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*Saint Catherine of Siena Parish  
"Home of the Franciscans of Halifax"*

*3rd Sunday of Easter  
April 15, 2018*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**St. Theresa's**

Tues. April 17	9:00am	Gerry Upcott †
Wed. April 18	9:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Snow †
Thurs. April 19	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. April 20	9:00am	Antonio Reggi †

**St. Catherine's**

Sat. April 21 9:00am Lucien Bianchini †

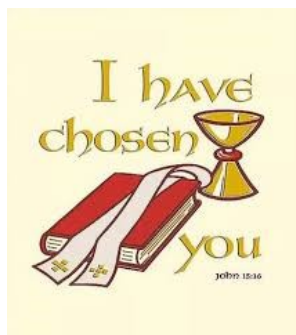


**Holy Water** - Another important symbol of Easter is Holy Water. Holy Water is water that has been blessed by a Priest. Every Easter a Holy Water Font is filled with water and blessed at the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday) for use throughout the year in Church.

When we were all baptized, Holy Water would have been gently poured on our head and the Priest would have said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". When this happened, you were baptized not only with water but with the Holy Spirit. You were given the gift of life, a new life with God. Besides Baptism, Holy Water is also used for the blessing of people, places, and things.

Every time you enter or leave Church, you probably stop at the font near the entrance, dip your fingers in the Holy Water (yes, that's the Easter Water), and you make the Sign of the Cross. Do you know why we do this? Well, it is to remember our Baptism! So, the next time you bless yourself, take a moment to remember the meaning of your Baptism and say thank you to God for the gift of your faith and His love.

**Liturgy**



It is with great joy that the Franciscans of Halifax are asking you to join us in praying at the **Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood of Br. Peter Hanna** by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Mancini. The Ordination will take place during a Eucharistic celebration on **Saturday, April 21st at 10:30 am at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica** in Halifax. All are welcome.

Please spread the word and invite all those who would like to celebrate with us!

**Donations for Easter Flowers**

Additional donations for Easter flowers were gratefully received in memory of. . .

Vittoria De Nicola  
Massimo E. Rosina Di Mattia  
Domenico Di Mattia  
Nell and Royden O'Reilly

**Religious Education**



Our next "**Gathering**" will take place on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:15-10:45 am for students from grade primary to nine.

**Meetings**

**St. Catherine's Pastoral Council** will meet this Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Weekday Mass Times:**

Tuesday—Friday 9:00am at St. Theresa's  
Saturday 9:00am at St. Catherine's

**Weekend Mass Times**

Sunday 11:00 am  
7:00pm (rosary at 6:30pm)

**Confessions at St. Catherine's:**

Saturday following the 9:00am Mass

**Lectio Divina:** Thursday—7:00—8:00pm  
(Rectory Chapel—side door)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday—Friday 9:30 am—4:30 pm  
in St. Theresa's Chapel

## Parish News

### St. Catherine of Siena's



Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Market items), Straw Game, Books, Raffles, Canteen, Silent Auction and Games for the kids! Lunch: Our famous Hot Dogs!

All donations are welcome! Donations to any of the tables above will be gratefully accepted at the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings during Bingo or on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

#### Our Silent Auction items will include:

- Green Fees for 2 at Digby Pines Resort - Value: \$160
- One Night stay at Liscombe Lodge for 2 with Breakfast included - Value: \$170
- Gift Certificates Package - \$50 from the Wooden Monkey & \$50 from the Vines Pasta Grill - Value: \$100
- Silver iPad Mini 32 gig, WiFi tablet with a 9.7" screen - Value: \$449
- Desk Lamp with built in charger for use with Apple devices - Value: \$200
- Portable Energizer EZG 3500 Generator (on wheels), 3500 watt unit - Value: \$468
- Tattoo Tickets

There will also be Raffle tickets sold on two grocery baskets, a handmade Wooden Rocking Chair, and a Hooked Mat made by the "Happy Hookers" of our Tuesday morning Arts & Crafts Group.

### See YOU at the Fair!



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Early in March, your Pastoral Council reported that the city's Transportation Committee was working on a proposal to widen and redesign Bayers Road to create two dedicated bus lanes. This proposal would eliminate parking on both sides of Bayers Road which would be detrimental to our community, the local residents, and local businesses.

A letter was sent to our Counsellor, Shawn Cleary, and copied to the Mayor and all Councillors, expressing our concern over this potential change. This proposal has gone to tender to look at each proposed option, the cost of each, and the length of time it would take to complete each option.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Francesco and other parish representatives met with Shawn Cleary, who is the Councillor on the Church side of Bayers Road, and with Lindell Smith, who is the Councillor for the other side of Bayers Road. (Yes, the boundary goes right down the middle of the street!) The concerns of the parish were expressed to both Councillors, and we are pleased to report that they both support our concern that there is no need for dedicated bus lanes 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### TWO WEEKS TO GO!

Our Annual Parish Fair will take place on Saturday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tables will include Baked Goods, Fudge, Sewing, New-to-You (Flea

In fact, we discussed that restrictions on parking are only required from 7:00-9:00 am inbound, and 3:00-6:00 pm outbound. This restriction would support the city's hope to improve traffic flow while understanding and respecting the needs of residents of Bayers Road. We thank both Councillor Cleary and Smith for their time and their understanding. A letter will be sent to the city's Transportation Committee to officially record our concerns.

**St. Catherine of Siena Parish Bursaries** Bursaries are awarded to parishioners of St. Catherine's Parish who are entering a full year of post-secondary studies, university, trade school or community college with special consideration given to those students who are active in our worshipping community. Applications are available by contacting Donna at: [donna.noddin@gmail.com](mailto:donna.noddin@gmail.com) or through the Parish Office. Deadline for applications is June 1st.



## Dates to Remember

APRIL 21ST – ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF BR. PETER HANNA – 10:30 AM, ST. MARY'S BASILICA

APRIL 26TH – FEAST OF GOOD COUNSEL – 7:00 PM MASS

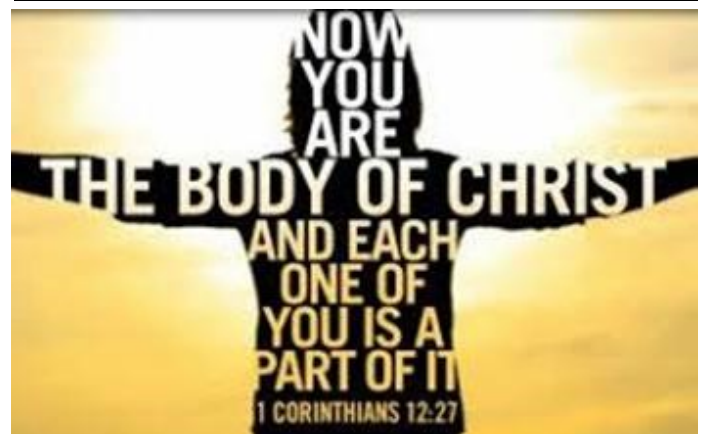
APRIL 28TH – PARISH FAIR

APRIL 29TH – FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA – PARISH LUNCHEON

JUNE 3RD – PASTORAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 10TH - CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

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