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 Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
St. Stephen Church
Sunday 9:30 am
St. Stephen Church
Sunday 11:00 am
St. Catherine Church
Sunday 1:00 pm
St. Faustina Polish Mission
St. Catherine Church
Sunday 7:00 pm
St. Catherine Church
Livestream:
Sunday Nov 22

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9:00 am
St. Stephen Church
Wednesday 9:00 am
St. Stephen Church
Thursday 9:00 am
St. Stephen Church
Friday 7:30 am
St. Catherine Church
Friday 9:00 am
St. Stephen Church
Saturday 9:00 am
Franciscan Mass
St. Catherine Church

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, Nov 24
Kevin Archibald
Wednesday, Nov 25
Muriel Archibald
Thursday, Nov 26
Catherine Cable
Friday, Nov 27
Sander MacKenzie
Saturday, Nov 28
9am - Souls in Purgatory
4pm - Michelle Burton

Feast of Christ the King
Sunday, November 22, 2026

Advent Backpack Program

Our Advent Backpack Project is now underway. Re-usable grocery bags containing a list of donation items are still available at the church entrances. These items go out to many who are in most need of basic items. Please take a bag, fill it with any or all of the items, and deliver it back to the churches before Thursday, December 17th.

For those who prefer to make a cash donation, please place your donation in the regular collection in an envelope marked BACKPACKS, send by e-transfer to officestfstc@gmail.com or deliver to the parish office (Tue-Fri 9am-1pm).

"Sort Day" will be Sat, Dec 19th, 10:00am at St. Stephen Church hall. Youth and families are invited to come, sort the items and fill the 125 backpacks for the patrons of Daily Bread. It is our hope that many of the good people of the parish will come, with families and friends, and assist in this project. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your generous support for this Advent project.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to help on sort day, please reach out to the church representative listed on the donation sheet enclosed in the re-usable grocery bag.



In just one week, we will begin the liturgical season of Advent! The Advent Wreath is one of the symbols of the season. The circle of the Advent Wreath, with no beginning and no end, reminds us of God. The wreath is often made of branches that remind us of living things. There are four candles on the wreath. The four candles (3 purple, 1 pink) represent the four Sundays of Advent. Each Sunday, another candle is lit!

You are invited to St. Catherine Church Hall following the 11:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses on Sunday, November 29th, to BRING ADVENT HOME by making an Advent Wreath for your home. Everything you need to make the wreath will be supplied. We ask for your help in providing some light snacks, muffins, sweets, etc., for us to enjoy while we make our wreaths. A sign-up sheet is available at St. Catherine of Siena Church, or you can email or phone Donna (donna.noddin@gmail.com / 902-455-1617) if you are able to bring something along. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!

Northwood Halifax

10:15 am
Second Wednesday of every month

Berkeley Gladstone

10:00 am
Fourth Wednesday of every month

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesdays
after 9:00am Mass to 4:00pm
St. Stephen Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession
Thursdays 7:30pm
(*Franciscan Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Confession available*)
St. Catherine of Siena Church

Confession Times
Saturdays
after 9:00am Mass
St. Catherine of Siena Church

Saturdays 3:00- 3:45pm
St. Stephen Church

Pray the Rosary
Saturday 3:00-3:45pm
Monday 7:15-8:00pm
St. Stephen Church

Sunday 6:20-6:45pm
St. Catherine of Siena Church

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Food Assistance

St. Catherine
902-455-6525

St. Patrick
902-405-3806

St. Stephen
902-405-3686

St. Theresa
902-414-4625

A Special Celebration of Hope and Light

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." — John 1:5

The Advent and Christmas seasons are filled with joy, celebration, and bright lights. Yet for many, they can also bring a deep sense of absence, grief, or heaviness. Whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one, facing illness yourself or that of a loved one, navigating a difficult transition in your life, or finding it hard to feel the joy of the season, you do not have to carry your burden alone.



You are warmly invited to a quiet, reflective Mass of comfort and remembrance on **Tuesday, December 1st, at 7:00 pm** in St. Catherine of Siena Church. Together, we will bring our sorrow, our struggles, and our weary hearts to Emmanuel - God with us - who walks beside us in every dark and quiet place.

All are welcome. As a family of faith, we are called to rejoice together, but also to weep together and carry each other in prayer. We hope you will join us!



St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi
Youth Group (Gr. 7-12) at St. Catherine Church

Our next Youth Group meeting will be on **Wednesday, Nov. 25 from 7:00-8:30pm.** All parents are welcome to stay for a video and discussion. **See you then!**

For more information, please contact Maria McDonald: **faithformationsfsc@gmail.com**

OCIA
A Journey of Faith

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

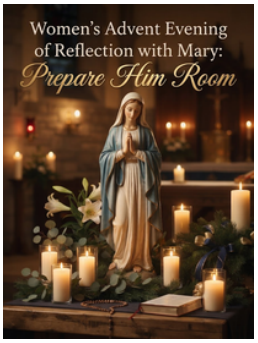
Our next meeting is on Monday, Nov. 30 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Marian Room at St. Stephen Church.

The topic for the evening is: God The Father, Creation & the Fall.

