



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 25, 2023

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light."

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

No bulletin

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY!

We welcome Felipe Afonso Melro, Ryan Yuchan Jeon and Yuchan Michael Suh into our community of faith.

These are the latest baptisms that Fr. Nathanael celebrated in June.

May the Spirit they have received, guide them as they grow in greater understanding of their faith and holiness!

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

It is with sadness that we report the passing of the following parishioners:

FLORENCE MARTIN. HER FUNERAL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD, AT 11:00 AM IN ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH.

REGINE GOGAN. HER FUNERAL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON MONDAY, JUNE 26 AT 2:00PM IN ST MOTHER TERESA CHURCH.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

St Francis and St Clare Parish Welcomes the St Faustina Polish Mission To our Parish Community

Beginning this Sunday, June 25th, the Polish community will be celebrating their weekly Polish Mass each Sunday at St. Mother Teresa Church at 9:00 am!

Polish Mass



Sundays at 9:00 am

ST.MOTHER TERESA CHURCH

Beginning June 25th

Weekend Mass Schedule For the Month of July

Saturday 4:00pm
St Mother Teresa

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 Scheduled Masses

Saturday, June 24
2023, 4:00pm

Parish Channel at St Theresa's Church

Sunday, June 25
2023, 11:15am

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

MASS Intentions

Tuesday, June 27th
Anna Landry (Noon)

Wednesday, June 28th
Rolando Gentile (9:00am)

Saturday, July 1st
Charlotte Landry (9:00am)
Phillis & Harry Pottie (4:00pm)

Tuesday, July 4th
Monica Browne (Noon)

Wednesday, July 5th
Memorial Book (9:00am)

Saturday, July 8th
Helen Willems (9:00am)
Paul Anderson (4:00pm)

SATURDAY SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

MONTH	TIME	CHURCH
JUNE 3 JUNE 10 JUNE 17 JUNE 24	4:00PM	Saint Theresa Catholic Church
JULY 1 JULY 8 JULY 15 JULY 22 JULY 29	4:00PM	Saint Mother Teresa Catholic Church
AUGUST 5 AUGUST 12 AUGUST 19 AUGUST 26	4:00PM	Saint Theresa Catholic Church
SEPTEMBER 02 SEPTEMBER 07 SEPTEMBER 16 SEPTEMBER 23 SEPTEMBER 30	4:00PM	Saint Mother Teresa Catholic Church

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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

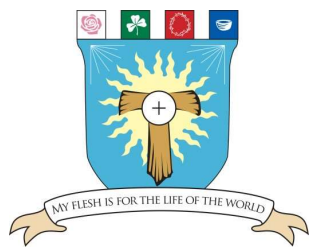
Adoration with Benediction until 4:30pm

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



HOPE

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATED LAST SUNDAY



Congratulations to Danielle Gillis, Ethan Greenwood, Jethro Barry and Dios Karunungan who celebrated their First Communion this past Sunday at St. Theresa's with Fr. Nathanael as the celebrant. Let us continue to pray for all those who received this sacrament of First Communion this year! A wholehearted thank you to all those in the community who helped prepare for this special day! May the Lord bless you!

What a joyful celebration it was as Alec Booker, Dinadee Dayaratne, Adelaide Gough, Ryan Jeon, Paula Lim, Thomas Myers, Dominic Nguyen, Jaqui Santos, Soyul Shin, Yuchan Suh, and Wooju Yang received their First Communion last Sunday at St Catherine of Siena Church. As you continue to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, guide you, and bless you. Congratulations!



YOUTH

35 members of the **Jesus Youth Group** held a Recommitment Service at Saint Patrick's Church Hall last Sunday afternoon.



Father Nathanael led the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Robert who will be joining the Parish of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi in July gave the homily on the Readings. Commitment prayers, song, fellowship, fun and supper filled the 4 hour event.



LOVE IN ACTION

Parishioners of St Francis and St Clare of Assisi came together at St Mother Teresa Church on June 11th for a procession with the Blessed Sacrament — followed by a BBQ and refreshments in the park across the street from the church.





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COTTAGE**

St Patrick's Meals for Hope Cottage

Many Churches in our Diocese support Hope Cottage's meals service by having members volunteer to purchase, cook and deliver to Hope Cottage prescribed recipes.

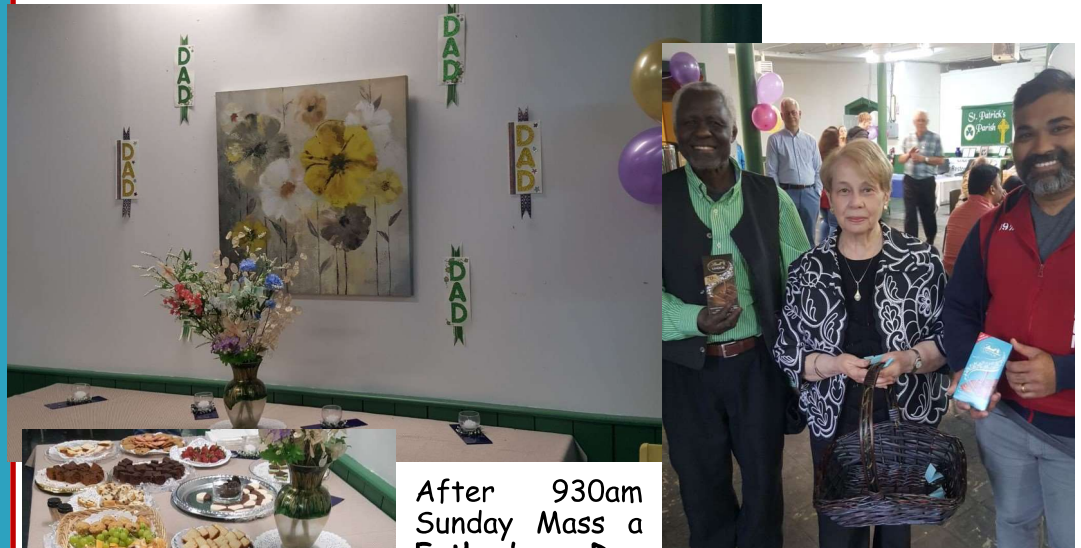
The food is served or handed out from there.

