



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 Mass:

Sunday, Dec. 21st
9:30 am Mass

Thurs, Dec. 25th
9:30 am Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tues, Dec. 23rd, 9:00 am
St. Catherine Church

Fri, Dec. 26th, 10:00 am
Feast of St. Stephen
St. Stephen Church

Sat, Dec. 27th, 9:00 am
St. Catherine Church
(Franciscan Mass)

Sat, Jan. 3rd, 9:00 am
St. Catherine Church
(Franciscan Mass)



Tuesday, December 23rd
William "Billie"
MacPherson

Saturday, December 27th
9:00 am -Souls in Purgatory
4:00 pm - Theresa Brennan

Saturday, January 3rd
4:00 pm - Frank &
Kathleen Pottie

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FAITH

December 21, 2025

PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES



Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24th

(Please note: No 9:00 am Weekday Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church)

6:00 pm – St. Catherine of Siena Church

(The children invite you to the presentation of the Christmas Story at 5:40 pm)

6:00 pm – St. Stephen Church (A Carol Service will begin at 5:30 pm)

8:00 pm – St. Catherine of Siena Church

10:00 pm – St. Catherine of Siena Church (St. Faustina Polish Community)

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25th

9:30 am – St. Stephen Church

11:00 am – St. Catherine of Siena Church

1:00 pm – St. Catherine of Siena Church (St. Faustina Polish Community)

(Please note: There will be no 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church)

Feast of St. Stephen – Friday, December 26th

10:00 am – St. Stephen Church (Patron Saint of Church)

10:30 am – St. Catherine of Siena Church (St. Faustina Polish Community)

Weekday Mass

9:00 am, Saturday, December 27th - St. Catherine of Siena Church

Feast of the Holy Family – December 27th & 28th

4:00 pm Saturday – St. Stephen Church

9:30 am Sunday – St. Stephen Church

11:00 am Sunday – St. Catherine of Siena Church

1:00 pm Sunday – St. Catherine of Siena Church (St. Faustina Polish Community)

7:00 pm Sunday – St. Catherine of Siena Church

NO Weekday Masses on Tuesday, December 30th, and Wednesday, December 31st.

New Year's Eve Parish Skating Party - Wednesday, December 31st

1:00 - 2:30 pm - Centennial Arena (27 Vimy Avenue, Halifax) followed by Pizza at the rink. CSA approved helmets are now mandatory for all skaters.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve) – Wed., December 31st

4:00 pm – St. Stephen Church

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) – Thursday, January 1st

9:30 am – St. Stephen Church

11:00 am – St. Catherine of Siena Church

1:00 pm - St. Catherine of Siena Church (St. Faustina Polish Community)

(Please note: There will be no 7:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church)

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**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.

**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
(Cancelled Dec. 24th, 26th, 31st
& January 2nd)

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
with Confession**

Thursdays 7:30 pm
Franciscan Holy Hour of
Eucharistic Adoration,
Confession available.
St. Catherine of Siena Church
(Cancelled December 25th
& January 1st)

Confession Times

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

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

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

**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

NO Weekday Mass on Friday, January 2nd.

The regular **Weekday Mass schedule** resumes on Saturday, January 3rd.

PLEASE
NOTE...

**ROSARY AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH ON MONDAY
EVENINGS** at 7:15 pm will **CONTINUE** through the
Christmas Season.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT that
takes place at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Wednesdays
and Fridays is **CANCELLED** on December 24th, 26th, 31st and
January 2nd.

FRANCISCAN HOLY HOUR WITH CONFESSION will be **CANCELLED** on
Thursday, December 25th, and Thursday, January 1st.



DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We are accepting donations for the purchase of Christmas
flowers at each Church location. If you wish to make a donation or a
donation in memory of a loved one, please mark your name,
contact information and envelope number on a plain envelope and
place it in the regular collection at any weekend Mass. We will be pleased to
acknowledge these remembrances in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you!

PARISH NEWS



Please note: The Parish Office will close at noon on
December 24th and re-open on January 6th.

The next bulletin will be published on January 11th.

PARISH SKATING PARTY – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Fr. Nathanael and Fr. Peter are sending out an invitation to all
parishioners to join with them on Wednesday, December 31st, for our
annual Parish Skating Party. The Centennial Arena on Vimy Avenue has
been booked from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Pull out those skates and get them
sharpened to be ready for the 31st! Following the skate, PIZZA will be
served at the rink!



**PLEASE NOTE: CSA approved helmets are now mandatory for all
skaters. Bicycle helmets are not allowed for skating purposes.** For those
who might like to come and just watch the skate, the Centennial Arena has a heated
viewing area! Plan now to bring the whole family and enjoy the day together!!!

STEWARDSHIP



2026 Sunday Envelopes are now available at the back of
the Church for those who are currently envelope contributors.
Please consider signing up through either the box envelope
system or the Pre-Authorized Debit Program. For more
information, please contact the Parish Office.

2025 Contributions - As yearend approaches, parishioners are reminded that
if you wish to contribute and receive a 2025 income tax receipt, donations must be
received by December 31st. Any donations received January 1st onward, will be
credited to 2026.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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