

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 Church

Sunday 9:30 am
St. Stephen Church

Sunday 11:00 am
St. Catherine Church

St. Faustina Polish Mission

Sunday 1:00 pm
St. Catherine Church

Sunday 7:00 pm
St. Catherine Church

Livestream:

[Sunday May 31 2026](#)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 9:00 am
St. Catherine Church

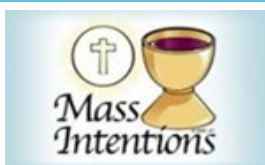
Wednesday, 9:00 am
St. Catherine Church

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
St. Catherine Church
(Franciscan Mass)



Tuesday, June 2 9am
Gary Harris

Wednesday June 3 9am
Alexander Campbell

Thursday June 4 9am
Joan Burton

Friday June 5 9am
Peter James Cody

Saturday June 6 9am
Richard Cornelia

Saturday June 6 4pm
Marie Mason

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

FAITH

May 31 2026

Perfect Joy

A Three-Evening Talk at St. Catherine of Siena Church Presented by the Franciscans of Halifax

As the feast of Saint Anthony of Padua draws near, the Franciscans of Halifax are excited to invite you to a three-evening talk on *Perfect Joy*, led by Fr. Francesco.

Location: St. Catherine of Siena Church

Dates: Wednesday June 10/Thursday June 11/Friday June 12

Time: 7:00pm

Each evening will include a 45-minute presentation given by Fr. Francesco and conclude with Adoration and Confession.

On Saturday, June 13, we will celebrate the 9:00am Mass with the blessing of bread, and offer coffee/tea, bread and molasses refreshment in the Hall following the Mass.

Save the dates, come warm a seat, and grow in your love for our Lord and Saint Francis. Hope to see you all for this event!

Celebration of First Communion!



We are overjoyed to be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 31st, at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Stephen Church and the 11:00 am Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church!

We congratulate our First Communicants on this special day in their lives:

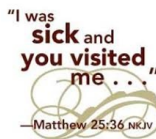
St. Catherine of Siena: Ariel, Caleb, Chaewon, Hannah, Jeongtaek, Julian, Lucy, Marquis, Martina, and Minseung.
St. Stephen: Faida, Xavier, Angus, and Ada.

Following Mass, we invite all parishioners to join us in the Church Halls to meet the children and their families as we continue the celebration with a reception. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for all of our children.

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Amen

Communion Ministry Volunteers at St. Catherine of Siena Church



Bringing Holy Communion to those who are ill, shut-in, or unable to attend Mass is a great gift to those who have served the church for many years, especially our elderly. St. Catherine of Siena church needs additional volunteers to make these visits happen. Your commitment would be for one Sunday a month following Sunday morning Mass. To volunteer, call the Parish Office at 902-424-8551 or email officestfsc@gmail.com.

Northwood - Halifax Campus

Mass is celebrated on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:15 am.

Berkeley Gladstone

Mass is celebrated on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - St. Stephen Conference

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - St. Stephen Conference will be doing their monthly collection at St. Stephen church on Saturday, June 6th after the 4pm Mass, and on Sunday, June 7th after the 9:30am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesdays following the 9:00 am Mass to 4:00 pm.
Fridays 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
St. Catherine of Siena Church

Healing Mass with Fr. Cherry at St. Stephen Church

All are welcome to attend this healing Mass with Fr. Mark Cherry on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 7:00pm

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

PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Roofing Project at St. Catherine of Siena and Bayers Road Widening

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

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

The Parish was advised that the roof on St. Catherine of Siena church was no longer insurable due to its age. To address this, the St. Catherine Building Committee worked diligently to identify a long-term solution for both the church and the rectory. After a Request for Quote was issued and the six bids submitted were reviewed, a service provider was selected.

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

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

The project will take approximately 4-6 weeks (weather depending), with the work scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 23rd. During this time, to reduce risk to our parishioners and clergy and to facilitate the work being done, the 9:00 a.m. weekday Masses on Tuesdays and Wednesday will be celebrated at St. Stephen Church. Weekend Masses remain unchanged. We will work with the roofing company to ensure safe entrance to and exit from the church on weekends. There will be scaffolding erected and work happening in the church parking lot. In saying this, the Building Committee has ensured the roofing company adheres to all best safety practices to protect everyone.

In addition to the roofing project, the widening of Bayers Road has begun. Discussions around this between HRM and St. Catherine of Siena Church began in 2019. Five feet of church property has been expropriated; we have been financially compensated for this. The project was delayed for several reasons, and we have now been advised it will take place over the next two years along the length of Bayers Road from Connaught Avenue to Windsor Street.

Those of you who travel Bayers Road might have noticed that power poles were moved in anticipation of the start of this project, and buses were rerouted away from Bayers Road. At the same time as the road work is being done, Halifax Water will be upgrading their transmission water lines.

