

## 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 28, 2023

#### WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Sycamore

New Saturday Mass  
Schedule begins

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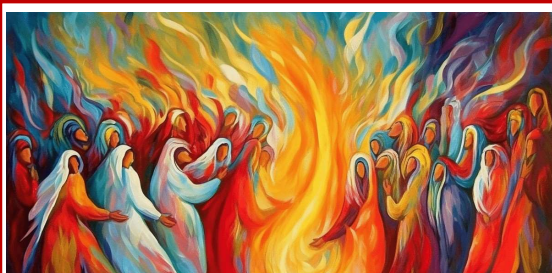
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### Pentecost Sunday

**"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit."**



#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

If you go back and read the Old Testament, you will discover that Pentecost was one of the Jewish feast days. Only they didn't call it Pentecost as that is the Greek name. The Jews called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks. It was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of the Spring harvest. Pentecost, in the time of the disciples, was a great and grand harvest celebration. The streets of Jerusalem would have been filled with thousands of pilgrims who had come from everywhere to celebrate the goodness of God and the bringing in of the wheat harvest.

Pentecost is reminiscent of the Last Supper. In both instances, the disciples are together in a house for what proves to be an important event. At the Last Supper, the disciples witness the end of the Messiah's earthly ministry as He asks them to remember Him after His death until He returns. At Pentecost, the disciples witness the birth of the New Testament church in the coming of the Holy Spirit to dwell in all believers.

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, May 27th**

Joan Sullivan (9:00am)  
Jillian and Marcus Adams (L) (4:00pm)

**Tuesday, May 30th**

Ronaldo Gentile (Noon)

**Wednesday, May 31st**

Jeanne Crane (9:00am)

**Friday, June 2nd**

Mary Lily Tapper (9:00am)

**Saturday, June 3rd**

Gordon J MacKenzie (9:00am)  
Ron Howard (4:00pm)

#### Pentecost Sunday May 28th

St Francis and St Clare Parish invites all to join us in-person or on-line for a time of Adoration and Prayer beginning at 2:00 pm in St Theresa's Church.

Prayers will include the Rosary prayed in five different languages.

On-line Links:

[Pentecost Sunday Adoration and the Rosary](#)

Parish Channel at St Theresa's Church

[Prayer Guide](#)

## Weekend Mass Schedule for May

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

## Live-Stream Scheduled Masses

Saturday, May 27  
2023, 4:30pm  
Parish Channel at St Theresa's Church

Sunday, May 28,  
2023, 11:15am  
Parish Channel at St Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church

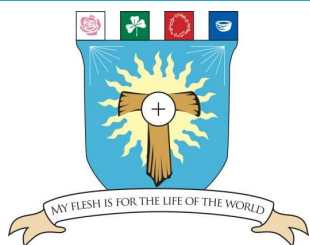
## Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Noon  
St Catherine Church

Wednesday - 9:00am  
St Theresa Church

Friday - 9:00am  
St Mother Teresa Church

Saturday—9:00am  
St Catherine Church



## St Francis & St Clare Parish Confirmation Candidates:

We are pleased to announce that nineteen young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mary's Basilica, May 28th, at 10:30am. If you are able to make it on Sunday to support our young people, please know that you are most welcome.

## Congratulations to Our Confirmandi!

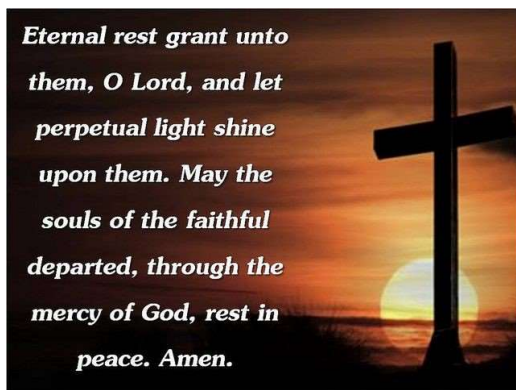
Alma Barry, Emily Young,  
Fabian Jung, Isobel Mutuc,  
Joshua de la Salle, Katelynn Knox-Meyers, Katie MacIntyre, Kylie McMahon, Leila Goerlandt, Louise Hubbard, Matteo Mazzorana, Nadia Myers, Natalia Birkhahn, Penelope Asprey, Ronan McMahon, Sawyer Kinghorne, Sofia Tejada Reyes, Sophie de la Salle, Zoë Jolin

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

It is with sadness that we report the passing of a long-time parishioner Vadie Thornhill. Vadie attended St Theresa's Church.

