



## 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*

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday 4:00pm**  
St Stephen

**Sunday 9:30am**  
St Stephen

**Sunday 9:30am**  
St Patrick

**Sunday 11:00am**  
St Catherine of Siena

**Sunday 1:00pm**  
St Catherine of Siena  
(Polish - English Mass)

**Sunday, 7:00pm**  
St Catherine of Siena

**Live-Stream Mass:**  
Sunday January 14.  
9:30am Mass  
St Stephen

#### Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday—Friday 7:00am  
Tuesday—12:00pm  
Saturday—9:00am  
St Catherine of Siena Church

Friday—9:00am  
St Stephen Church

#### CONFESSION TIMES:

First Wednesday of the month 7pm (includes a Holy Hour)  
St Stephen Church

Thursday 7:30pm  
(includes a Holy Hour)  
Saturdays 9:30am  
St. Catherine of Siena Church

January 14, 2024

#### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name O Most High.”**

#### PARISH LISTENING SESSIONS

As mentioned by Fr Nathanael in his letter to the parish (hard copies are still available at the churches or you can find it on our website.) We are arranging Listening Sessions for parishioners to talk about the future of the parish of St Francis and St Clare of Assisi.

A number of important and difficult decisions have and are being made and we want to hear from you.

Each session will host a maximum of 15 people so that we are able to give everyone a chance to speak if they wish. There will be multiple times, places and dates. We will also look at additional meetings if necessary.

Because there is a limit to the number of people, YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE. You may call or email the office to register for the meeting you wish to attend. Please give your name, contact information and the meeting you wish to attend. If leaving a voicemail, please speak clearly.

You may also choose to complete the survey found at the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MT7KV2T>

| DATE              | TIME     | LOCATION                                |
|-------------------|----------|---|
| Tues 16 January   | 10:30 am | St Theresa boardroom<br>(6351 North St) |
| Thurs 18 January  | 7:00pm   | St Theresa boardroom                    |
| Tues 23 January   | 7:00pm   | St Patrick Church hall                  |
| Thurs 25 January  | 10:30am  | St Patrick Church hall                  |
| Tues 30 January   | 7:00pm   | St Catherine Church hall                |
| Thurs 01 February | 7:00pm   | St Stephen Church hall                  |
| Tues 06 February  | 10:30am  | St Patrick Church hall                  |
| Thurs 08 February | 7:00pm   | St Theresa boardroom                    |

## Hope

### SVDP

#### Food support

St Catherine of Siena  
902-455-6525

St Patrick  
902-405-3806  
St Stephen  
902-3686

St Theresa  
902-414-4625

### Adoration and Confession

1st Wednesday  
of the Month  
7:00pm - Holy Hour of  
Eucharistic Adoration,  
Confession available  
St Stephen's Church

Wednesdays/Fridays  
Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00am—4:00pm  
St Catherine's Church

Thursdays  
7:30pm - Holy Hour of  
Eucharistic Adoration,  
Confession available  
St Catherine's Church

### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 16th  
Pat Sullivan+  
Noon St Catherine of Si-  
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Friday, January 19th  
Leslie Factor+  
9:00am St Stephen

Saturday, January 13th  
Alfred Brean+  
9:00am St Catherine of  
Siena

Marilyn tapper+  
4:00pm  
St Stephen



## Religious Education

### (GRADES PRIMARY TO SIX)

**St. Catherine's Church**— This Sunday, January 14th, a Children's Liturgy will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Next Sunday, January 21st, another class will take place in the Church Hall from 10:00-10:45 am.

**St. Stephen's Church** – Sunday School classes are this Sunday January 14th following 9:30 mass, in the hall.



**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR WREATH RING** – Just a reminder for those who attended our Advent Wreath Making to return the metal ring to us, as we will store it for you until next year. THANKS!



Youth Group (for Junior High and High School Students) meets every Wednesday, 7:00—8:30 PM, at St. Stephen's Church (6032 Normandy Drive, but come in by the lower door on Robie Street). January 17 will be a Faith Formation Night. Hope to see you there!

For more information or to register, please contact Anna Irish ([annamichelleirish@gmail.com](mailto:annamichelleirish@gmail.com)).

### 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.

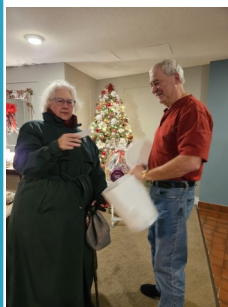
### Why should YOU participate?

- 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.

