you've ever wondered if there's more to being Catholic or why your loved ones have walked away from their faith, we want to invite you to connect with the university students from Catholic Christian Outreach.

Students from all over Canada are coming to our parish from May 13 to June 7. They are offering small group faith studies and leadership training in sharing your faith.

Sign-up at [this link](#) to be personally contacted.



## PAST EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

**The Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena** was celebrated on April 30 with a lunch after the 11 am mass which also marked the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the St Catherine of Siena church.

Thank you to all who came and everyone who helped make this occasion a huge success.



We are pleased to share with you that on April 30<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Church was the venue for a concert organized by the Nova Scotia Choral Federation. There were about 550 people in the church. The hall and church were a buzz of activity and music from 12pm to about 11pm.

Many of those attending had never been in the building. Acoustics were noted to be great.

We appreciate the time and effort from our volunteers, and Blair Beed in particular, who made sure that this event went off without a hitch.



### 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!

## DIOCESE NEWS

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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



### Upcoming Pastoral Assignments that Impact our Parish

Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth, announces the following appointments, which will be effective on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, unless otherwise stated:

**Most Rev. Martin Currie** shall complete his ministry as Associate Pastor of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi Parish.

**Rev. Robert Nicholas**, Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dartmouth, will become the Associate Pastor for Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi Parish.

**Rev. Br. Grant Maclean**, FoH, currently providing some ministry at Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Halifax, will participate in a ministry of diaconal service only at Divine Mercy Parish

For a complete list of assignments or other latest Diocesan news visit:  
<https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/>

## 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

Please note that the Parish office will be closed on Wednesday, May 17th due to a Diocesan lead Professional Administrative Day.

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

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