Funeral service will take place on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the **Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Canso, NS**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



## Mass at Northwood Manor



Great News! Northwood Manor has now lifted all of its Covid restrictions which means that we can begin to have a Mass there again. Our first mass will be on Wednesday morning, June 14th at 10:15.

All parishioners are welcome to attend. In the future, we plan to celebrate mass there once a month, every second Wednesday at 10:15 AM. So the next date would be July 12th.

Did you know that a dedicated team from St. Mother Teresa Church visit the Catholic residents of Northwood and distribute communion every Wednesday.

They are Jack Swan, Judy Farrell, Fred Huff, Rob MacIntosh, Kay Ann Meagher, Denise Arsenault and Deacon Len Moore.

## 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

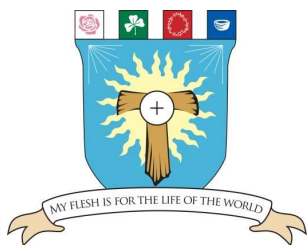
Adoration with Benediction until 4:30pm

**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



## Ministries of the Mass - A Call to Serve



As the baptized faithful who come together in worship, we are all called to join in the praise and thanksgiving in song and spoken word that culminates in the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord. Along with the active participation of all gathered, there are a variety of ministries within the Mass that serve the community in which we worship *and we need your help!*

*All parishioners are invited to discern whether they are called to serve in any of the following ministries.*

Ministers of Hospitality - Serve the parish in such ways as greeting fellow parishioners and visitors, assisting with seating, organizing the collection and Offertory Procession, and sharing the bulletin.

Ministers of the Word - Proclaim the Word of God at Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist - Assist in the distribution of Holy Eucharist during Mass.

Music Ministry - Share their talents as musicians and singers leading the congregation in music worship.

Altar Servers - Help the celebrant to set the table and assist as he receives the gifts of the community. *We presently have need of both youth and adult servers.*

Forms will be available the weekend of May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. You can simply place these **completed** forms in the collection basket. You can also phone or email the Parish office and leave your name, phone, email, and the ministry you are discerning 902-454-8221 | [office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca](mailto:office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca)). We thank you for your consideration!



## SATURDAY SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

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





## 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.

Please request and/or send applications to the Parish office.

- George P. Leach, S.J. Scholarship
- Coy Scholarship Program
- Alexander and Maude Ferguson Award
- St Catherine's Church Bursaries
- Monsignor Murphy Scholarship



## Religious Education

St. Catherine's - This Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, a Children's Liturgy will take place during the 11:00 am Mass. Our last Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

St. Theresa's— We will have an emailed version of children's liturgy available this week.

Please contact Sr. Lucia at [sr.lucia.oster@gmail.com](mailto:sr.lucia.oster@gmail.com) if you would like it emailed to you.

St. Mother Teresa's— On Trinity Sunday at Saint Mother Teresa we will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist with Monica Thomas, Rosie Asprey, Lea Marques, Lincoln Castle, Jude MacKenzie and Lina Marques.

We would like to thank all of the parishioners for keeping these children in their prayers as they worked towards this very special day. We would like to ask all of our parishioners to join us in the hall after Mass on June 4<sup>th</sup>. to meet the children and their families as we continue the celebration with our Trinity Sunday Ice Cream Reception for the children. Thank you all very much for your continued support and prayers for all of our children.

## YOUTH GROUP



## STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2023  
12-2PM

ST.CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH

Support the youth of St.Francis and  
St.Claré of Assisi parish attending the  
Steubenville youth conference!

**TICKETS \$15**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER MASS  
QUESTIONS? EMAIL [SR.LUCIA.OSTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SR.LUCIA.OSTER@GMAIL.COM)



This week the Youth Group was happy to welcome the CCO missionaries to our evening session! We were so grateful to have them with us as during their time with the parish.

Please keep the confirmation candidates in your prayers as they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday.

