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

*Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018*

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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Tues. April 3	9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed. April 4	9:00am	Giuseppe DiBacco †
Thurs. April 5	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. April 6	9:00am	1st Friday of the Month (memorial book)

St. Catherine's

Sat. April 7 9:00am Gary Bowers †

In 2018, our Parish family is celebrating its **70th Anniversary**. What is a Parish? In a bulletin from the 1950s, it was stated, "The word Parish comes from the Greek word 'Paroikia' which means 'a neighborhood'. And from the notion of the word neighborhood, our mind can readily come to the idea of a community or even better a family. For the Parish is essentially a family. Larger perhaps in numbers than most, but still possessing the same qualities evident and necessary in family life." On this Easter Sunday, let us thank God for the blessing of our Parish family. For those words from our early beginnings, remain true today!

Liturgy



Donations for Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who made donations for Easter flowers. Donations were gratefully received in memory of:

- Ivano Bonomo
- Doug Steffen
- Shaun Steffen
- Doug Daley
- Austin McKenna
- Clem and Rita Harris
- The Steel Family
- Gordon Varen
- Massimo and Domenico Di Mattia
- Zopito Marini
- Michele Marini
- Emma Tucci
- Sabatino Sablone
- Maria Annina Falone

To All Those Visiting Today – Welcome to our Parish family. We're glad that you could be with us today as we worship God's Risen Son. We hope that God touches your life as we worship side by side, and that you leave us today with the peace of God in your mind and heart. **Happy Easter!**

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



Easter or Paschal Candle – Throughout the Season of Easter, the Easter or Paschal Candle will remain by the Ambo where the Word of God is proclaimed. This special candle is lit with fire that is blessed by the Priest during the Easter Vigil, a celebration that takes place in churches all around the world on Holy Saturday, the Saturday before Easter Sunday. By lighting this special candle at Easter time, we remember that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. He is truly

the “Light of the World”.

The Easter Candle always has a cross on it, representing the “paschal” mystery of our faith. The Paschal Mystery is one of the central concepts of our Catholic faith - the history of our salvation through the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Greek Symbols of Alpha “A” and Omega “Ω” are the first and last letters in the Greek Alphabet. In English, Alpha means “beginning” and Omega means “end”. These symbols remind us that God has no beginning and no end as He has always existed. As the Easter Candle is blessed at the Easter Vigil, the Priest places five pegs containing five grains of incense on the candle. These remind us of the five wounds that Jesus suffered as He was put to death. One in each hand, one in each foot, and one in his side when he was pierced by a spear as he hung on the cross. From this wound came blood and water. We also see on the cross the current year, 2018, to remind us that God is present with us NOW!

When we celebrate a Baptism at Church, the candle that is given to the parents and godparents as a remembrance of the Baptism, would be lit from the Easter or Paschal Candle. Just as Jesus Christ is the light of the world, we too, because of our Baptism are called to be light to others. Let your light shine!

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 8th - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 2:30-3:30 pm in St. Theresa's Chapel. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



Spiritual Care Team - Our Parish's Spiritual Care Team has been making visits for just over a year. Their mission is to meet the spiritual needs of those who are no longer able to come to Church or who may desire a friendly visit from a Parish representative. Spiritual care

is defined as attending to a person's spiritual or religious needs as he or she copes with illness, loss, grief or pain. It is hoped that the visits will enable one to regain a sense of spiritual well-being, and for those who are now shut-ins, to keep an ongoing relationship with their Parish family.

If you feel you may be called to this ministry, please speak to Fr. Francesco or leave your name with the Parish Office. As the need for this ministry will continue to grow, more volunteers will be required.

Religious Education



Our next “**Gathering**” will take place on Sunday, April 8th, from 10:15-10:45 am for students from grade primary to nine.

Parish News

St. Catherine
of Siena's
Spring fair
Saturday, April 28th, 2018
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

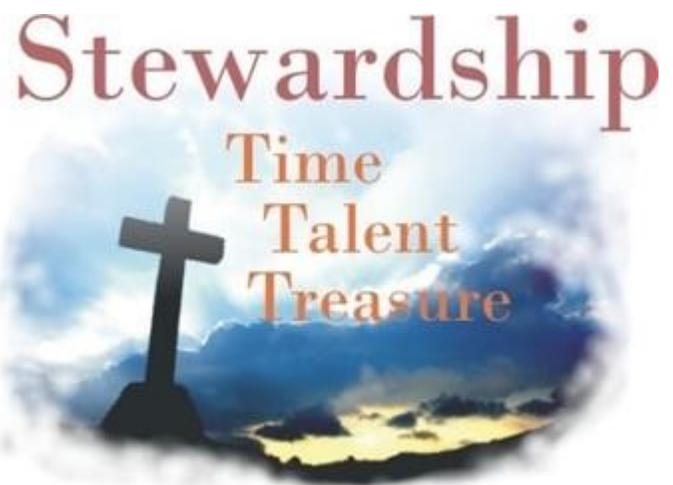
Our **Annual Parish Fair** will take place on Saturday, **April 28th**, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tables will include Baked Goods, Fudge, Sewing, New-to-You (Flea Market items), Straw Game, Books, Raffles, Canteen, Silent Auction and Games for the kids! Lunch: Our famous Hot Dogs!

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 27th, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Why not bake an item or two for our Pantry Table! (Please include your name and phone number with your baked goods. These are only for our records and will not appear on the goods for sale.)

See YOU at the Fair!

Stewardship—A Way of Life



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