



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 28, 2024
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

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm St Stephen Church starting Feb 3rd.

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

January 28 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy ame, and make it our glory to praise you.”

LISTENING SESSIONS UPDATE

St Francis and St Clare Parish is made up of four separate locations but we strive to be one community. With this in mind we want to thank everyone who registered and attended Listening Session so far.

There are still sessions for people to attend (see below for dates, times and locations). We want to ensure that everyone knows they are welcome to attend. You do not have to attend St Theresa Church or St Patrick Church to attend a session. We want to hear from as many parishioners as possible. This is an important time to express your thoughts regarding the future of our parish and not just the build-ings.

Each session will host a maximum of 15 people so that we are able to give everyone a chance to speak if they wish.

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 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
902-405-3686

St Theresa
902-414-4625

Adoration

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 30th
Rosella Curtis+
Noon St Catherine of Si-
ena

Friday, February 2nd
Edward LaPierre
9:00am St Stephen

Saturday, February 3rd
Sarflareia Gedile+
9:00am St Catherine of
Siena

Teresa(Terry) MacKinnon
4:00pm
St Stephen



Religious Education

(GRADES PRIMARY TO SIX)

St. Catherine's Church - This Sunday, January 28th, a Children's Liturgy will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Next Sunday, February 4th, another class will take place in the Church Hall from 10:00-10:45 am.

St. Stephen's Church - Children's liturgy this Sunday morning during. Next Sunday classes will take place following 9:30 mass.



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 Red doors on Robie Street).

For more information or to register, please contact Anna Irish (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 (include group or church it is for).
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



NEW CONFESSION TIME

Please note that **BEGINNING FEBRUARY 3RD** there will be opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation (Confession) on Saturday afternoons from 3:00pm—3:45pm at St Stephen Church. This provides another opportunity to receive this healing sacrament.



All parishioners are invited to attend a reception following the Sat. 4:00 pm Mass on Feb 3rd at Stephen's church Hall to honor Deacon Len (and Mary Ann) on his retirement. We have been blessed by the work that Len and Mary Ann have done in our community and give thanks for their presence at St Francis and St Clare Parish.

DIOCESE NEWS

2024 Steubenville Atlantic: Registration IS Open!



Registration for Steubenville Atlantic happening July 5-7, 2024 is now open at www.steubenville.ca

Our conference continues to grow coming out of our two missed years due to COVID-19. This year we need a bigger space and so we will be in the McNally Theatre Auditorium at Saint Mary's University. We are excited to be on Saint Mary's campus this year as it is home to our Holy Cross Chaplaincy and has no city streets to cross to get between buildings.

This year's theme is "**Illuminate**" based on John 1:5 "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*" It promises to be a weekend of hope and mercy for all who attend.

Our guests include longtime favorite Chris Padgett and newcomer Noelle Garcia along with local speakers and musicians—a unique experience fitting for Canada's only Steubenville conference.

To register: www.steubenville.ca

View 2024 Trailer Video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqKdkLvSmPA

Read Ministry Team Bios: steubenvilleconferences.com/events/atc

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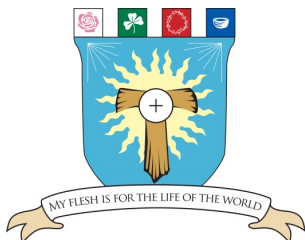
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PARISH NEWS

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Week of January 28, 2024



A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation
What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



Exorcisms: What Catholics Need to Know | Chris Stefanick Show
Scripture says, "Be sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith." In other words, the Christian life involves spiritual combat. But a lot of Catholics aren't really familiar with this idea. So to start unpacking it, we're talking to Fr. Chad Ripberger, an exorcist priest.



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love
Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the Association for the Blind and Specialized Services

Signing up for FORMED is quick and easy. Just follow the simple instructions below.

1. Go to 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

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 red doors on Robie St.

TAX RECEIPTS

Sister Teresa is beginning to prepare for the printing of tax receipts for people who donated to the parish in 2023. Please ensure the office has your correct contact information including first and last name.

Please note that every effort was made to get year end donations recorded but if a donation was not in the office before January 1st, it will be added to your 2024 donations.

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!

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

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

Email: office@stfrancisandstclareparish.ca

Parish Office: 902-454-8221

Address: 6351 North Street, Halifax, B3L 1P7