



# 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

July 16, 2023

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEKEND

No 7am Masses next week

No Thursday 7pm Adoration/Confession

### 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time "A sower went out to sow...."



Jesus teaches in parables that can be understood easily. He speaks of sowing the message of salvation, which either is heeded by some for a while or is ignored. Others, however, listen intently and try to live according to the will of God.

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, **St. Bonaventure** is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. He is known for many works, including *The Life of Saint Francis* and *The Journey of the Mind to God*. His feast day is July 15.

ST. BONAVENTURE

July 15th



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## MASS Intentions

### Saturday, July 15th

Janette Campbell (9:00am)

Joseph Quinn (4:00pm)

### Tuesday, July 18th

Monica Browne (noon)

### Wednesday, July 19th

Iola Arceri (9:00am)

### Saturday, July 22nd

Bill Quinn (9:00)

Kenneth Orchard (4:00pm)

## Weekend Mass Schedule for July

**Saturday 4:00pm**  
St Mother Teresa

**Sunday 9:00am**  
St Mother Teresa  
(Polish Mass)

**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

### Live-Stream Masses

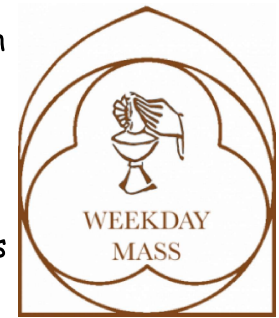
**Sunday, July 16, 2023**  
11:15am  
St Mother Teresa Church

### Weekday Mass Schedule

- Tuesday - Noon  
St Catherine Church
- Wednesday - 9:00am  
St Theresa Church
- Friday - 9:00am  
St Mother Teresa
- Saturday—9:00am  
St Catherine Church

Please note that the Franciscan 7am weekday Mass and morning prayer in St Catherine's Church will not be celebrated the week of **July 18 - 21**.

As well, the Thursday evening adoration/ confessions scheduled July 20th in St Catherine's church has been cancelled.



### SATURDAY SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

MONTH	TIME	CHURCH
JUNE 2023	4:00PM	Saint Theresa Catholic Church
JULY 2023	4:00PM	Saint Mother Teresa Catholic Church
AUGUST 2023	4:00PM	Saint Theresa Catholic Church
SEPTEMBER 2023	4:00PM	Saint Mother Teresa Catholic Church

## HOPE

Steubenville Atlantic: Thank you!

Over 350 young people, youth leaders, and volunteers gathered on the Dal Campus for a weekend of fun, faith, and friendship! Over three days they heard about how God is our refuge and we can entrust to Him all our worries and cares. In knowing how much God truly loves us and wants to be in relationship with us we can transform the world!

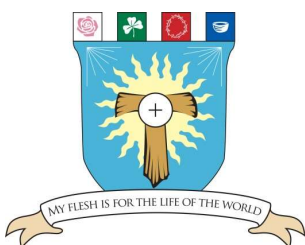
To re-live moments of the conference you can check out the livestream recordings by going to <https://livestream.com/halifaxarmouth/refuge>

## LOVE IN ACTION

Thank you to our Parish Chaperones and Leaders that helped make Steubenville Atlantic a fantastic experience for our youth. They are:

Anne Yurchesyn  
Greg Vess  
Joe Yurchesyn  
Sr. Lucia Oster  
Kaitlyn Lightfoot  
Darlene Young

A MASSIVE  
THANK  
YOU



## An Update re: Church Buildings

### Adoration/Confession

**1st Wednesday of the Month**  
**St. Mother Teresa's**  
7:00pm - Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession available

**Wednesdays**  
**St. Theresa's**  
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

### **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!

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) met on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and one topic of discussion was the state of our Church buildings. The PPC heard anecdotally that some parishioners are concerned about the possibility that one or more of the Churches may need to close. This is a very understandable concern, and one that the PPC wishes to address in a transparent way so that parishioners are not placed in a situation of uncertainty.