If you know of anyone who is considering becoming Catholic or wants to learn more about the Catholic Church, please contact Maria McDonald with inquiries: **faithformationsfsc@gmail.com**

Women's Advent Evening of Reflection: Prepare Him Room

Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ through the eyes of His Mother.
All women are invited to an Evening of Reflection with Our Lady
on Wednesday, December 16
6:30-8:00pm
at St. Stephen Church



Together, we will explore how Mary's quiet 'Yes' to God can inspire our own faith journeys and our humble 'Yes' as well. The evening will feature scripture reflections, quiet prayer/contemplation, and fellowship.

Light refreshments will be served following the service
There is no cost to attend, but a small snack to share would be most welcome and appreciated.

For more information, please contact Maria McDonald:
faithformationsfsc@gmail.com



Young Adults (YA) Group

Our next meeting is Friday, Nov. 27 from 7:00-9:00pm at St. Stephen Church Hall (*Access on Robie Street)

We will discuss pages 31-44 of the book **Interior Freedom**. If you don't have a book yet and would like one, please inquire at the next meeting. See you then!

Contact Maria McDonald to register or to inquire:
faithformationsfsc@gmail.com

Family Faith Formation (Gr. P-6)
St. Stephen Church

Please join us for our Family Faith Formation gathering on Sunday, Nov. 29th following the 9:30am Mass, in the church Hall. The families at St. Stephen Church will be hosting a Coffee Social in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus. All are invited for some light refreshment & conversation! Please email Maria McDonald, Faith Formation Coordinator: faithformationsfsc@gmail.com with any questions.



St. Catherine
Religious Education Program
for Elementary Students



This Sunday, November 22nd, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

Next Sunday, November 29th, classes will take place from 10:00-10:45 am in the Church Hall. Please enter from the parking lot.

Program Information & Registration Forms are available at the entrance of the Church for students from grades primary to six to enroll in our Church program. For more information on the program, please contact Donna Noddin: donna.noddin@gmail.com

Development and Peace - International Solidarity Matters



Do you believe in the dignity of the human person? For Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, this Catholic social teaching principle is at the heart of our work. With the support of the government and generous donors, we carry out transformative programs and projects in more than 30 countries around the world.

This aid is invaluable—and even lifesaving—for many impoverished communities. It can help save children's lives in Somalia through treatments for malnutrition and promote gender equality and women's civic participation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We need your support to make this possible. Join the movement today! To learn more, visit: devp.org/campaign.

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's mission is rooted in hope and the promise of a better world for all. Imagine the joy of helping create a future where our less fortunate sisters and brothers across the world have a chance to thrive!



Thursday, December 3 - 11:00am - 1:30pm
St. Stephen Church Hall
(please use lower Robie Street doors)

11:00am Mass
Serving Delicious Roast Turkey Meal
Christmas Sing-A-Long
Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw & MORE!
Advance Tickets are required ($25.00)
Tickets must be purchased before Dec 3 by e-transfer to: brownebetty@hotmail.com
or call 902-453-3644





Options for Giving to our Parish

The options for giving are available on the website: https://www.sfscparish.ca/donate

- Sign up for pre-authorized debit (PAD) on our website or by contacting the parish office
- E-transfer by sending donations to officestfstc@gmail.com (include name, designation of your gift, church)
- CanadaHelps.org - a secure third-party method to make a one-time donation and/or set up monthly donations by credit card (see parish website)
- Request weekly Sunday envelopes through the parish office.

Rest assured that any donations received will be assigned to your account, and income tax receipts will be issued.
Thank you for your continued generosity!



Our November gathering of Remembrance started with a beautiful Mass celebration. We also remembered our Fun For Seniors' friends and volunteer team members who are presently ill. Appreciation to our team of volunteers who helped prior to this important gathering, and to those who assisted during the event.

Thanks also to Donna, Cathy, Kevin, Pat M, for your special donations. Our 50/50 Winner was Rosie Fougere. Door Prize Winners were Val Leeson, Brenda Arsenault, and Carol Holland.

Reflect



and Remember

Gifts of Securities

Do your investments align with your values? Many of us carefully plan how we invest our resources, seeking growth, stability, and wise stewardship. Yet, as people of faith we are also called to consider how our financial decisions reflect what matters most to us. One meaningful way to bring your investments into closer alignment with your values is through the gift of securities. By donating publicly traded securities, such as stocks or mutual funds, you can transform investment growth into meaningful impact for the ministry and mission of your local church.

A gift of securities is a powerful expression of generosity as well as a thoughtful financial decision. In Canada, donating appreciated securities directly to a registered charity often allows you to avoid capital gains tax on the increase in value, while receiving a charitable tax receipt for the full market value of the securities. Listen to Father Brian MacMillan share the theological reasons behind giving here: Father Brian MacMillian - Theological Reasons for Giving

When you choose to give in this way, you help ensure that your investments do more than just grow in financial value; you help them grow in purpose. Ready to invest in your parish?
Use this form to get started: Securities Donation Form - Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth
For support, please contact Melissa Lunn at 902-429-9800 ext. 309 or email mlunn@halifaxyarmouth.org

MEET OUR TEAM

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Fr. Peter Hanna, FoH - Associate Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Bernie Coffin (Retired)
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