



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

*Home of the Franciscans of Halifax*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY May 8, 2022

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



This Sunday we celebrate mothers: Happy Mother's Day! During this month that is dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary, let us ask for

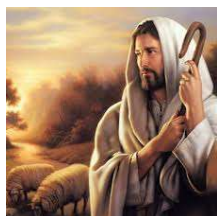
her intercession for all mothers – passed, present, and future. May God continue to guide, strengthen, and bless all mothers as they witness God's goodness to and through their children.

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and  
give you peace.*

(NUMBERS 6:24-26)

### MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY & WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading is the parable of the Good Shepherd and therefore, it is often known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



Let us take time on this day to remember those who are discerning priesthood or religious life. As we hear in scripture, the harvest is plenty, but the labourers are few. Let us pray for more labourers!

#### WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The above prayer is taken from the <https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com>. This page is dedicated to World Day of Prayer for Vocations and contains many prayers, reflections, and resources for individual, family, and small group use.

On this World Day of Prayers for Vocations, let us especially remember our Franciscans Brothers and Sisters who have answered the call and serve us so faithfully!



**FR. PIO, BLESSINGS ON  
YOUR 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF ORDINATION THIS  
MONDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>!!!**

### DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT – NO PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK



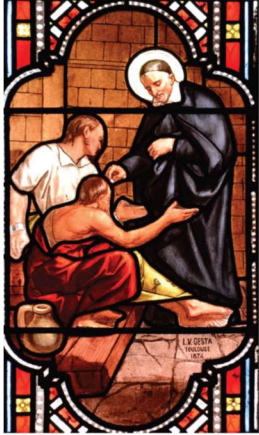
Diocesan clergy along with Archbishop Dunn will gather for their annual time of retreat this coming week. Let us pray that it is a time of rest and renewal for our church leadership.

**NO PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES** – As Fr. Pio and Fr. Nathanael will be attending the Diocesan retreat, all parish weekday Masses are cancelled for this week. This cancellation does not include the 7:00 am Franciscan Masses (Tuesday to Friday).



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

# Welcoming New Volunteers!



If you would like to join us in our mission to help those in our community who are most in need, we invite you to get in touch with our Society and become a member\*.

- Attend meetings every couple of months (approx. 6 per year)
- Partner with another member to do calls one Tuesday every 2 months
- Help stock/organize our small food bank as needed

Email our President: Cathy Boyle  
mcboyle54@netscape.net

Depiction of St. Vincent de Paul by L.V. Gesta, 1874, Toulouse France.

*"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances."*

*"Go to the poor: you will find God."*

- St. Vincent de Paul

## PARISH CALENDAR 2023 FUNDRAISER:

2023

As you may be aware, St. Theresa's Church, and more recently, St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish has had a parish fundraising calendar project on

the go. If the Parish opts to move forward with this project for 2023, it has been suggested that we have a committee with representation from all churches in the parish. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Steffie Hawrylak-Young at [Steffie.Hawrylak-Young@nsc.ca](mailto:Steffie.Hawrylak-Young@nsc.ca) by May 20<sup>th</sup>. This program is supported by NSCC and the Graphic & Print Production program, and they are ready to schedule calendar production for 2023. Let's form a committee to decide on themes and images for our next calendar.



This Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, students in our Religious Education Program will receive an emailed lesson from their Catechists!



St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Parish



... and Almost Seniors!  
... and Those who like to hang out with Seniors!



Please help our **Fun For Seniors** Committee gather Contact Information and Suggestions for Activities from our senior population in order to provide some social, fun and affordable group activities for our Parish.

Please, fill out and return our questionnaire by **Sunday, June 5, 2022.**

There are 2 ways to respond -

Pick up a **paper copy** of the questionnaire at your church and return it in the collection basket or to your Parish Office.

**OR**

You may complete the questionnaire on-line by clicking on the following link:

*We thank you for your cooperation and support and*

*Look forward to seeing you in the Fall!*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParishSeniorsSurvey>

## RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS - PART 7 FROM THE DIOCESE



We are mindful of the work we must do to help all learn more about the dark history of our country and our Church when it comes to the relationship with Indigenous communities. In that light we continue our ten-part weekly series on residential schools.

The level of education was limited to the basics and fell far short of the non-indigenous school curriculum. Even after many years of schooling, many students could barely read or write. They were largely seen and treated as being "less capable" and even "unteachable". The few hours that were spent in class were on rote learning (memorization) and the teaching of religion. There was little to no consideration given to post-secondary education.

Most of the day was taken up by menial tasks (the washing of clothes, working on the farm, helping in the kitchen). Federal funding was extremely limited; residential schools found many different ways to employ their students to help minimize costs. Class sizes were also extremely large, and supervisors were grossly outnumbered. Children slept on cots in big

halls: the boys on one side, the girls on the other. Schools were drafty and poorly heated. Some were notorious fire traps.

Though many staff members did their best under difficult circumstances, and there were many attempts made to get the federal government to increase funding, unacceptable conditions persisted and became part of the norm, jeopardizing the welfare of the students.

For more information the relationship between the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the local Mi'kmaq community go to: [www.halifaxarmouth.org/mi-kmaq-community](http://www.halifaxarmouth.org/mi-kmaq-community)

### STEWARDSHIP



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

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:



#### **AGEING GRACEFULLY**

The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the Barat Spirituality Centre will host a full

day conference called, **Ageing Gracefully in a Strange New World**, on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart School, 5820 Spring Garden Road in Halifax. The conference will explore the psychological and spiritual dimensions of ageing.

The cost for the day is \$40 and includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit:

[https://halifaxarmouth.org/images/websections/newsservice-onetimepics/Conference\\_on\\_Ageing\\_program\\_June\\_2022-2.pdf](https://halifaxarmouth.org/images/websections/newsservice-onetimepics/Conference_on_Ageing_program_June_2022-2.pdf)

### WAY OF STELLA MARIS PILGRIMAGE



Looking for a unique way to experience some time of prayer and fellowship this summer? Why not consider joining the **Way of Stella Maris Pilgrimage** from

August 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>! Online registration is now open at: [www.thewayofstellamaris.com](http://www.thewayofstellamaris.com)

The 115 km route begins at Holy Cross Church, Middle Musquodoboit, and ends at Saint Michael Church, Spryfield in the Parish of Stella Maris on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The daily program for the pilgrimage, in addition to the 12 – 24 km walk each day, will include meals, water stations along the route, basecamp hospitality, and community sharing. The cost for each pilgrim is \$295.00. This fee covers operational costs for the full program.

### PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:

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

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<b>ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:</b> <a href="mailto:office@saintcatherineofsiena.ca">office@saintcatherineofsiena.ca</a>   <a href="http://www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca">www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca</a>			
<b>ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</b> 6476 Bayers Road Sunday-11:00 am & 7:00 pm Weekday-Tues. 12:00 noon	<b>ST. MOTHER TERESA'S</b> 6032 Normandy Drive Sat. 4:00 pm; Sun.11:15 am Weekday-Fri. 9:00 am	<b>ST. PATRICK'S</b> 2263 Brunswick Street Sunday-9:30 am Weekday-Thurs. 5:15 pm	<b>ST. THERESA'S</b> 6351 North Street Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun. 9:30 am Weekday-Wed. 9:00 am
<b>FRANCISCAN OF HALIFAX MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:</b> 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			
<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/CONFESSION:</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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			
<b>YOUTUBE CHANNELS:</b> Parish - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured</a> Franciscans of Halifax - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0g/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xYyv2ZMOqc0g/videos</a>			