

## 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 10 2026](#)

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday, 9:00 am  
St. Catherine Church  
**No Mass this week**

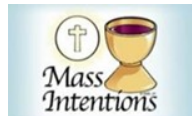
Wednesday, 9:00 am  
St. Catherine Church  
**No Mass this week**

Thursday, 9:00 am  
St. Stephen Church  
**No Mass this week**

Friday, 7:30 am  
St. Catherine Church  
**No Mass this week**

Friday, 9:00 am  
St. Stephen Church  
**No Mass this week**

Saturday, 9:00 am  
St. Catherine Church  
(Franciscan Mass)



Saturday, May 16

9:00am -  
World Peace

4:00pm -  
Kenneth Orchard

## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**FAITH**

**May 10, 2026**

In today's Gospel, Jesus reassures his disciples that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. He will send them another Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom they will continue to live in union with him.

Another word to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defence for another." Note that Jesus says he will send them "another Advocate." He is the first Advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father. He will return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

This Gospel is an example of the contrast between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth." Only through the Holy Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

Heavenly Father,

Today we lift up every mother – the strong ones, the tired ones, the praying ones, and the ones who feel unseen.

Bless the mothers who give endlessly but rarely rest.  
Strengthen the ones carrying silent worries for their children.  
Comfort the mothers who are hurting, grieving, or feeling alone today.

Lord, reward every tear they've cried in secret, every prayer whispered late at night, and every sacrifice made out of love.

Fill their hearts with peace, renew their strength for the days ahead, and remind them that nothing they've done in love has been wasted.

Amen



## Weekday Masses/Adoration This Week May 11-15, 2026

As our priests will be attending a retreat from Monday, May 11 - Friday, May 15, weekday Masses and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession are cancelled; however, there will be Adoration as usual at St. Catherine of Siena on Wednesday, May 13, 9:30am-4:00pm and Friday, May 15, 9:00am-4:00pm.

### Sacraments While in Hospital

With recent changes at the hospitals, there is no longer a chaplain on site. You must request through hospital staff at admittance for the priest on call, or personally reach out to the Parish, to have our priests come in for any sacraments. Unless you have already arranged to have someone bring you Communion, there will be no one in this ministry available.

### SSVP — Volunteer Treasurer Opportunity

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Halifax has served those in need across Nova Scotia since 1868, assisting over 11,000 people last year. We are seeking a Volunteer Treasurer to help oversee our finances and support our mission. This is an opportunity to use your skills in service of others through a faith-based organization. Modest remuneration may be considered. Qualifications: Experience in accounting, bookkeeping, or financial management (CPA preferred).

Time Commitment: 15–20 hours/month, plus two meetings.

For more information or to express interest, contact Paul Vandall or Ray Burke: 902-405-7000 / [execdirector-hpc@ssvp.ca](mailto:execdirector-hpc@ssvp.ca)

### Consider Volunteering your Gifts!

#### 2026 Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference — July 10-12, 2026

Steubenville Atlantic is a Catholic youth conference that brings hundreds of young people together each summer for a powerful weekend of faith and community. We are currently looking for volunteers for key roles, including a Marketplace Lead (bookstore operations) and a Livestream Technician (supporting our conference broadcast).

For more information contact: [astapleton@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:astapleton@halifaxyarmouth.org)



### Knights of Columbus Council 8666 — THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus Council 8666 for their charitable work and commitment to those in need. On Tuesday, May 5 our Knights prepared three supper casseroles for Souls Harbour residents staying at the St. Patrick's Church site. They also made a financial donation toward plants and maintenance at St. Stephen's Memorial Park. Great work from these Catholic men living their faith and serving their family, parish, community and country!



**Northwood -  
Halifax Campus**  
Mass is celebrated on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the  
month at 10:15 am.

**Berkeley Gladstone**  
Mass is celebrated on the  
4<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 this week***

**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

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

This Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, classes will take place from 10:00 - 10:45 am in the Church Hall. Next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, we are taking a break as we all enjoy the long weekend.

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



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

This Sunday, May 10, classes will take place in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Mass.

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



**Youth Group for Junior High and High School Students**



The group meets on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm in St. Catherine of Siena Church Hall. For more information or to register, contact: Haley Bishop ([faithformationsfsc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Bulletin Notices — Submit by 9:00am on Wednesdays**

If you wish to have something placed in the bulletin for your group or for a special event, please submit your announcements to [officestfstc@gmail.com](mailto:officestfstc@gmail.com) by 9:00 am each Wednesday morning. Thank you!

**Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth — 2025 Impact Report**

The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth remains committed to nurturing faith, supporting our communities, and advancing our mission to share Christ's love. Our 2025 Impact Report highlights some of the remarkable pastoral work made possible through your generous contributions to our 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Collection, **BOLD IN FAITH**.

Read the report: [2025 Impact Report](#)



**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**

Claudette Carroll  
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Jaison Joseph

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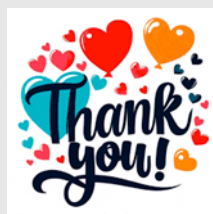
**ST. CATHERINE'S CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**THANK YOU!**

On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we held another Line Dancing class in our Church Hall. Between the \$10 admission fee, a 50/50 draw and donations, \$370 was raised for our Conference. Most importantly, it was a morning of fun and community!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> when we will gather again from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in St. Catherine of Siena Church Hall.

We thank you for your continued support!



**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Prayers for Archbishop Emeritus Terrence Prendergast**

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, who served as the first Archbishop of Ottawa -Cornwall, has been diagnosed with cancer. With his permission, we invite you to join the diocese in praying for his healing and for God's peace and strength. Bishop Terry, as he is known to many locally, was Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Halifax from 1998 to 2007. In the summer of 2007 he was appointed by then Pope John Paul II to shepherd the Archdiocese of Ottawa. We invite the faithful to keep Bishop Terry in their prayers. *Saint Peregrine, patron saint of those facing cancer, pray for him.*

**MEET OUR TEAM**

Fr. Nathanael DesRoches, FoH  
Administrator

Fr. Peter Hanna, FoH  
Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr. Paul Carnell  
Rev. Mr. Bernie Coffin (Ret'd)  
Rev. Mr. Gérald LeBlanc (Ret'd)  
Rev. Br. Grant McLean, FoH  
[br.grant.sfsc@gmail.com](mailto:br.grant.sfsc@gmail.com)

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**STEWARDSHIP**

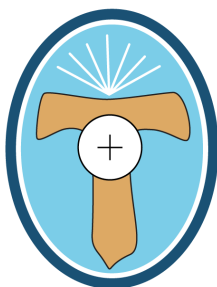
**Options for Giving to our Parish**

1. Sign up for pre-authorized debit (PAD) on our website or by contacting the Parish office.
2. E-transfer by sending donations to [officestfsc@gmail.com](mailto:officestfsc@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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