

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 1 2026

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, November 1, 2026



November - Month of the Holy Souls

Today on All Saints' Day, we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. It is a day of special intercession for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed reminds us of our union with the faithful departed - a union that cannot be broken even by death. Let us remember to pray for our beloved dead and for all the souls in Purgatory.

Memorial Masses in Celebration of Eternal Life - Sat Nov 7 & Sun Nov 8

This Saturday and Sunday, we remember and pray for those members of our Parish family whose Funeral Liturgies were celebrated in our churches during the past year. These Memorial Masses will take place on Saturday, Nov 7 at the 4:00pm Mass at St. Stephen and on Sunday, Nov 8 at the 11:00am Mass at St. Catherine of Siena.

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

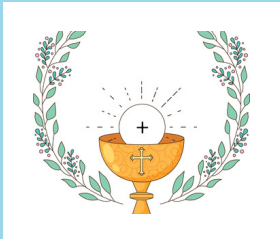
St. Stephen Church

Saturday 9:00 am

Franciscan Mass

St. Catherine Church

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, Nov 3

Eileen Mary MacGillivray

Wednesday, Nov 4

Joseph MacNeil (LIVING)

Thursday, Nov 5

Auriel Day

Friday, Nov 6

Catherine Cable

Saturday, Nov 7

9am - Sharon O'Leary

4pm - All Souls in Purgatory

St. Stephen Church Saturday, November 7th - 4:00pm

Michelle Burton
Leonard Gillespie
John (Jake) McDonald
Karen Di Mattia
Mary Turpin
Tremaine "Terry" Sayer
Paul Renault
Margaret MacDonald
Mary Ashe
Rita Benoit
Joseph Edward MacDonald
Helen Grace Loayon
Charles Melanson
Mary Hill
Claire Greenan
Gerald (Jerry) Casey
Mary (Pearl) Gregory
Gary Greeley
Patrick Slaney

St. Catherine of Siena Church Sunday, November 8th - 11:00am

Nina Di Costanzo
Jennifer Blenkhorn
Pasquale Marcattili
Mark Dowling
Darlene Jamieson
Anne Pearl LeBlanc
Blair Martell
Paulette Dann
Venanzio Di Benedetto
Brent Boucher
Leslie Ann Jenkins
Shirley Viola McKenzie
Teresa Arthur
Harold 'Hal' Dobbelsteyn

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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



St. Catherine
902-455-6525

St. Patrick
902-405-3806

St. Stephen
902-405-3686

St. Theresa
902-414-4625

2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: Finding Rest

The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth consolidated the previous three direct-mail appeals in 2025 into one Annual Appeal for 2026, *Finding Rest*, to run from Nov 1 to Dec 8, the Archdiocesan Feast Day. This is an invitation to help ensure the refuge of the Church remains available for everyone who seeks it.

The appeal invites parishioners to learn about and donate to the many ministries of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. As the primary collection for Archdiocesan ministries that are active across all of our parishes, it is a chance for us to come together as a community in faith, celebration, prayer and support.

Donations made to the 2026 Annual Appeal support the ministries of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. 20% of every gift will be returned directly to our parish, ensuring that your generosity strengthens both your immediate faith community and our Archdiocese as a whole.

Further details can be found in the insert to this Bulletin.



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

Our next Youth Group Meeting will be on Wed, Nov 25 from 7:00-8:30pm.

There are No Classes on Nov 11 due to Remembrance Day.

Registrations are ongoing and we hope to see lots of youth come out for great fun, discussions on faith and, of course, some delicious snacks!

Please contact: Maria McDonald to register or to inquire:

faithformationsfsc@gmail.com



CWL Meeting - St. Stephen Church

The next meeting of the CWL at St. Stephen Church will take place on
Sunday, Nov 8, 2:00-3:30pm in the Marian Room.



OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our next meeting is Monday, Nov 3 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Marian Room, St. Stephen Hall. It is NOT too late to join in: Perhaps you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic or wants to learn more about the Catholic Church.

Please Contact Maria McDonald: faithformationsfsc@gmail.com



It's That Time of Year Again!

Remember to turn back the clocks on
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 2:00AM



Young Adults (YA) Group

Next meeting is Friday, Nov 13, 7:00-9:00pm at St. Stephen Church Hall. ****Access on Robie Street.**

We will be discussing pages 14-31 from the book *Interior Freedom* (please read them by then). If you don't have a book yet and would like one, please inquire at our next meeting. Please bring a snack to share.

Contact Maria McDonald to register or to inquire:

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

Please join us for our next Family Faith Formation class for Students on Sunday, Nov. 15 following the 9:30am Mass, in the Church Hall. The Program at St. Stephen is a Family-Based Program where the parents are involved, too! Parents are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee and social time.

See you then!

Registrations are ongoing, so if you plan on registering your child/ren please email Maria McDonald, Faith Formation Coordinator at: faithformationsfsc@gmail.com



St. Catherine Religious Education Program for Elementary Students



This Sunday, November 1st, classes will take place from 10:00-10:45 am in the Church Hall. Please enter from the parking lot.

Next Sunday, November 8th, we will celebrate a Children's Liturgy during the 11:00 am Mass.

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 Campaign - Canada on Track for Justice



While the most vulnerable populations in the Global South are facing an increase in conflicts, climate change, and the plundering of resources, funding for international aid and development is on the decline.

Like many countries in the Global North, Canada has announced cuts of \$2.7 billion to official development assistance over the next four years. This affects health and education systems, exacerbates poverty, and widens inequalities in the poorest countries. We are already seeing the repercussions on a global scale. Together, let's make international solidarity a priority.

Watch the video from Development and Peace-Caritas Canada to learn more: devp.org/campaign.

Fun For Seniors is a volunteer parish group that organizes events around faith, fun and food. If you have an interest in helping, please contact Betty Browne.

Reflect



and Remember



Fun For Seniors

St. Stephen's Church Hall (lower Robie Street doors)
Thursday, November 12, 11:30am-1:30pm

Immediately following our 11:30am Mass held in the hall, we will enjoy a tasty lunch and have lots of fun singing some of our favourite songs.

Registration required: brownebetty@hotmail.com or 902-453-3644. Please leave your phone number and names of those attending.

We welcome you to share your favourite song.

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.

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 if you require more information.

All Souls' Day Mass St. Stephen Church - Monday Nov 2, 7:00pm

Today, as we commemorate All Souls, we turn our eyes to those who have gone before us in death but who died before being fully purified of every venial sin and all of sin's effects.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains it this way: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (#1030-31). All Souls' Day is a call to prayer for those who have died and are being purified, as well as for each of us to reflect on our own spiritual lives, seek God's mercy, and remember that love and intercession extend beyond the grave.



Healing Mass with Fr. Mark Cherry

Thursday, November 19, 6:30-10:30pm
at St. Stephen Church

Join Fr. Mark Cherry of Sacred Heart Evangelization and Healing Ministry for the final healing Mass in the autumn series. **All are welcome.**

MEET OUR TEAM

Fr. Nathanael DesRoches, FoH - Administrator
Fr. Peter Hanna, FoH - Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Paul Carnell
Rev. Mr. Bernie Coffin (Retired)
Rev. Mr. Gérald LeBlanc (Retired)
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