



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 4:00 pm
St. Stephen's Church

Sunday 9:30 am
St. Stephen's Church

Sunday 9:30 am
St. Patrick's Church

Sunday 11:00 am
St. Catherine's Church

Sunday 1:00 pm
St. Catherine's Church
(Polish - English Mass)

Sunday 7:00 pm
St. Catherine's Church

Livestream Mass:
Sunday, March 3, 2024
9:30 am Mass
St. Stephen's Church

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday—Friday, 7:00 am
Tuesday—12:00 Noon
Saturday—9:00 am
St. Catherine's Church

Friday—9:00 am
St. Stephen's Church

Mass Intentions

for the Week

Tuesday, March 5th
Maria & Cesare
Taraschio +
12:00 Noon St. Catherine's

Friday, March 8th
Frank Sasinek +
9:00 am St. Stephen's

Saturday, March 9th
Albin Pirog +
9:00 am St. Catherine's

Florence O'Toole +
4:00 pm St. Stephen's

FAITH

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent



Our Lenten Journey

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish offers many opportunities for parishioners to actively participate in this holy Season of Lent.

Lenten Series Deacon Gerald invites you to the final session of "*Everyday Missionary Disciples*".

There will be a short video followed by small group discussion that is designed to help us to better share our faith in our everyday walk of life. It will take place this Tuesday, March 5th, at 7:00 pm in the Siena Room of St. Catherine's Church Hall.

Stations of the Cross (Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday) - 3:30 pm at St. Catherine's; 6:30 pm at St. Catherine's (Polish Community); 7:00 pm at St. Stephen's.

Feast of St. Patrick - Sunday, March 17th, at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's.

Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 19th, at a special 7:00 pm Mass at St. Stephen's. (Please note, the 12:00 noon Mass at St. Catherine's Church is cancelled on this day.)

PARISH MISSION

SFSC PARISH LENTEN MISSION

'Finding the Treasure within the Cross'
Tuesday, March 12th, to Thursday, March 14th,
at 7:00 pm in St. Catherine of Siena Church

Fr. Dominic Sultana will lead our Lenten Mission. It is for everyone seeking spiritual rejuvenation! It is more than a set of talks; it's a transformative journey towards a deeper personal encounter with Christ. Plan now to attend.

Day 1: Awareness of Current State and Blockages as we learn to recognize and stay in God's presence.

Day 2: Healing Service and Confession

Day 3: Embracing New Life in Christ as we discover a new sense of life in Christ.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

Holy Week Schedule



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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

CONFESSION TIMES

First Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm
(includes a Holy Hour)
St Stephen's Church

Saturdays
3:00-3:45 pm
St Stephen's Church

Thursdays 7:30 pm
(includes a Holy Hour)
St. Catherine's Church

Saturdays, following the 9:00 am Mass
St. Catherine's Church

SSVP Food Assistance

St Catherine's
902-455-6525

St Patrick's
902-405-3806

St Stephen's
902-405-3686

St Theresa's
902-414-4625

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY - Saturday/Sunday, March 23rd & 24th

Regular Mass schedule at each location **EXCEPT FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.** St. Patrick's will celebrate Mass at 10:30 am on Palm Sunday to allow parishioners to take part in the Palm Sunday Ecumenical Procession. Everyone is invited to gather at St George's where the palm will be distributed and blessed. Then, all will go outside to bless the donkey. From St. George's, the procession will proceed to St. Patrick's, the Little Dutch Church, New Horizons and finally to Brunswick Street United.

CHRISM MASS - Tuesday, March 26th

Archbishop Brian Dunn invites all the faithful to join him at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica for 12:00 noon Mass. (Please note, the 12:00 noon Mass at St. Catherine's Church is cancelled on this day.)

HOLY THURSDAY - March 28th

7:00 pm - St. Stephen's Church
7:00 pm - St. Catherine's Church (Polish Community)

GOOD FRIDAY - March 29th

3:00 pm - St. Catherine's Church, St. Patrick's Church, St. Stephen's Church
6:00 pm - St. Catherine's Church (Polish Community)
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross - St. Stephen's Church

HOLY SATURDAY - March 30th

4:00 pm - Blessing of the Food (Polish Community)

EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, March 30th

8:00 pm - St. Catherine's Church
(Please note, there will be NO 4:00 pm Mass at St. Stephen's Church.)

EASTER SUNDAY - March 31st

7:30 am - St. Catherine's Church (Polish Community)
Regular Sunday morning Mass Schedule at each Church location. (Please note, there will be NO 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's Church.)

EASTER MONDAY - April 1st

7:00 pm - St. Catherine's Church (Polish Community)

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

It is with sadness that we report the passing of two members of our Parish family:

Pauline McCullough - The funeral Mass for Pauline will take place on Monday, March 4th, at 11:00 am in St Catherine's Church. (Obituary not available at the time of publication.)

Marie Mason - The funeral Mass for Marie will take place on Monday, March 4th, at 11:00 am in St. Patrick's Church.

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.





Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer Service for St. Joseph

On Friday, March 1st, starting at 8:00 am, the Halifax Council of the Knights of Columbus will display an icon of St. Joseph and lead a short prayer service in his honour at St. Catherine's Church. The featured icon is part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Program, and is based on a drawing by Alexandre Sobolev. It is of St. Joseph holding the child Jesus and comes to us from St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Canada. All are invited.

