

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

June 11, 2023

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Fr Nathanael's
Anniversary

Final Deadlines for St
Catherine's and St
Mother Teresa's
Bursaries

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST "Behold the bread of angels..."



The **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, formerly, the Feast of Corpus Christi ("Body of Christ"), is a feast that celebrates Jesus' gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

The festival was inspired by the religious experience of St. Juliana (1193-1258), a Belgian nun, who dreamed repeatedly of the Church under a full moon with a black spot. According to legend, the dream was interpreted to her in a vision by Christ. The moon, she said, was the Church's calendar of festivals, and the black spot was the lack of a festival to celebrate the holiest element of the Church - the Eucharist. Juliana shared this with her local bishop, who in 1246 issued a decree for such a festival to be celebrated in his territory. The festival was instituted throughout the Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264 at the encouragement of Thomas Aquinas.

There are two major themes to this feast: the Body of Christ that is the Holy Eucharist and the Body of Christ that is our communion of faith, the Church. When we gather for Mass, we become one with Christ, transformed by his loving gift. We become one with Christ in the person we may not know sitting next to us in the pew, and with Catholics who gather throughout the world to celebrate the Eucharist.

Procession with the Blessed Sacrament

This Sunday parishioners of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi are invited to come together at St. Mother Teresa Church for a procession with the Blessed Sacrament.

You can attend the 11:15 mass at St. Mother Teresa's, or you can join the gathering when the procession around the church begins at 12:30 pm (weather permitting).

Following the procession, a BBQ and refreshments will be available in the park across the street from the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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Saturday, June 10th
Donald MacPhee (9:00am)

Tuesday, June 13th
Mary T MacKenzie
and Family (L) (noon)

Wednesday, June 14th
Earle Cosman (9:00am)

Saturday, June 17th
Kevin Ritcey (9:00am)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm
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

Live-Stream Masses
Visit: SFSC Parish

Saturday, June 10, 2023
4:00pm

St Theresa Church

Sunday, June 11, 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

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



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

CATECHISM PROGRAM



St Mother Teresa's— On behalf of the children parishioners and myself I would like to extend a thank you to all of those who helped with the First Communion and reception this past Sunday at Saint Mother Teresa Church. The dedication, support, hard work and love that you have continued to share with all of us does not go unnoticed. The Social Committee did a wonderful job from setting up the hall, organizing the cooking and serving the food that was shared and enjoyed by all.

What a special day for the First Communion children to see everyone working together enjoying the day just as Jesus has asked of us. Loving one another and sharing the talents we have all been given with each other. Spreading his love is what

we have been asked and you have given the children a great example of just what that looks like. We have been blessed by you all and we thank you.

St. Catherine's - Our last Children's Liturgy for this year's program will be celebrated on June 11th during the 11:00 am Mass.

Next Sunday, June 18th, the Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass. We ask for your prayers for our eleven candidates who have been preparing for this special day: Alec Booker, Dinadee Dayaratne, Adelaide Gough, Ryan Jeon, Paula Lim, Thomas Myers, Dominic Nguyen, Jaqui Santos, Soyul Shin, Yuchan Suh, and Wooju Yang. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this celebration. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

St Theresa's—Our last catechism class will be this Sunday, June 11th from 10:30am to 11:15am.

We will have a reception following Mass on June 18th to celebrate the end of the year and to congratulate our First Communion students. All are welcome to attend.

Please pray for Danielle Gillis, Ethan Greenwood, Jethro Barry and Dios Karunungan as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

YOUTH PROGRAM



A big thank you to all who came out to the Steubenville Brunch fundraiser and to all who supported the youth group this year in so many ways! There was lots of good food, smiling faces and fun!

We raised a total \$2,168.60!

Thank you very much for your generosity!

Pictured are some of the students attending Steubenville and Anne, our youth group lead.

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.

