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*Saint Catherine of Siena Parish  
“Home of the Franciscans of Halifax”*

*1st Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2018*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**St. Theresa’s**

Tues. Feb. 20	9:00am	Zopito Marini †
Wed. Feb. 21	9:00am	Antonio Reggi †
Thurs. Feb. 22	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. Feb. 23	9:00am	Silvano Saccomandi †

**St. Catherine’s**

Sat. Feb. 24 9:00am Ann Campbell †

**Happy Anniversary**



A **BIG THANK YOU** to members of the Community Life Committee for their hard work in putting on a wonderful event last Sunday! It takes a lot of hours of preparation and planning to pull off such a successful event.

Well over 130 parishioners were in attendance! Special thanks also goes out to those parishioners who supplied the casseroles, salads and desserts for the Potluck Luncheon. There was quite a selection with plenty left for seconds!!! Even the clean-up was a joy with many staying behind to give a little of their time to pitch in.

The next celebration of our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will take place on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena.

**Liturgy**



**Every Friday during Lent** (except Good Friday), Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon at St. Catherine’s (February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.)

**Lenten Sung Evening Prayer/Adoration**

The Franciscan Choir will be hosting a series of Holy Hours during the Tuesdays of Lent. Included in the evening of Eucharistic Adoration will be sung evening prayers, as well as, silence and musical reflection. The dates are Tuesdays, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

**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.

**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 and  
7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)

**Confessions at St. Catherine’s:**

Saturday following the 9:00am Mass

**Lectio Divina:** Thursday–7:00 pm–8:00pm  
(Rectory Chapel–side door)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

### 2018 Lenten Series



This year's Lenten Video Series provides some thoughts from our Archbishop on how we can bring about renewal in our people and parishes.

This year, the Diocese offers a personal online study option. You can register for this individual study option by selecting Personal Online Study at this link: <http://archdiocese-of-halifax-yarmouth.thinkific.com/courses/2018-lenten-series>

### Religious Education



Next Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, a **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass.

### Parish News



**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

The date of our **Annual Spring Fair** has been set for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners are encouraged to make note of this date and get started on doing some early Spring cleaning for the New to You table.

Tables will include Baked Goods, Sewing, New-to-You, Straw Game, Books, Raffles, Canteen, Silent Auction, and Children's Games.

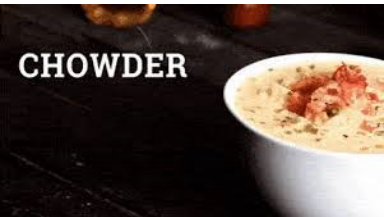
If you are interested in volunteering for the Fair, please call Paul McKenna at 902-477-0743.

### Meetings

**St. Catherine's Pastoral Council** will meet this Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

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### C.W.L. News



### CHOWDER LUNCHEON

Will take place in St. Catherine's Church Hall following 12:00 noon Mass each Friday during

Lent (except Good Friday). Fish or Corn Chowder, along with a tea biscuit and dessert will be served. Price is \$8.00. See you on Friday!

### Halifax Peninsula Region

During this Lenten Season, parishes of the Halifax Peninsula will celebrate Penitential Services and individual Confessions jointly at the following churches:

St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica  
Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm – 7:00pm  
Every Friday, 11:00 am - 12:00pm  
Every Saturday, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

St. Agnes:  
All Day Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - 3:00pm

St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata:  
Every First Friday - Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Every Saturday, 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

### Stewardship—A Way of Life

**Do you want to fast this Lent?**

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.