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

*2nd Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018*

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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Tues. April 10	9:00am	Maria & Giuseppe Santilli †
Wed. April 11	9:00am	The Sampson Family †
Thurs. April 12	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. April 13	9:00am	Maria Taraschi †

St. Catherine's

Sat. April 14 9:00am Harold LeBlanc †



The Easter Lily - Do you see any trumpets in Church during this Easter Season? Well, I hope you took a look at the flowers! Most churches are filled with beautiful, white lilies. Take a close

look. Doesn't the lily almost look like a trumpet? Some say it is God the Father calling his Son Jesus home. And, why only white lilies? Well, white is always a sign of purity (being without sin). That purity or freedom from sin comes through Jesus' death on the cross.

Liturgy



Celebrations of the Triduum - Thank you to all those involved in the Ministries of the Mass who served so faithfully during our celebrations of the Triduum, and to all parishioners for their prayerful participation. Alleluia, He is Risen!

Donations for Easter Flowers

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

Secondina Deluliis
Domenico and Loreta DiFrancescantonio

Lilies are sometimes referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope". Tradition tells us that white lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane. As Jesus prayed in agony in the Garden the night before he died, drops of sweat fell to the ground and beautiful white lilies grew.

Early paintings show the Angel Gabriel giving Mary a branch of pure white lilies when he visited her to tell her she would be the mother of Jesus. As well, legend tells us that when Mary's tomb was visited three days after her burial, that it was found empty except for bunches of white lilies. The pure white petals would symbolize her spotless body, while the golden anthers would symbolize her soul glowing with heavenly light.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 8th - TODAY,

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 2:00pm—3:30pm in St. Theresa's Chapel. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



Easter is always celebrated as spring time comes. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21st. During the Easter Season, the church celebrates our new life in the resurrected Christ as nature celebrates its own rebirth.

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

Religious Education



Next Sunday, April 15th, a **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass.

Parish News



Saturday, April 28th, 2018
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Parish Fair Meeting – Committee members will gather on **Monday, April 9th**, at 6:00 pm in the Assisi/Siena Room of the Church Hall. At this meeting, plans will be finalized for this year's Fair. Interested parishioners are welcome to attend!

THREE WEEKS TO GO!

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.

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!



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. Applica-

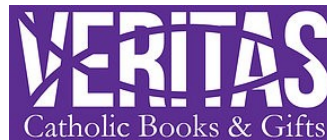
tions are available through the Parish Office or contact Donna at: donna.noddin@gmail.com. The deadline for applications is June 1st.



Ellen O'Reilly, a tax volunteer with the CVITP and a member of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, is offering a free income tax service to people with a low income threshold to members of both Saint Theresa's and Saint Catherine's Parish. If you would like to have your taxes done by Ellen, call her at home (902-454-0958) to book an appointment.

C.W.L. News

Our CWL meeting will take place Tuesday, April 10th at 1 PM in the Siena Room



Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts invites you to join our Apostolate

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