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

*2nd Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018*

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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Tues. Dec. 11 9:00am Maria & Giuseppe Santilli †
Wed. Dec. 12 9:00am Antonio Reggi †
Thurs. Dec. 13 9:00am All the intentions in the book
Fri. Dec. 14 9:00am Duncan & Millie MacLellan †

St. Catherine's

Sat. Dec. 15 9:00am Jim Strachan †

Liturgy



**Congratulations to the
newest member of the
Church's family!!**

Today, we welcome Brendan Riley Richardson, son of Heather Bray and Chris Richardson, into the community of faith. May the Spirit he has received, guide him as he grows in greater understanding of his faith and holiness!



MASS TIMES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
REGULAR SUNDAY LITURGIES AT 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH - 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH - 11:00 AM
(NO 7:00 PM EVENING MASS FOR CHRISTMAS)

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST – 6:00PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST - 11:00 AM
(NO 7:00 PM EVENING MASS FOR NEW YEARS)

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



Holy Hours - The Franciscan Choir, under the direction of Sr. Ilaria, will host Holy Hours on the Tuesdays of Advent - December 11th and 18th - at 7:00 pm in the Church. The Holy Hour will include some times of silence and times of music led by the Franciscan Choir. All are welcome.



Advent Reconciliation

Advent Penitential Service
Friday, Dec. 14th at 7:00 pm
Saint Mother Teresa Parish
6032 Normandy Dr.

This is a combined service for parishioners from Saint Catherine of Siena, St. Patrick, Saint Mother Teresa and St. Theresa North End Parishes

All are invited 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 6:25pm)

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

Parish News



St. Vincent de Paul's
Christmas Project

Each year, your St. Vincent de Paul Society organizes our efforts to help those less fortunate within our community. To those parishioners who have already taken a gift tag from the **Christmas Angel Tree**, thank you! Those gifts should be returned this weekend.

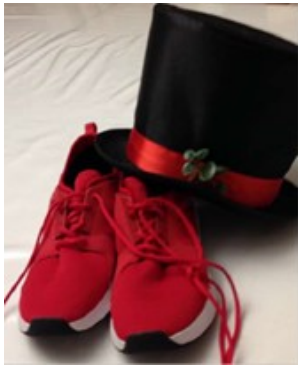
Along with the gifts collected for children 16 and under, everything that is needed for a complete turkey dinner is also supplied to our needy families. Our dinner boxes include a gift card for a turkey, along with carrots, potatoes, onions, peas, cookies, stuffing, gravy, apples, margarine, bread, tea, cranberries and yes, even a box of chocolates. To help support the cost of these dinners, "Turkey Tags" will remain on the Christmas Angel Tree throughout Advent. Parishioners who would like to give a monetary donation toward the cost of these dinners can take a "Turkey Tag" or can place any amount in a plain envelope (mark your name and envelope number) and place the donation in the regular collection sometime during the Advent and Christmas season.

All of our efforts will come together when we deliver the food and gifts to our brothers and sisters within our community. Delivery will take place next Sunday, December 16th, following the 11:00 am Mass from the Church Hall. If you are able, please come down following Mass and lend a hand! Many hands, strong arms and many vehicles make light work. Thank you from the St. Vincent de Paul Society for sharing in our annual project.

The mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to help those in need within our community. If you are having a particularly difficult financial time this Christmas season, please call the St. Vincent de Paul phone line (902-455-6525) if you need assistance with Christmas Dinner.

C.W.L. News

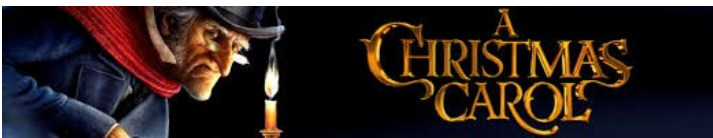
Our C.W.L. December Lunch will be at Jim's on the Bedford Hwy. on December the 11th — time to gather will be 12:45. Hope to see you all there.



Coming to an Advent near You!

Fr. Paul will continue his reflections on the characters involved in "A Christmas Carol", their spirit, and how they allow us to reflect on our spirit and lives today. An enjoyable and thought provoking Advent preparation.

The next gathering will be this Friday, December 14th, at 7:00 pm in St. Catherine's Church. Then, on Friday, December 21st, at 7:00 pm, everyone is invited to the Church Hall to view the movie. And, yes, popcorn will be served! All are welcome.



Greetings at Christmas –

The Liturgy Committee would like to send greetings to parishioners who now find themselves house-bound or reside in a nursing home. If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in this situation,



please give their name and address to the Parish Office.

Christmas Flowers

If you wish to make a donation, or a donation in memory of a loved one, it may be placed in a plain envelop marked "Christmas Flowers" and placed in the regular collection.



Please include your envelope number or name and full mailing address. The names of our remembered loved ones will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

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

Religious Education



Next Sunday, December 16th, a **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass.

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 31st. Cheques are to be dated no later than December 31, 2018. Any donations received January 1st 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.

Diocesan News

Community Collection: Thank you! - Thank you for contributing to this year's Community Collection! Your donation will help, Archbishop Mancini, his staff, and other church leaders to develop and provide the training, programs, resources, and support for all of us to create healthy vibrant communities of faith. It is within and through these communities that we witness and grow Christ's presence in our world today. There is still time to make a contribution! The three ways you can donate: Use your donor card and return envelope and mail to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Place your donation card in the return envelope and put it in your parish Sunday collection. Make a donation online at www.halifaxyarmouth.org and click: Donate on the top right hand corner of the page. Please remember, all donations made before Dec 31st will be included in your 2018 tax receipt. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Season Mass Schedules at our Cathedrals
Please note the following schedule of Masses over Christmas and New Year's at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica.

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24th

(No 12:15 pm or 5:15 pm Mass)

8:00 pm—Carols beginning at 7:30 pm

11:00 pm— Carols and Hymns with guest instrumentalists beginning at 10:15 pm

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25th

7:30 am & 10:30 am (No 12:15 pm or 5:15 pm Mass)

Anticipated Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, December 31st

- 4:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1st

10:00 am (No 12:15 pm or 5:15 pm Mass)

Archbishop's Levee – January 1st

11:00 am in the Parish Hall

Weekend of Grace: Early Bird Registration - The early bird deadline for the 13th annual Weekend of Grace for Women conference, Lord Nelson Hotel, May 3- 5, 2019 is December 31, 2018. Keynote speakers are Catholic international evangelists Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, New Orleans. This will be their only Canadian speaking engagement in 2019. For more information call 902-435-1568 or visit www.weekendofgrace.com.

North End News

St. Theresa's
Socials For Seniors



**TURKEY
DINNER/LUNCH**



Wednesday, December 12, 2018

St. Theresa's Church Hall

Noon

Tickets - \$15.00



CAROLING TO FOLLOW

Tickets will be sold at week-end Masses:

St. Catherine's - Sundays, Dec. 2nd & 9th

St. Theresa's - Dec. 1st & 2nd and Dec. 8th & 9th

No tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the luncheon

Homeless Memorial Service will be held at St. Patrick's Church, 2263 Brunswick St., Halifax on December 21th at 11:30 am, a luncheon reception will follow the service. Please contact Claudia Jahn (Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia) for more information at 902-406-1777. All are welcome to attend .

A Joyful Heart is Good Medicine!

So today, in church,
a guy in a dress tried to drown me

And, I kid you not,
my family just stood there
taking pictures!

liturgy.co.nz

Stewardship is...

"And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you determine what is best. . ."
(Philippians 1:9-10)

The holiday season can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our 'needs' and 'wants'. We must each remember that we also have the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

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