### Pictures from Youth Group





### 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.

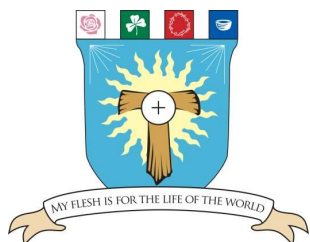
June 27  
Group 3: Mike Convey

July 26  
Group 1: Diane Sullivan

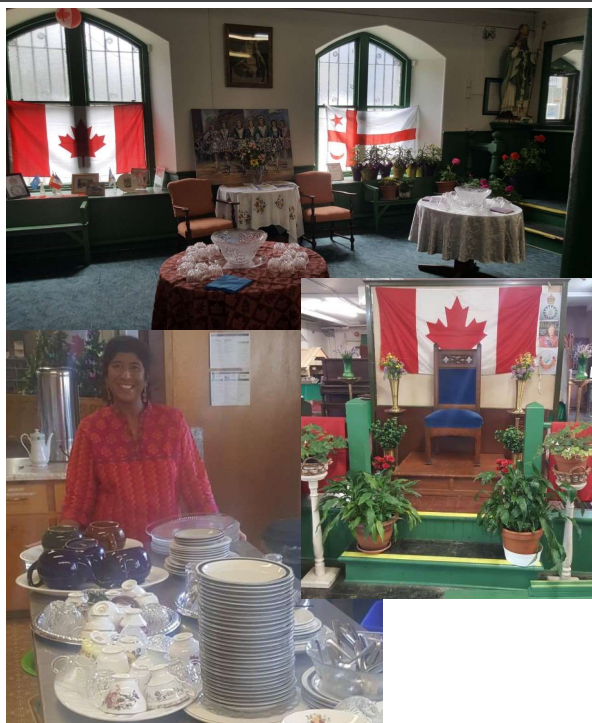
August 31  
Group 2: Nancy Bliss

*Happy Anniversary!*

Congratulations to Robert and Colleen Burgess who are celebrating their 68th Wedding Anniversary on May 27th



## LOVE IN ACTION



Pictures from the Coronation Tea at St Patrick's Church, May 6th



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 8666 for the monetary donation toward the maintenance of SMT Memorial Park .

## STEWARDSHIP

### 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!

### 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.





## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### January - March, 2023, First Quarter Financial Results

Thank you for your contributions to our parish. Ordinary revenue, mostly Sunday contributions, is up by \$15,000 with most of the increase from e-transfers and loose collections. Operating expenses are up by \$30,000. This is mostly due to increases in Church expenses - insurance and snowplowing - and additions to human resources. Extraordinary revenue is slightly higher than last year.

Our first quarter parish results were budgeted to be a deficit as we improve administrative support to better meet the needs of our amalgamated parish. Consequently, the deficit in this quarter was \$60,000 compared to a \$47,000 deficit in the same period last year.

Please consider your parish community in your regular monthly expenses. Your comments, questions and suggestions about parish finances are welcome.

#### St Francis and St Clare of Assisi Parish

#### Receipts and Expenditures with Previous Year Comparison

January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

|   | Jan - Mar 2023     | Jan - Mar 2022     |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday Collections</b>                           | \$139,509          | \$124,119          |
| <b>Operating Expenses:</b>                          |                    |                    |
| Salaries & Benefits                                 | \$ 48,908          | \$ 43,238          |
| Church Expenses                                     | 123,834            | 106,033            |
| Hall Expenses                                       | 1,716              | 1,297              |
| Residence Expenses                                  | 30,035             | 31,214             |
| Community, Formation & Mission                      | 19,922             | 12,795             |
| Diocesan Assessment                                 | 23,212             | 23,090             |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>                     | <b>\$247,627</b>   | <b>\$217,667</b>   |
| <b>Operating Surplus/Deficit</b>                    | <b>-\$108,118</b>  | <b>-\$93,548</b>   |
| <b>Extraordinary Revenue</b>                        |                    |                    |
| Capital Projects                                    | \$ 1,153           | \$ 3,550           |
| Interest on Deposits with the Diocese               | 10,177             | 8,265              |
| Rental Income                                       | 19,490             | 19,530             |
| Gain on Sale - Expropriation                        | 0                  | 0                  |
| Donations, Fundraising and Other                    | 19,628             | 14,829             |
| <b>Total Extraordinary Revenue</b>                  | <b>\$50,448</b>    | <b>\$46,174</b>    |
| <b>Extraordinary Expenditures:</b>                  |                    |                    |
| Capital Projects - Church                           | \$ 1,918           | \$ -               |
| Capital Projects - Residence                        | -                  | -                  |
| <b>Total Extraordinary Expenditures</b>             | <b>\$1,918</b>     | <b>\$0</b>         |
| <b>Extraordinary Surplus/Deficit</b>                | <b>\$48,530</b>    | <b>\$46,174</b>    |
| <b>Total Surplus/Deficit</b>                        | <b>-\$59,588</b>   | <b>-\$47,374</b>   |
| <b>Bank balance as at March 31st</b>                | <b>\$230,203</b>   | <b>\$257,565</b>   |
| <b>Undesignated Funds on deposit at the Diocese</b> | <b>\$1,383,298</b> | <b>\$1,187,436</b> |

