



ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Home of the Franciscans of Halifax

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 15, 2022

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION



On Sunday, May 29th, at the 11:00 am Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion. We ask for your prayers for our six candidates who have been preparing for this special day – Daniella D’Castro, Nora Edwards, Elijah Irish, Zamar MacDonald, Emma MacIntyre and Bea Tarulli. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this celebration.

We are overjoyed that this celebration will be taking place at a regular Sunday Mass. Throughout the last year, March 2021 to present, we have celebrated fifteen First Communions with our families in addition to the six we will celebrate on May 29th!!! Most were celebrated at separate evening celebrations because of limited capacity guidelines, while a few individual celebrations took place at a Sunday Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



This past Sunday, May 8th, students in our Religious Education Program received their last emailed lesson from their Catechists for this school year. Special thanks to our Catechists – Anna Irish, Colleen Dompierre and Donna Noddin – for preparing these emailed lessons! Also, a big ‘THANK YOU’ to our parents and guardians for their faithfulness to our program.

We will hold an END OF THE YEAR ZOOM PARTY for those students who enrolled in the program this year on Tuesday of this week. It’s just our way of trying to keep in touch with our families!

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA BURSARIES



Bursaries & Scholarships 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 or contact Donna at donna.noddin@gmail.com. The deadline for applications is **June 15th**.

PARISH NEWS



SENIORS SURVEY – If you have not filled out the Seniors Survey asking for your feedback on potential events and gatherings, paper copies remain on the back tables. You can also fill out the survey online by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParishSeniorsSurvey>

PARISH CALENDAR 2023 FUNDRAISER - As noted in last week’s bulletin, anyone interested in participating in this project, please contact Steffie Hawrylak-Young at Steffie.Hawrylak-Young@nsc.ca by May 20th.

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS



Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth, announces the following appointments, which will be effective on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, unless otherwise stated.

Priest Appointments

Père Mathieu Agbaya, the priest in charge with the faculties of a pastor according to canon 517, §2 at Paroisse Notre Dame d'Acadie, will become Associate Pastor of Notre-Dame de l'Assomption Parish, Argyle Region.

Père Hospice Akoffodji, Associate Pastor of Paroisse Notre Dame d'Acadie, will become Moderator of Pastoral Care according to canon 517, §2 for Paroisse Notre Dame d'Acadie, Clare Region. He will continue to provide pastoral care for the students at Université Ste-Anne.

Rev. Gregory Agyeman, Associate Pastor of Saint John the Apostle, will become the Associate Pastor of Holy Apostles Parish, with Maryn Anderson, DMI as Parish Life Coordinator and Fr. Earl Smith as the Moderator of Pastoral Care, according to canon 517, §2.

Rev. Keith Billard, Associate Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, will become Pastor of Saint John the Apostle.

Rev. Ronald Cairns is appointed to hospital chaplaincy at QEII Health Sciences Centre, effective immediately.

Rev. Mark Cherry will continue to provide pastoral ministry through the Sacred Heart Evangelization and Healing Ministry and assist the faith communities of All Saints Parish, in collaboration with Rev. Charles Nwachukwu Offor with the celebration of the Eucharist at least one weekend per month.

Rev. Gerald David, Pastor of Divine Mercy, Dartmouth, will become Pastor of Saint André Bessette, Enfield.

Rev. Rob Elford, in addition to his role as Pastor of Stella Maris Parish, is appointed to provide sacramental support to the Mission to Seafarers.

Rev. Jim O'Connor, Pastor of Saint John the Apostle Parish, will become Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Truro.

Rev. Paul MacIntosh, FoH, Associate Pastor of Holy Apostles Parish, will become part-time hospital chaplain at QEII Health Sciences Centre. As part of this appointment, he will engage in the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program.

Rev. Yves Marchildon, CC, Interim Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish will become Associate Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Lower Sackville effective June 1, 2022.

Rev. Dariusz Miskowicz, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Truro will be leaving the Archdiocese to take up ministry in another diocese.

Rev. Robert Nicholas, a priest of the Eparchy of Chandra, India, will become Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dartmouth, effective June 2, 2022.

Rev. Francesco Pirisi, FoH, will begin a leave of absence for the purpose of pursuing further studies.

Rev. Vargheese Puthuparampil, IMS, who has been serving in the Diocese of Antigonish, will become Administrator of Divine Mercy Parish, Dartmouth.

Rev. Bryan Sabourin, CC, following a leave of absence, will resume his ministry as Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, effective June 1, 2022.

Rev. Ben St. Croix, CC, Associate Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Lower Sackville, will return to Ottawa, effective June 1, 2022.

Rev. Joseph Thomas, Associate Pastor of Stella Maris Parish, will become Associate Pastor of Saint John the Apostle.

Rev. Michael Walsh, Pastor of Saint André Bessette, will become Associate Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish.

Deacon Appointment

Rev. Mr. Grant McLean, FoH, is appointed for liturgical ministry at Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi, Halifax and will participate in a ministry of diaconal service at that parish, effective immediately.

UPCOMING PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATIONS



Fr. James Mallon – 25th Anniversary of Ordination
On May 16th, Fr. James Mallon will celebrate 25 years of priesthood at a Mass of

Thanksgiving that evening at 7:00 pm at Saint Peter's Church, 10 Maple St. in Dartmouth. A reception will follow.