## LOVE IN ACTION

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL—



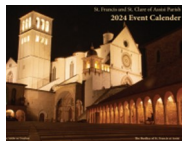
Blessed Mother Theresa's Conference would like to congratulate Pat Currin on winning the Gift Basket drawn on Dec. 20, 2023.

We would like to thank all those who purchased tickets. We raised \$624.00.

A reminder that the work of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at all four churches goes on all year long. If you would like to help this worthwhile and important ministry financially or by your service, please contact the parish office.

Healing Mass  
Thursday,  
January 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
St Stephen's Church

Celebrant with Fr Mark  
Cherry of Sacred Heart  
Evangelization

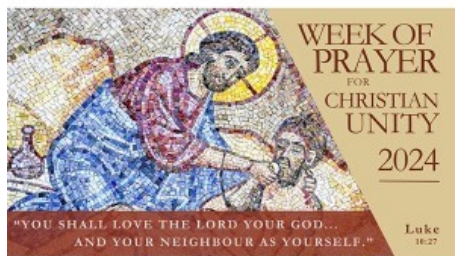


There are still some 2024 calendars left so please be sure to purchase one at your church or at the office. \$10.00 This supports our community in a wonderful way.



St Patrick Church—December 27<sup>th</sup> the Chebucto Symphony Orchestra hosted Messiah from Scratch at Saint Patrick's Church. Over 200 attended a lovely afternoon of rehearsal and performance. The event was great fun and raised \$1175 for Feed Nova Scotia. Donated canned goods were left at the church for the Uniacke Square Family Resource Centre which has long been supported by parishioners. Thank you to all who continue to support the food bank efforts in the parish at the four sites.

## DIOCESAN NEWS



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the World this year from January 18-25. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

This year in Halifax the week will begin and end with prayer services on the campus of Atlantic School of Theology in the Chapel that overlooks the Northwest Arm. Atlantic School of Theology was founded in 1972 by the Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Churches. Other services will take place in Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist and Maronite churches in buildings that date from the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Guest preachers will be drawn from the Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran and Roman Catholic traditions.

All are invited to attend the various events to learn more about how local Christian communities are working together to for unity.

From January 8 to 25 there will be prayer services hosted by a different Christian denominations each day. Of note, Archbishop Dunn will preach at Saint Paul's Anglican Church at Grad Parade on Tuesday, January 23 at 11:45am. A full schedule of events can viewed by [clicking here](#) (pdf) or contact the archdiocese. All are welcome!

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### MEET OUR TEAM

Fr Nathanael DesRoches  
Administrator

Fr Robert Nicholas  
Associate Pastor

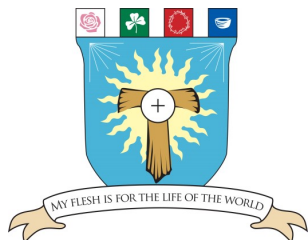
Rev Mr Len Moore  
Rev Mr Paul Carnell

Brent Hopkins  
Operations Manager

Sr Rita Hanna, FoH

Sr. Teresa MacDonald  
Office Manager

Cheryl Delaney  
Administrative Assistant



## PARISH NEWS

### Pastoral Council Seeking New Members Aged 18-35

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body of a fully initiated practicing members of the parish whose task is to assist the pastor and other parish leadership for the parish's growth in mission, formation and as a community of faith. We are seeking to add two new members, aged 18-35, ideally one male and one female. Candidates should be active members of our Parish, willing to give of their time, talent and wisdom in a collaborative manner, and interested in being engaged in pastoral planning work and initiatives.

If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to the Parish office at [office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca](mailto:office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca) to submit an expression of interest or nomination. A reminder that if nominating someone else, it is always a good idea to first approach that person to ensure that they are in fact interested in having their name put forward. Thank you for considering!

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1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
2. Search for your parish by Postal Code **B3L 1P7**. Click on your parish.
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Please NOTE: We no longer use custom URLs or Parish Codes. The only thing you need is your parish's Postal Code.

### ROSARY CENACLE



The Rosary is a beautiful devotion and is easy to pray – even if you have never prayed it before. You are invited to join us praying the rosary together **every Monday evening 7:00pm at St Stephen Church in the Marian room in the hall. Please enter via the Robie St entrance.**

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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PARISH WALK-IN HOURS: MON/WED/FRI 9:00AM TO 12NOON  
(voicemail will be checked every day)

Email: [office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca](mailto:office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca)  
Parish Office: 902-454-8221  
Address: 6351 North Street, Halifax, B3L 1P7