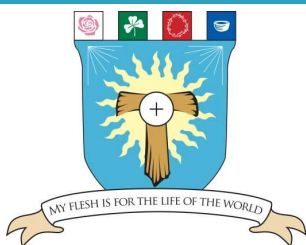
#### St Theresa's Church April 2023 My Extra Help Update

St Theresa's Church is delighted to announce that as of the end of April 2023, we have raised \$12,925 towards our annual fundraising goal of \$30,000, which is 43% of their target.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all of you for your ongoing support and generosity towards our church within the Parish of St Francis and St Clare of Assisi and its mission.

Our Easter Weekend fundraiser has helped greatly. Our sales combined with a generous donation that more than doubled our sales allowed us to raise \$4,010.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we look forward to achieving our annual fundraising goal together.



## DIOCESE NEWS

### Celebrating the Gift of Administration!



Last week the Archdiocesan Business Office gathered with administrative staff from across the whole diocese for a day to celebrate the important ministry they do in our parishes.

Staff from almost all parishes came together to pray, learn, and have a little fun together.

Archbishop Dunn joined them for part of the day.

Sr. Joanna Madu, a hospital chaplain at the QEII Health Centre, was their guest speaker for the day.

She reflected with them on the importance of empathic listening and shared some stories and a few how-to tips!

Thank you to all who attended the day! Your service to our local Church is greatly valued and appreciated. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide our work together.



### 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](http://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](mailto: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.

### Emergency Shelters Project

As a result of the generosity of many groups and individuals we have been able to run our Emergency Shelters Project for the past 18 months. Many lessons have been learned but also many people have been helped. Much of that is due in large part to the collaboration and cooperation of our pastors and parishes. Thank you!

Read more about the what's been happening with the Emergency Shelter in our May update (pdf). Most recently we were awarded a grant that will allow us to create and place five new shelters.

If your parish would like to be a part of this program, or add to the shelter you already have, please reach out to our Emergency Shelters Coordinator, Lindsay Misiner at [lmisiner@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:lmisiner@halifaxyarmouth.org)

As we know the housing crisis in our province continues to grow and so we will continue to find ways to help the immediate situation while also discerning how we might be able to use what resources we have to assist with a longer term solution.

To read the May update click [here](#) (pdf) or go to our [Emergency Shelters Project page](#).





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## 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

## SVDP Contact #s

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902-455-6525

St Mother Teresa  
902-405-3686

St Patrick  
902-405-3806

St Theresa  
902-414-4625



## PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAMS MEET IN KENTVILLE

On Saturday April 29th, our Parish Leadership Team was invited to participate in a day-long event organized by the Archdiocese at Saint Joseph's Church in Kentville. The leadership teams from most parishes within the Archdiocese were present with about 85 people in attendance altogether.

The theme of the day was "Leadership in anxious times". The guest speaker was Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke who is a Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Atlantic School of Theology. The focus was on how to lead in times of change. This was an interactive workshop and our team agrees that the topics covered were relevant and helpful.



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Our Social Media team is growing! From left to right we have Sarah, Carla, and Kate. You can help us spread the word about our parish by following us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and sharing with your friends and followers!



## 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](mailto: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

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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