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

*5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 10, 2019*

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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Tues. Feb. 12	9:00am	The Sampson Family †
Wed. Feb. 13	9:00am	Rose Sasinek & Family †
Thurs. Feb. 14	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. Feb. 15	9:00am	Adelina & Francesco Taraschi †

St. Catherine's

Sat. Feb. 16 9:00am Gordon Varen †

Liturgy

In Gratitude for the Service of St. Catherine of Siena's Catholic Women's League



On May 2, 1962, the Charter was issued from the National Office of the Catholic Women's League to formally initiate St. Catherine of Siena's Council. At that time, there were 112 charter members. On June 12, 1962, the first meeting was held with Mrs. Billy Barrett as President and Rev. James P. Hayes as Spiritual Director. The motto of the CWL is to work for "God and Canada".

Throughout the years, members of the CWL have given faithful service to our Parish community. Besides their devotion to prayer and the celebration of the Mass, they have been hosts to many receptions following special celebrations, especially in support of the sacramental life of this community. Their fundraising activities, not only allowed the community to gather while sharing a wonderful meal together, the monies raised were well spent in financially supporting their charities of choice.

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

These included, the Parish directly, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and outside groups such as Mass for Shut-ins, nursing homes, Adsum House, Phoenix House, and the list goes on. On the subject of social justice, they have supported the National Office by petitioning government on many subjects of concern to Catholic women.

After much discussion in the preceding months, on December 11, 2018, during their annual Christmas gathering, a motion was passed with the decision to disband St. Catherine's Council of CWL. The major reasons behind this decision were declining **membership**, and the fact that all **Executive positions remained unfilled**.

On Sunday, February 24th, during our 11:00 am Sunday Mass, we will give thanks to God for the work of the members of the Catholic Women's League throughout their almost 57 year history. We will give thanks for both the living and deceased members of the League. May the Lord bless them for their good works!



**Feast Day of St. Valentine
February 14th**

St. Valentine was a priest in the early Church. He was also a doctor. He helped people when they were sick, and he taught his Christian community in Rome how to follow Jesus. His example of always acting with love inspired many people to join the Church.

Praying the Rosary (in Spanish)

Monday evenings, 7:00pm
in St. Catherine's Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

It was dangerous to be a follower of Christ in the early Church as Christians were persecuted for their faith. They were hunted down and kept in jail until they were put to death. Because St. Valentine was such a well-known leader of the Christian community, it was not surprising that he was arrested.

St. Valentine did not let being a prisoner stop him from living his faith. It is said that one of the jail guards brought his sick daughter to him and that St. Valentine healed her in God's name. St. Valentine also wrote letters of encouragement to the other Christian prisoners and to the members of his community. He wrote about Jesus' love and reminded everyone to stay strong in their faith. This is how the tradition of sending valentines to the people we love began.

St. Valentine was executed around the years 269-273 and is the patron of engaged couples, of happy marriages, and of love. On Valentine's Day, thank God for the gift of Jesus and for all the people who help us grow in our love for the Lord.



Happy 71st Birthday!! - In 1948, Archbishop John T. McNally established the parish community of St. Catherine of Siena with Reverend Frank Carroll as Pastor.

On February 15th, in 1948, the first Mass was celebrated by our newly formed parish at the military barracks on the corner of Oxford Street and Bayers Road (where the RCMP building now stands). Happy 71st Birthday to all parishioners!



Spiritual Care Team -

Their mission of our Parish's Spiritual Care Team 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.

Religious Education



Our next "Gathering" will take place on Sunday, February 17th, from 10:15-10:45 am for students from grade primary to nine

Meetings

St. Catherine's Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, February 19th, at 6:45 pm in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Diocesan News

EQUIP Formation Program – Registration now open

- How can you EQUIP yourself for service in the Church today? EQUIP is the program of Formation for the New Evangelization launched by the Archdiocese designed to "equip the saints for the work of ministry" by helping you to discern and develop your God given gifts and use them to live the mission Christ entrusted to you. Only accepting 10 new program participants per year, for more information visit www.halifaxymouth.org/equip

Stewardship—A Way of Life

Stewardship is...

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here I am; send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

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

New North West End Parish News for Parishioners

Before Christmas the clergy and leadership of St. Catherine of Siena, St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata, St. Patrick's and St. Theresa's met to get to know one another in anticipation of Archbishop Mancini's decision to restructure the Archdiocese including our four Parishes.

In his letter dated January 1, 2019 Archbishop Mancini announced that our four Parishes would be grouped together and that we be required to form a transition team to perform the work to organize our New Parish – Four Communities of Faith under one Parish.

On January 31, 2019 the same people from the four Parishes were invited to a meeting at St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Parish to begin the work of setting up the transitional structure. (See below the list of attendees reflective of four communities and who may act as the Interim Transition Team) Also in attendance was Father Pio Libby, Moderator of the Franciscans of Halifax.

New Parish Interim Transition Team			
St. Catherine of	St. Mother Teresa	St. Patrick's	St Theresa's
Father Francesco Pirisi	Father Andrew Rembarczyk	Deacon Art Mitchell	Father Francesco Pirisi
Janice Coyle	Jim Evans	Michelle O'Neill	Libby Kinghorne
Cathy Harris	George McCormack	Kevin Moynihan	Michael Butler
Donna Noddin	Susan Sarty	David O'Connor	Sister Rita Hannah

The meeting was very productive. Consensus was developed among the attendees regarding the work that needs to be done before the next meeting on March 21, 2019:

- an inaugural meeting will be held of the Finance Council Chairs of the four Parishes and the clergy to discuss issues of common interest for the New Parish
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- a subcommittee has been established on Communications to prepare the first communication for review by the clergy and publication in the bulletin of each Parish to inform Parishioners of the work being performed by the Interim Transition Team.
- the consultation by each Parish concerning a proposed New Parish Name is ongoing by some. Discussion about the proposed New Parish Name and process to select it will be held at the March meeting.

The work of the Interim Transition Team will be to develop and shape the future of our New Parish composed of four Communities to serve Jesus Christ and His Church the Body of Christ and the Archdiocese in accordance with the wishes of the Archbishop and the four Parishes.

Please speak to a representative of your Parish if you have questions or concerns about the transition process. Updates will be provided as they develop.

There is much work to do. Together with your prayers, with guidance from the Holy Spirit and our four patron Saints we will succeed in establishing a New Parish to serve the Lord in Halifax.