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

*4th Sunday of Easter  
April 22, 2018*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**St. Theresa's**

Tues. April 24	9:00am	Rita Traini †
Wed. April 25	9:00am	Marcattili Piatro and Family †
Thurs. April 26	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. April 27	9:00am	Luigi and Cessiolo Zavarella †

**St. Catherine's**

Sat. April 28 9:00am Sergio Di Quinzio †



April 29<sup>th</sup> is the **Feast Day of Saint Catherine of Siena**. Next Sunday, during the 11:00 am Mass, we will acknowledge the Feast Day of this remarkable woman.

Catherine was born on March 25, 1347, in Siena, Italy. She was the 24th of 25 children. At the age of six, Catherine had a vision in which she felt she was called to a solitary and prayerful life. At the age of seven, Catherine made a private vow of virginity and when she was fifteen, she cut off her hair in defiance of her family to prevent a marriage arrangement. Many holy women achieved great status at this time of history but Catherine was the most outstanding, not only because of the extent of her activities in her short life but because of the treasure of her written teachings and guidance. Catherine of Siena died on April 29, 1380 at the age of 33, the same age as our Lord. In 1461, Pope Pius II canonized Catherine. In 1940, she was made the Patron Saint of Italy along with Saint Francis of Assisi. In 1970, she was officially declared a Doctor of the Church.

**Liturgy**

**Congratulations**  
**Fr. Peter Hanna!!**



For those of you who were not attending St. Catherine's when Fr. Roberto Donato, the first Moderator of the Franciscans, first arrived, you may not have had the pleasure of meeting Br.

Peter, now Fr. Peter. At that time, Br. Peter was the Guardian of the Franciscans of Halifax and it was very evident how Br. Peter set the tone for everything they did as community. It was his enthusiasm to serve, his joy of knowing the Lord, and his love of community that could be easily seen in everything he did. The humility of his service was most evident as he proudly let others go ahead of him in their studies for Priesthood, and rejoiced with them in their accomplishments. Now, we have the pleasure of rejoicing with him as a new Priest is Ordained from the religious community of the Franciscans of Halifax.

**"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."**



**May Crowning** - On May 1st, the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. May 1st also begins the Month of Mary. The memorial of St. Joseph almost seems fitting as we begin a month dedicated to Mary because we remember how St. Joseph provided for the Holy Family as a carpenter. To celebrate St. Joseph is to celebrate his role as the husband of Mary and Foster Father of Jesus.

**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

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month. It is a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It is also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives.

Next Sunday, representatives of the Catholic Women's League will be present to begin our celebration of our 11:00 am Mass with the Crowning of Mary.

## Parish News

### St. Catherine of Siena's

### Spring Fair

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!

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
- 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.

### All Donations Welcome!

Donations to any of the tables above will be gratefully accepted at the Church Hall this Wednesday evening, April 25th, during Bingo or this 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 THIS SATURDAY at the Fair!**

#### Franciscans of Halifax Contact Information

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## All parishioners are invited

to a special celebration hosted by the Community Life Committee



## The Feast of St. Catherine of Siena

### Sunday, April 29

A luncheon and entertainment will follow the 11:00 a. m. Mass in the Church Hall

Featuring live music performed by the Mother Pluckers!

*All are welcome*

*We look forward to celebrating with you!*

## Dates to Remember

APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> – FEAST OF GOOD COUNSEL – 7:00 PM MASS

APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> – PARISH FAIR

APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> – FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA – PARISH LUNCHEON

JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> – PASTORAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> - CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

## Stewardship—A Way of Life

