

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 11, 2023

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Parish Office closed
May 17th

Fun for Seniors' Tea

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Today, we remember all mothers, both living and deceased, and pray that they will receive many blessings for their tireless love and devotion to their children.



*The Lord
Bless you and keep you:
the Lord make his face
shine on you & be
gracious to you:
the Lord turn his face
toward you and
give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26*

Live-Stream Scheduled Masses

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 4:30pm
6th Sunday of Easter
Parish Channel at St Theresa's Church

Sunday, May 14, 2023, 11:15am
6th Sunday of Easter
Parish Channel at St Mother Teresa of
Kolkata Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 13th
Torok Tessa van Andrew (9:00am)
Katherine Adams (L) (4:00pm)

Tuesday, May 16th
Joan Sullivan (Noon)

Wednesday, May 17th
Monica Browne (9:00am)

Friday, May 19th
Phillip Roach (9:00am)

Saturday, May 20th
Earle Cosman (9:00am)
Ken Orchard (4:00pm)



Crowning of Mary

May 7th

9:30am
Mass

St Theresa's
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

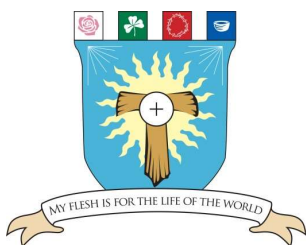
Sunday, 7:00pm
St Catherine of Siena

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



BUILDING HOPE



Religious Education

St. Theresa's —There will be catechism classes on Sunday, May 14th following Mass from 10:30- 11:15am in the Pius X room for grades primary to grade 6.

St. Mother Teresa's —Our Level Two Sunday School class is now working on their First Communion program. Please keep Lincoln Castle, Jude MacKenzie, Rosie Asprey, Monica Thomas, Lea Marques and Lina Marques in your prayers as they work towards this very special sacrament.

St. Catherine's - St. Catherine's - This Sunday, May 14th, our final Gathering for elementary students will be held from 10:15 - 10:45 am in our Church Hall. Children's Liturgies will continue on May 28th and June 11th. The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on June 18th.

A big 'THANK YOU' to our parents for their faithfulness to our program. Special thanks to Anna Irish, Colleen Dompierre, Sr. Angela Burnham and Donna Noddin for leading our class groupings. A special thanks to ALL OF YOU for the joyous spirit in which you respond to the children's presence within our midst.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Last week the Youth Group had an in-depth discussion about Mary, the mother of God. The teens learned more about Mary's important role in the church and our lives as well as how we can honour her in a special way for the month of May. This week we had another social and fun night. We completed a scavenger hunt where the teens were able to work together and race to complete the list first!

The Steubenville crew are hosting a post-mass brunch to fundraise for Steubenville! Mark your calendars, come out and support our parish teens on June 4th at the St Catherine of Siena location. Tickets will be made available for \$15, please email Sr Lucia if you have any questions!

LOVE IN ACTION



Ten members of the **St. Mother Teresa Catholic Women's League** gathered for their final spring meeting on Sunday May 7.

Appreciation and thanks were extended to Colleen Burgess for her leadership role as Chair of the CWL for the past many years. A special invitation is extended to all CWL members to attend the next special meeting to be held in September in the Church.

Did you know: Some objectives of the C.W.L. are to:

- protect the sanctity of life
- enhance the role of women in church and society
- recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
- uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
- contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony

Jams, Jellies and Pickles Fall Fundraiser



As summer approaches and fresh produce becomes abundant, we kindly ask you to consider setting aside some jars of your homemade jams, jellies, and pickles for this annual Fall fundraiser at St. Theresa's. The delicious preserves you create will help support St. Theresa's Church within the Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi and its many programs. The sale will again be held around the start of Advent, in time for Christmas shopping.

We appreciate your generosity and support - and your delicious preserves.

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.

Monsignor Murphy Scholarship—St Mother Teresa Church

The Monsignor Murphy Scholarship is available to any parishioners of Saint Mother Teresa Church who will be entering post secondary, university or community colleges. Applicants must be active participants in our worshipping church community. 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.

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

The \$1000.00 George P. Leach, S.J. Scholarship applications will be available from Colleen Doucette before and after Sunday Mass on May 14. The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday, May 31.

St Catherine's Church Bursaries

The deadline for applications is June 15th.

Alexander and Maude Ferguson Award—St Theresa's Church

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 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. The closing return date for receipt of applications is Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

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Celebrate Spring!

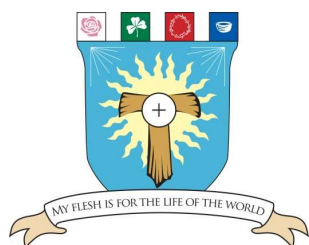


Fun For Seniors

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.)



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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 (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

Volunteer Opportunity: Catholic Diocesan Centre & Saint Mary's Cathedral



Do you know anyone looking for some volunteer work during the week? The Archdiocese is seeking a volunteer to help fulfill reception desk duties at the Catholic Diocesan Centre. This public facing position will assist the receptionist with administrative tasks as well as greet visitors to the office of Catholic Diocesan Centre and Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica.

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



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 by 9:00am each Tuesday morning. Thanks kindly!

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Email: 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