HOPE



Religious Education

(GRADES PRIMARY TO SIX)

This Sunday, March 3rd Children's Liturgies will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Stephen's and the 11:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's.



Youth group meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00—8:30 pm at St. Stephen's Church Hall. Enter via the red doors on Robie Street.

For more information about Youth Group or to register, please contact Anna Irish (annamichelleirish@gmail.com).



You are invited to join us for a GAMES NIGHT!

All elementary students from throughout the Parish are welcome to gather at St. Catherine's Church Hall this **Friday, March 1st, from 6:00-8:00 pm.** Test your skills at ping pong, bring your favorite board games, learn how to make pretzels, make a special craft, and learn more about the Season of Lent. Hope to see you on Friday!

PARISH NEWS

The **CWL at St. Stephen's Church** will be holding their monthly meeting this Sunday, March 3rd, at 2:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please use the Robie Street door. All women of the parish are invited to join them. For more information on the CWL or meeting, please call Anita Ross at 902-429-7223.



Calling all EXPERIENCED painters!!



St. Catherine's Church is holding a '**Painting Party**' on Saturday, March 9th, starting at 10:00 am. It has been twelve years since the main hall was painted and it is due for a fresh coat of paint. Come and join members of our Property Committee as we work together on this project.

We ask those interested to either email or call Donna Noddin (donna.noddin@gmail.com | 902-455-1617) as it will assist in our planning and preparation for this project. Hope to hear from you!

Parish

Leadership Team

Claudette Carroll
Elizabeth Clark
Jim Evans
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MEET OUR TEAM

Fr. Nathanael DesRoches
Administrator

Fr. Robert Nicholas
Associate Pastor

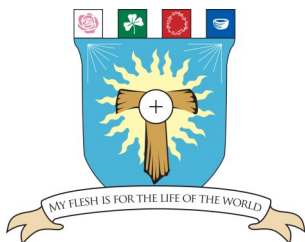
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Operations Manager

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Sr. Teresa MacDonald
Office Manager

Cheryl Delaney
Administrative Assistant



ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL AND LUNCH



St. Patrick's Church is hosting a lunch and social in their hall on

Saturday, March 16th, from 11:30 - 1:30. They will be serving Shepherd's Pie and there will be a vegetarian option of Vegetarian Chili, Coleslaw, Irish Soda Bread, Gingerbread with Whipped Cream, Tea, Coffee, Juice. Tickets: \$15.00 each and \$30.00 for a Family of up to 4 people. Tickets must be purchased or reserved for pickup by Wednesday, March 13th. If you wish to reserve tickets for pickup at the door, please phone the Parish Office (902 454-8221) and leave your name and telephone number and you will get a call back to take your order. All St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi parishioners are invited to bring a friend!



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Irish Fling

- Who?** ALL Seniors and their Friends are welcome
- What?** A fun Party consisting of
Afternoon Tea
Scones, Assorted Jams, Sweet Treats, Hot & Cold Beverages
Games
Door Prize Draw
50/50 Draw
Irish Sing-a-long
You are encouraged to wear **green** to this event
- When?** Thursday, March 21st, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.
- Where?** St. Stephen's Church Hall
Corner of Robie St. and Normandy Dr. Please use the lower Robie Street door that leads directly into the hall. (Under the ramp)
- Cost?** It's FREE! (We will have a free-will Donation Basket for anyone who might wish to make a contribution to future events.)
- How?** You must Register for this event by **Sunday, March 17th**.

PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THESE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO REGISTER

Janet Mullock	902-455-3718	janet.mullock@bellaliant.net
Betty Browne	902-453-3644	brownebetty@hotmail.com
Linda Cody	902-453-4558	lindacody49@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Charitable Irish Society of Halifax will be meeting at St. Patrick's Church on **March 9th, at 2:00 pm** for a talk and tour of this historic building. This talk is part of an Irish week of activities. Historian Blair Beed, recipient of the 2019 Charitable Irish Society of Halifax Community Service Award, will speak on the history of the Irish community and the church. Tea, coffee and social time will follow in the hall. Members of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish are welcome to join Society members for this talk.

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE—March 10, 2024

A space is reserved for walkers in the upcoming Parade

Parade marchers must be in place by 12:45 pm for 1:00 pm start at Pier 20/21 near Garrison Brewery. A vehicle with Irish music playing will accompany our group. A gentle walk along Lower and Upper Water Streets taking about 45 minutes with option to join a reception afterwards at Historic Properties. The space is under the name of St. Patrick's Church but any parishioner is invited to join the wearing of the green. Create your own sign naming your church if you wish. Bring a bell to ring. Irish or be Irish for the Day, all are welcome. For additional information, please contact Blair Beed (902-233-8351).

St. Patrick's Church and Halifax Concert Band— The Annual Celtic Concert will take place on Sunday, March 24th, at 2:00 pm. All proceeds to St. Patrick's capital projects.

Anyone wishing to submit announcements for the bulletin is asked to send them to officestfstc@gmail.com by 9:00 am each Wednesday morning. Thanks!

PARISH OFFICE - WALK-IN HOURS: MON/WED/FRI 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

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