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

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S
ELEMENTARY PROGRAM (PRIMARY TO SIX)**

This Sunday, May 31st we look forward to celebrating First Communion at the 11:00 am Mass. Our last Children's Liturgy of this program year will be celebrated on June 14th during the 11:00 am Mass.

For more information on the program, please contact Donna Noddin (donna.noddin@gmail.com).



**ST. STEPHEN'S
ELEMENTARY PROGRAM (PRIMARY TO SIX)**

This Sunday, May 31st we look forward to celebrating First Communion at the 9:30 am Mass. Our last religious education class for this program year will be held on June 7th after the 9:30 am Mass, in the church hall.

For more information on the program, please contact Haley Bishop (faithformationsfsc@gmail.com).



Youth Group for Junior High and High School Students

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 will be our last meeting before summer:
7:00-8:30pm in St. Catherine of Siena church hall.

For more information or to register, contact: Haley Bishop (faithformationsfsc@gmail.com).



Coffee Social at St. Catherine of Siena— Sunday after the 7:00 p.m. Mass



You are invited to join us in the Hall at St. Catherine of Siena for a coffee social following the Sunday 7:00 p.m. Mass.

SFSC Parish Bulletins—Summer 2026

This week's bulletin is the final regular weekly publication until Sunday, September 13, 2026. Special updates and notices will be published electronically (by email and on the Parish website), as events occur during the summer.

Iconography Lessons: June 8-July 6, 2026

There will be a series of Iconography lessons upcoming, led by Fernanda Foster, one of the team members who worked on the murals at the front of St. Catherine of Siena church. The classes will be for beginners and will offer a thorough introduction to the technique and symbolism of Icon writing using the painting medium called egg tempera. This is not a workshop; the classes will not focus on producing a single Icon, but rather will go deeper into learning the practice of Iconography.

Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm at St. Stephen's Church hall, and will run for five weeks from June 8 to July 6. Cost will be \$25/class plus materials, which will depend on individual needs. Those interested should email Fernanda directly at: fernandacota6@gmail.com

Parish Scholarship Opportunities

The **Raymond & Eleanor (Helen) Hollett Memorial Scholarship** (Value: \$2,500) is awarded on a one-time basis to a parishioner of **St. Catherine of Siena Church** who is entering a full year of post-secondary studies at a university, trade school or community college. The Scholarship will be awarded based on satisfactory academic standing, financial need, with special consideration given to those students who are active in our worshipping community. Applications will be available at the back of the church and must be mailed or dropped off to the Parish Office, 6032 Normandy Drive, clearly marked *Raymond & Eleanor (Helen) Hollett Memorial Scholarship*. Deadline for applications is Friday June 5, 2026.

The **Monsignor Murphy Scholarship** is available to any parishioner of **St. Stephen Church** continuing a full year of post-secondary studies at a university, trade school or community college. Applications will be available at the back of the church and must be mailed or dropped off to the Parish Office, 6032 Normandy Drive, marked *Monsignor Murphy Scholarship Committee, Attention: S. Sarty*. The complete address is on the application. Deadline for applications is Friday June 5, 2026.

**Parish
Leadership Team**

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MEET OUR TEAM

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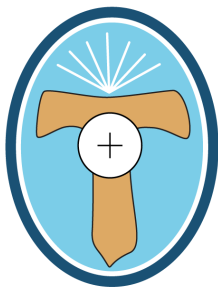
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LOVE IN ACTION



On May 20th, 15 dozen muffins, 15 dozen cookies, 32 juice packs, 1 large tin of coffee, and 4 dozen special snack treats were delivered to Hope Cottage by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Catherine of Siena Church. We support Hope Cottage four times a year with a delivery of sweets.

Our next food delivery is scheduled for August 19th. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact our SSVP phone line (902-455-6525) and indicate your willingness to assist by leaving your name and phone number.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Over 700 Youth Expected for Steubenville Atlantic 2026

Steubenville Atlantic 2026 is set to welcome its largest number of participants since 2009, with more than 700 spots already filled for this summer's conference in Halifax. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, Steubenville Atlantic is part of the larger Steubenville Youth Conference movement, where high school students are invited into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, worship, the Sacraments, Eucharistic Adoration, small groups, and fellowship with hundreds of other Catholic teens from across Atlantic Canada and beyond. The conference will take place July 10-12 at Dalhousie University in Halifax. Youth registration closes May 31, 2026, at midnight. Register soon before remaining spots are filled!

For more information, please visit [Steubenville Atlantic](#)

STEWARDSHIP

Options for Giving to our Parish

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



The options for giving are available on our website at <https://www.sfscparish.ca/donate>.

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 HOURS:
MONDAY - CLOSED
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY - 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

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