Bursaries
St Catherine's Church
Deadline is June 15th

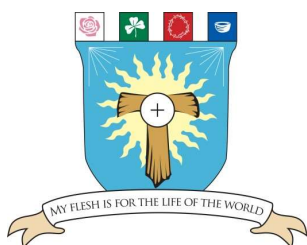
Monsignor Murphy
Scholarship
St Mother Teresa Church
Deadline is June 16th

Options for Giving to our Parish

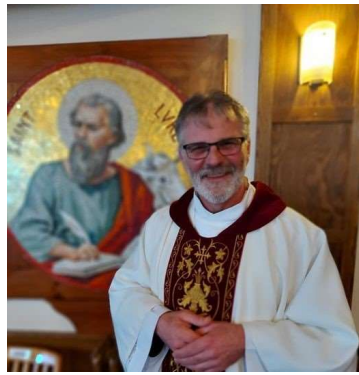
1. Request weekly Sunday envelopes through our Parish Office.
2. E-Transfer to office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca (include your name and church).
3. Sign up for pre-authorized payments through our Parish Office.
4. Mail your donation to our Parish Office.

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!



LOVE IN ACTION



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO FR NATHANAEL

On Tuesday, June 13th Fr Nathanael will celebrate his fourth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

We thank him for the love and concern with which he ministers to us. Fr Nathanael, may your life be filled with God's grace and be with you as you continue your most holy and blessed work.

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SOUP SCOOP & SING

Who? ALL Seniors and their Friends are welcome

What? A delicious **Luncheon** consisting of
Homemade Chicken Soup, Homemade Biscuits,
Cookies, Tea, Coffee
PLUS a Make Your Own
Ice Cream Sundae Bar
Door Prize Draw
50/50 Draw
"Oldies But Goodies" **Sing-A-Long**



When? Thursday, June 22, 2023
12:00 noon

Where? St. Catherine of Siena Church Hall (6476 Bayer's Road)

Why? Exercise your Taste Buds and your Vocal Chords and 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.)

How? You **must** Register for this event by Sunday, June 18th.



PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THESE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO REGISTER

Frances Cody 902-292-7700
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902-455-6525

St Mother Teresa
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St Patrick
902-405-3806

St Theresa
902-414-4625

MEET OUR TEAM

Fr Nathanael DesRoches
Administrator

Archbishop Martin Currie
Pastoral Support

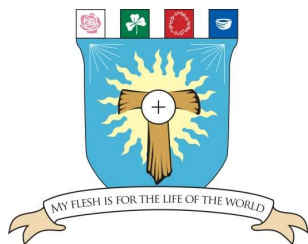
Rev Mr Len Moore
Rev Mr Paul Carnell
Rev Br Grant McLean

Sr Rita Hanna, FoH

Ruth Bartholomeusz
Operations Manager

Pat Belgrave
Admin Assistant

Cheryl Delaney
Admin Assistant



DIOCESAN NEWS

Caring for our Community Collection

This June, starting the weekend of June 10-11, you are invited to give to our Caring for our Community Collection. This is the second of three annual diocesan collections that support the pastoral works of the Archdiocese. *"In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body."* 1 Cor.12

This verse comes from the second reading from the Feast of Pentecost which we recently celebrated. As One Body in Christ we are called to care for the whole Christian community. It's important to welcome new members and provide on-going formation for disciples. At the same time, we must also support those who have shared their gifts for many years and are slowing down; specifically, care for our infirmed and retired priests.

Giving to this diocesan collection is a way to give thanks for the ministry of the priests who have cared for the faithful across the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth for many years. They have blessed us with their ministry, let us bless them with our support, care, and financial gifts to the Caring for our Community collection. May the example of our faithful priests encourage our own yes to God's call to spread the Good News and serve one another.

How can you give?

- Use a Donor Card mailed to all registered parishioners in Archdiocese. You can mail this directly to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth or drop it in the collection basket at your parish.
- Donate online: halifaxyarmouth.org and click on Donate.
- Send a donation by e-transfer to finance@halifaxyarmouth.org Please note **"June 2023 Donation"** in the memo box.
- Consider a monthly pledge. This can be indicated on the Donor Card.

Please prayerfully consider your gift. Thank you for your generosity.

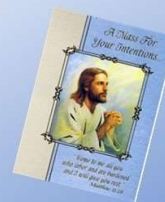
AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE CONSOLIDATED OUR PARISH OFFICE



Mass cards will be available for pick up from the Sacristy as well as the Parish Office.

If the Sacristan is busy or the Sacristy is locked, please call the Parish Office and we will be happy to assist you.

If you call outside of Office hours, please leave us a message and Staff will return your call.



Parish WALK-IN Office Hours: **Mon/ Wed/ Fri 9am to 12pm**

Voice mail will be returned every day

Address: 6351 North St.

Office Tel: 902-454-8221

Email: office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca

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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