Fr. Gerald David – 25th Anniversary of Ordination
On May 16th, Fr. Gerald David will celebrate 25 years of priesthood at a Mass that evening at 7:00 pm at Saint Clement's Church, 16 Gaston Road in Dartmouth. A reception will follow. Those unable to join him on May 16th, are welcome to join him at the regularly

scheduled 11:30 am Sunday Mass on May 15th at Saint John XXIII Church, 35 Colby Drive, Dartmouth. A reception will follow.

Fr. Duncan MacMaster – 50th Anniversary of Ordination

On May 21st, Fr. Duncan MacMaster will celebrate 50 years of priesthood at the 4:00 pm Mass on that day at St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River. A reception and kitchen party will follow at the LWF Hall. Fr. Duncan has sent out a special request to please bring your children to be part of the celebration and party. Any well wishes, words of congratulations, and messages that you may wish to share can be sent to fatherduncan50thyear@gmail.com to be read during the celebration.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS - PART 8 FROM THE DIOCESE



We can expect that there will be burial grounds on most, if not all land in close proximity to residential schools. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission drew on the

efforts of many investigators and consultants, including Dr. Scott Hamilton, a professor in the department of Anthropology at Lakehead University, who worked from 2013-2015 identifying residential-school-related gravesites around Canada.

Of particular concern to Dr. Hamilton is the fact that many news reports described the Kamloops gravesite as a mass grave, a term most often used to describe sites associated with war crimes or massacres in which people all killed at one time are buried en masse in a site that is then hidden. In fact, deaths at Residential Schools accrued year over year, with “wild fluctuations” that probably reflected periodic epidemics, Dr. Hamilton said. The high death rates continued until the middle of the 20th century, when they finally fell to match those in the general population.

Hamilton said the “mass grave” description “misses the point with the Residential-School story”, a story that unfolded over more than a century and in which appalling conditions led to high death rates due to disease, the most devastating of which was tuberculosis.

Faith communities, including Catholic entities, who operated residential schools should have done more

to respect those who died, providing information to family members and respecting the dignity of every child entrusted to their care. Church leaders have spoken publicly about the need to dialogue with Indigenous leaders to ensure appropriate memorials are constructed to remember and honour those who died, including names of the deceased whenever possible.

For more information the relationship between the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the local Mi’kmaq community go to: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/mi-kmaq-community

STEWARDSHIP



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There are a number of ways you can donate.

Visit: <https://saintcatherineofsiena.ca/donate> to see how to donate by electronic fund transfer, mail or how to sign up for pre-authorized payments. 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:

STEBENVILLE ATLANTIC 2022 REGISTRATION:

IMPORTANT DATES



Registration for the 2022 *Stebenville Atlantic Youth Conference* is open. If you have any questions about getting started, please contact Kendra

at Stebenville@halifaxyarmouth.org. The deadline is **Wednesday, June 8, 2022**.

Register now at: www.stebenville.ca

LOCAL MARCH FOR LIFE: MAY 21, 2022



On May 12th, the national March for Life will happen in Ottawa with thousands of people taking a stand to protect life at all stages. Locally, the Nova Scotia March for Life will

happen on Saturday, May 21st, at 2:00 pm in front of Province House in Halifax. For more information, contact local Campaign Coalition Life Atlantic Coordinator, Ruth Robert at ruth@campaignlifecoalition.com.

FILM SCREENING: ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



The Atlantic Ignatian Spirituality Centre will host a screening of Ignacio de Loyola: Solider Sinner, Saint, a contemporary telling of

the life of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). The event will take place on Thursday, May 26th, at 6:30 pm at Saint Michael Church, 14 St. Michael's Avenue in Halifax.

PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured>

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<u>ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</u> 6476 Bayers Road Sunday-11:00 am & 7:00 pm Weekday-Tues. 12:00 noon	<u>ST. MOTHER TERESA'S</u> 6032 Normandy Drive Sat. 4:00 pm; Sun.11:15 am Weekday-Fri. 9:00 am	<u>ST. PATRICK'S</u> 2263 Brunswick Street Sunday-9:30 am Weekday-Thurs. 5:15 pm	<u>ST. THERESA'S</u> 6351 North Street Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun. 9:30 am Weekday-Wed. 9:00 am
<u>FRANCISCAN OF HALIFAX MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:</u> Tuesday to Friday – 7:00 to 7:45 am Mass Saturday – 9:00 am Mass - Morning Prayer will take place at 8:30 am, and Confessions will be heard after Mass			
<u>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/CONFESSION:</u> Monday - 7:30 to 8:30 pm (to participate arrive before 7:30 pm) – St. Theresa's Church Wednesday – after 9:00 am Mass to 4:30 pm with Benediction - St. Theresa's Church Wednesday – 1 st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm – Exposition/Adoration/Confession– St. Mother Teresa's Church Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold Confessions - 7:30 pm – St. Catherine's Church			
<u>YOUTUBE CHANNELS:</u> Parish - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured Franciscans of Halifax - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0q/videos			