When our four predecessor parishes amalgamated into the one Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, it created a situation in which we have one parish that has four church buildings. Naturally, as part of our coming together, it is necessary to assess our Parish resources, including our buildings, to determine what our needs are at present and in the future.

All our buildings are older structures that have been in use for many decades, and while they have, to varying degrees, been maintained over the years, they all have ongoing issues that need to be addressed. To properly understand the state of the buildings from a purely structural standpoint, the Parish in concert with the Archdiocese has commissioned qualified engineers to prepare a report in respect of each building. At the present time, the reports are in the process of being prepared.

Review of the reports will be carried out by the Parish Administrator with the support of several parishioners who are also professional engineers. The purpose of obtaining and reviewing the reports is to provide a clear picture of the physical state of the buildings, to identify any structural or other issues that each has, and to understand what work would be involved to address those issues and to continue to maintain the buildings in a state of repair that would be suitable to their ongoing use.

The information generated via the reports is one part - albeit an important part - of an overall process of assessing our Parish buildings and property needs moving forward. The PPC is engaged in a dialogue with our Parish Administrator and other members of Parish leadership (and possibly also representatives of the Archdiocese) to identify what that process looks like, who will have the ultimate responsibility for overseeing it, and on what timeline it will be carried out.

The PPC anticipates that there will be appropriate and regular communication with Parishioners in relation to this process and how it is proceeding. It is also anticipated that there will be an opportunity for parishioners to participate in information sessions and other opportunities for consultation.

Again, this entire review of our Church buildings is at an early stage, and a lot of the details about how it will move forward are still to be determined.

We would ask all parishioners to be patient as the process moves forward. No outcomes have been pre-determined, so please do not be concerned that decisions on Church closures are pre-cast - they are not. That said, we need to work together and think constructively about this issue, and we all need to keep an open mind and heart to the possibility that one or more Church closures may in fact be in our collective best interests moving forward.

Please pray for our Parish, for our Administrator, staff and our lay leaders, and for one another as we journey through these important decisions together. Your engagement will be an important part of that process, and we look forward to sharing information with you, and to receiving your feedback.



## Diocesan News

### Diaconate Ordination: August 10

On Thursday, August 10, Archbishop Dunn will ordain William (Bill) Grady to the permanent diaconate. The celebration will be at 7:00pm at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome!

In the early Church, some men were called to become deacons, ordained ministers who served the people of God under the direction of the Bishop.

The title "deacon" comes from the Greek word "diakonos," which means "servant." Though all Christians by baptism are called to "diakonia," or service, deacons serve as a public sacramental sign of Christ in and at the service of the world. Like a priest, a deacon is a member of the clergy who shares in the ministry of the Bishop. Unlike a priest, he may also have a wife, a family, and a secular job. The diaconate is a distinct vocation, or calling, to imitate Christ in His service to all humanity, to bring the world to Christ and Christ to the world.

## Parish News

The Pastoral Council advises our Administrator on matters relating to the pastoral life of the whole parish. It is made up of representatives from our various church locations.

There is a current vacancy on the Council that we would like to fill. If you would be interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, please contact the Parish office by July 17th.



Enjoy your summer vacation and remember that you can still view Mass online with your Parish family no matter where you are so long as you have an internet connection. Click [Sunday, July 16, 2023](#) for the 11:15am at St Mother Teresa Church.

If you are traveling, be safe and we look forward to seeing you on your return.

In June a **Ring** was found in St Theresa's Church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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!

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**PARISH WALK-IN HOURS:** MON/WED/FRI 9:00AM TO 12NOON  
(voicemail will be returned every day)

Email: [office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca](mailto:office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca)  
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### MEET OUR TEAM

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Administrator

Archbishop Martin Currie  
Pastoral Support

Rev Mr Len Moore  
Rev Mr Paul Carnell

Sr Rita Hanna, FoH

Pat Belgrave  
Admin Assistant

Cheryl Delaney  
Admin Assistant

