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Wednesdays 9:00am-5:00pm

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

*Christmas Day  
December 25, 2018*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**St. Theresa's**

Wed., Dec. 26 no 9:00am Weekday Mass  
Thurs. Dec. 27 9:00am All the intentions in the book  
Fri. Dec. 28 9:00am Gerry Upcott †

**St. Catherine's**

Sat. Dec. 29 9:00am Bernard Muise †

The Parish Office will close at 11:30am on Monday, December 24th and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

**Liturgy**



**MASS TIMES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
REGULAR SUNDAY LITURGIES AT 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – MONDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> – 6:00PM**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – TUESDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> - 11:00 AM**  
(No 7:00 PM EVENING MASS FOR NEW YEARS )

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**  
– REGULAR SUNDAY LITURGIES AT 11:00 AM & 7:00PM

**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 6:25pm)

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

Saturday following the 9:00am Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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



Donations for **Christmas Flowers** have been received in memory of:

- Antony Tony Whalen and Family
- Ivano Bonomo
- Jean and Judith Bourgeois
- Austin McKenna
- Ken McDonald
- Gordon Varen
- Margaret Innocente
- Joseph Innocente
- Doug Daley
- M. Carmella Ivy
- Atlee Pinaud
- Edward Peters
- Doug and Shaun Steffen
- The Steele Family
- Zopito Marini
- Michele Marini
- Emma Tucci
- Sabatino Sablone
- Maria-Annina Falone
- Neil and Royden O'Reilly

The **2019 St. Joseph's Sunday Missal** is available for purchase at the back table. The cost is \$3.00 each.

## Religious Education



We look forward to seeing families over the Christmas season. Our program will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup> with a "Gathering" from 10:15-10:45 am in the Church Hall.

If your child is not enrolled in our program, they are more than welcome to join us! Information is available on the table at the back of the Church. Our program is offered FREE, as sharing the faith is priceless!

## Parish News



**St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Project** - Well, our little Angel is packing things up as the Christmas Project came to its completion on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Approximately thirty parishioners and friends

gathered to deliver a full Christmas Dinner, and gifts to those 16 years and under, to thirty-eight families within our community. With so much support, the delivery was complete within one hour!!

The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society goes on in many parishes in our Diocese. Those parishes involved tend to the needs of the poor within their own parish boundary, and help people of all faiths who are in need of a little financial support. Along with our SPECIAL Christmas Project, members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society continue to answer calls from those we serve on a weekly basis throughout the year by delivering grocery gift cards and non-perishable food items to their homes.

None of this work would be possible without the tremendous financial support of our parishioners, the donation of non-perishable food items that continue to replenish our food bank, and the volunteer efforts of our twelve Vincentians who represent this charitable spirit to the community around us! **THANK YOU** for your continued support!



**Bingo** will take a break during the Christmas Season. There will be no Bingo on December 26<sup>th</sup> but we will resume on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bingo takes place in our Church Hall every Wednesday starting at 7:30 pm (warm-up Bingo begins at 7:00 pm). Bingo is not only a fun night for all those who attend, it raises much needed funds for the Parish. Why not come

by some Wednesday night and try your luck at the friendliest Bingo in town!

## Diocesan News

On January 1, 2019, Archbishop Mancini invites the community to join him as he hosts his annual **Archbishop's Levee** in the hall of Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. The levee begins after the 10:30am Mass and continues until 12:00 noon.

## C.W.L. News



**CWL News** – As noted in last week's bulletin, the Catholic Women's League of St. Catherine of Siena has made the difficult decision to disband the league. Membership has been declining over these past years and there was no one to take on the leadership roles for our parish group. Your Pastoral Council hopes to hold a Mass of Thanksgiving during a regular Sunday Liturgy in January to thank members for their service to this parish since 1962.

## 2019 Lenten Chowder Luncheons

One of the most popular events that has taken place at St. Catherine's under the leadership of the CWL, with the assistance of many parish volunteers, has been the **Fish Chowder Luncheons on the Fridays of Lent**. Please be

assured that your Pastoral Council is planning to continue these gatherings following the Lenten Friday Masses. If you are interested in lending a hand, please email or phone the Parish Office and leave your contact information.

## Stewardship



### 2018 Contributions

Parishioners are reminded that if you wish to have your December donations included in the year 2018 for income tax purposes, they must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Cheques are to be dated

no later than December 31, 2018. Any donations received January 1<sup>st</sup> onward, regardless of the date on the cheque, will be credited to 2019. If you have moved, or your civic address has changed, please notify the parish office so that our data can be updated in preparation for the 2018 income tax receipts.

## Stewardship is...

*"...and the Word became flesh"  
(John 1:14)*

**Jesus is God's ultimate gift to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love.**

**When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day!**

**...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"**