



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
Please see the Easter Triduum Schedule

Livestream Schedule:

Holy Thursday

March 28th at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

March 31st at 9:30 am

St. Stephen's Church

Once again, this year, our friends at **Eastlink TV** (channel 10 or 610) will broadcast from Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Good Friday at 3:00pm. Easter Sunday at 10:30 am.

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, April 2nd

Betty Daley +

12:00 Noon St. Catherine's

Friday, April 5th

Bette Charlton +

9:00 am St. Stephen's

Saturday, April 6th

Marie Adams +

9:00 am St. Catherine's

Anthony Wenham +

4:00 pm St. Stephen's

FAITH

March 31, 2024

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Christ has Risen ~ He has Risen Indeed!

My Brothers and Sisters. Peace be with you.

The power of our Risen Lord is upon us, and He has given us forgiveness of our sins and life through His Cross and Resurrection. Now we must walk in newness of His Spirit. We have been reconciled to the Father in Heaven and the abundance of Grace is poured out for us to become His true Children of His light.

Let us ask in these abundant times for the graces of an increase of the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. The only moment we must live these virtues is the present moment where grace and inspiration from Christ Jesus abounds and we draw ever near Him. Stay in His presence ~ always. Act from there. Speak from there and be silent from there. This is to do the will of the Father, in Christ Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. This will raise up in us a great fraternal community that looks to the Lord for everything we need in its time.

Let us pray for one another and entrust ourselves to our most Holy Blessed Mother, Mary ~ so we may become truly lovers of her Son, our Crucified and Risen Lord with hearts made pure once more. May the Lord Jesus Christ, bless you and your families with the mysteries of our Salvation through the gift of Him, the Father's Son.

Fraternally yours ~Fr. Nathanael

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - March 28th *Bring your Bells!*

7:00 pm – St. Stephen's Church (followed by Adoration until 9:00 pm)

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 - St. Catherine's Church (Polish Community)

EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, March 30th *Bring your Bells!*

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)



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

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

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

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

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 7th, from 2:30-4:00 pm at St. Catherine's Church. This time of adoration will include the Litany of Trust and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All parishioners are invited to attend.



DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS WERE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

Cheryl Berrigan
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Nancy & Gary Sheirs
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David Sullivan
William & Eva Thorne
Emma Tucci
Gloria Mara Walker
Budd & Flevrie Ward
Rosalie & Arthur Wells

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

The funeral Mass for Mary McCarthy took place on Monday, March 25th, at 10:00 am in St. Stephen's Church.

The funeral Mass for Lorenda Cameron took place on Wednesday, March 27th, at 11:00 am in St. Stephen's Church.

The funeral Mass for Eleanor Marriott will take place on Monday, April 1st, at 10:00 am at St. Stephen's Church.

The funeral Mass for Loretta Fougere will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 10:00 am at St. Catherine's Church.

ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF ST. THERESA'S, ST. STEPHEN'S, ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. CATHERINE'S.

Spring Fair

Fundraiser in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Housing Project
2445 Brunswick St. being built next door to Hope Cottage.
Proceeds to support setup of new tenant homes.

Where: St. Catherine of Siena Church Hall
6476 Bayers Rd.

When: Saturday, April 20, 2024
10am - 1pm

Admission: FREE! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Luncheon: \$10

homemade Chili (vegan available),
homemade cookies, fresh roll,
tea, coffee, juice or water

Kid-friendly menu: \$5

Hot dog, homemade cookie,
juice or water

Canteen: \$1.50

Pop, Chips, Chocolate bars

- 50/50 DRAW • BASKET RAFFLES •
- Baked Goods • Books •
- Children's Games • Face Painting •
- Jewellery • New to You • Crafts •
- PLUS our Silent Auction!**

For more info contact:
parishfair@hotmail.com

HOPE

Parish Leadership Team

Claudette Carroll
Elizabeth Clark
Jim Evans
Charles Yochoff



Religious Education

GRADES PRIMARY TO SIX

This Sunday,
March 31st, we will take a break
from our activities as we celebrate
Easter Sunday!
Happy Easter to ALL!



Youth group meets
Wednesday evenings
from 7:00—8:30 pm in
St. Stephen's Church
Hall. For more
information about Youth Group or to
register, please contact Anna Irish.
(annamichelleirish@gmail.com).

PARISH NEWS

The next **St. Stephen's CWL meeting** will take place on Sunday, April 7th, at 2:30 p.m. in St. Stephen's church hall. Please use door off Robie Street. If you are interested to see what the CWL is all about, come and attend the meeting.

Also, the CWL will be selling tickets at the back of the church on a cozy handcrafted afghan in support of our community outreach projects. Tickets are one for \$2 and three for \$5. The draw will be May 5th, in time for Mother's Day. We appreciate your support.

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CELEBRATE SPRING!

Afternoon Tea!

St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Fun For Seniors

Who? All Seniors and their Friends are welcome!

What? Afternoon Tea with light refreshments, games, 50/50 Draw, and Prizes.

When? **Wednesday, April 10th** – 1:00 pm

Where? St. Catherine of Siena Church Hall (Please use the entrance located off the parking lot.)

Cost? It's FREE!

PLEASE REGISTER BY SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH, BY CONTACTING ONE OF THESE MEMBERS:

Janet Mullock	902-455-3718	janet.mullock@bellaliant.net
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MEET OUR TEAM

Fr. Nathanael DesRoches
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Fr. Robert Nicholas
Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr Paul Carnell

Brent Hopkins
Operations Manager

Sr. Rita Hanna, FoH

Cheryl Delaney
Administrative Assistant
admstfsc@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

Options for Giving to our Parish

1. Request weekly Sunday envelopes through our Parish Office.
2. E-Transfer to officestfsc@gmail.com (include your name, designation for your gift, 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! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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

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