In the case of St. Patrick's we have three groups of four or five volunteer who prepare meals four times a year.

June 27
Group 3: Mike Convey

July 26
Group 1: Diane Sullivan

August 31
Group 2: Nancy Bliss



After 930am
Sunday Mass a
**Father's Day
Reception** was held in the hall at Saint Pat-

rick's. The table filled with all kinds of sweets provided by the social committee. A free draw was held and some of the fathers won treat prizes handed out by Colleen Doucette, Chair of the Social Committee. A cheer and round of applause was given to Father Nathanael to mark the 4th Anniversary of his ordination earlier in the week.

PARISH BURSARIES, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA BURSARY AWARDED

Congratulations to Fabian Jung, one of St Catherine's faithful Sunday morning Altar Servers, who was this year's recipient of the St. Catherine of Siena Bursary. Fabian was congratulated last Sunday at Mass by Fr. Nathanael on this \$1500 award. Fabian, good luck with your post-secondary studies!

George Leach Scholarship

St. Patrick's Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Alexander Mentink and Abby Titus will each be awarded a George Leach Scholarship of \$1000.00 for the 2023-24 academic year. The presentation will take place Sunday, June 25. Congratulations Alexander and Abby.



Whether you are graduating from
Elementary School,
Junior High School,
High School,
Community College,
or University
we want you to know
that we are so very proud of you,
and we wish you the very best that life has to offer.

*We pray that God will Bless You
with His Love, Wisdom, and Success
as you enter the next chapter
of your lives.*

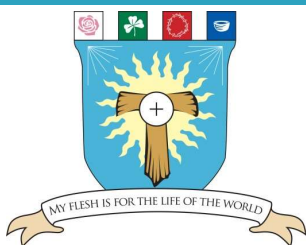
Have a Happy and Safe Summer!



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH - BAYERS ROAD WIDENING UPDATE

On May 25, 2022, an agreement was signed with the Halifax Regional Municipality for the expropriation of land they required for the widening of Bayers Road.

HRM had reported that Phase 2 construction (Connaught Avenue to Windsor Street) would take place in 2023 at the earliest. We have recently been informed that Phase 2 will not take place until 2025.



AED MEDICAL DEVICE NOW ONSITE AT ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH

St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish wishes to offer a big THANK YOU to an anonymous couple who graciously contributed the cost (\$2,200) for an AED (automated external defibrillator) for St Catherine's church.

An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

Although, we hope to never have to use this device, it is a gracious gift for the safety and well-being of all those who worship at this site within our Parish.



STEWARDSHIP

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!

What are pre-authorized payments?

The Parish has a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) plan to assist you in your support of the work of our community. It allows you to give intentionally, proportionally, and faithfully to your community by having your offering automatically withdrawn from your bank account each month.

Why should YOU participate?

- Convenience. No more scrambling for the right change, writing a cheque, or forgetting your envelope at home.
- Continued support of your Church when you are away.
- Allows for regular, dependable flow of contributions to the Parish.
- If you wish to have something to place in the collection basket, you can still receive your box of numbered envelopes. They have been pre-printed to allow you to indicate that you give through PAD.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



DIOCESE NEWS

Mass for North American Indigenous Games

At the request of members of our Mi'kmaq communities, Archbishop Dunn will offer the 12:15 Mass on **Saturday, July 15** at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica for all involved in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). All are welcome!

Halifax will host the 10th NAIG from July 15-23.

There will be competitions in 16 sports within 21 venues across Kijikuk (Halifax), Dartmouth, Millbrook First Nation and Sipekne'katik.

NAIG 2023 will bring together more than 5,000 athletes, coaches and team staff from 756+ Indigenous Nations celebrating, sharing and reconnecting through sport and culture with the help of 3,000 volunteers.

For more information visit: naig2023.com

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.

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.

Deacon Formation

Seven men have completed their diaconate discernment year and have been accepted to begin their aspirant year in September 2023, the first of a four year formation process.

Ron Chisholm and Charlie Vaughan are nearing the end of the formation process for the permanent diaconate. On June 11, Ron Chisholm's candidacy application was confirmed at a mass at Immaculate Conception Parish in Truro. Ron also was installed as lector. Charlie Vaughan was installed as acolyte June 15, 2023 at St. John XXIII church, part of Divine Mercy Parish. Bill Grady's application for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate was approved by Archbishop Dunn. Bill's ordination will take place August 10 (Feast of St. Lawrence) at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica.

We thank God for placing the call to serve on the hearts of these men and we continue to pray for them.



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Next week, there will be no bulletin. Bulletins will resume in the first week of July.

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!

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

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