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

*6th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
February 11, 2018*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**St. Theresa's**

Tues. Feb. 13 9:00am Gerry Upcott †  
Wed. Feb. 14 9:00am Mark Prosnier †  
Thurs. Feb. 15 9:00am All the intentions in the book  
Fri. Feb. 16 9:00am Mr. & Mrs. Robert Snow Jr. †

**St. Catherine's**

Sat. Feb. 17 9:00am The Gannon Family †

**Happy Anniversary**



Today, we begin the celebration of our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a community, by gathering to acknowledge a very significant day in our history. It was on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1948 that the first Mass was celebrated by the newly established parish of St. Catherine of Siena. Archbishop John T. McNally established this new parish community and appointed Reverend Frank Carroll as Pastor.

A brief history of the early years of our community is attached to this bulletin. We give thanks to those dedicated pioneers who sacrificed much to see this parish established.

**Liturgy**

**Lent Begins this Wednesday,  
February 14<sup>th</sup>**

This Wednesday, **Ash Wednesday**, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am at St. Theresa's and at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine's. There will be distribution of ashes at both Masses. The Offering at St. Catherine's will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



**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

**Lenten Folders** are available at the entrance of the Church for those interested parishioners.

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



**Lenten Holy Hours**

The Franciscan choir will be holding a series of prayer and music before the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday night during the season of Lent. Beginning

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Hour will be held at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish from 7 to 8 pm.



**Lenten Journey  
Realigning Our  
Priorities**

All of us have, at one time or another, named certain things as our priorities." From time to time, when we become aware of not doing something that is really important, we say, "I have to make that a priority." Lent is an important time to do a top-to-bottom review of what we value, and what we actually do in our everyday lives. Whenever we do this, we always discover that something needs realigning. We discover that there are values we hold, commitments we've made, growth we desire, that simply don't make it on the list of our "actual priorities" - that is, the things that take the "first place" in our lives.

This process, this Lenten journey, will increase our sense of God's love for us, give us a clearer vision of who we are, and deepen our desire to be more closely aligned with the heart of Jesus.



**Feast Day of St. Valentine** – Although the Feast of St. Valentine will not be celebrated this year by the Church as Ash Wednesday takes precedence, it is important as the world recognizes this day that we are aware of its true origin. 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.

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.

### Religious Education



Our next "Gathering" will take place on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:15 -10:45 am for students from grade primary to nine.

### Meetings



The St. Catherine's



### Parish Fair Committee

will be meeting on

**Tues., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

in the Siena Room.



We will be firming up plans for this year's Fair.

**Any interested parishioners  
are welcome to attend**

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

### Parish News



As we will gather to celebrate Ash Wednesday, **Bingo** will be cancelled for this Wednesday ONLY – February 14<sup>th</sup>!

### C.W.L. News



Shrove  
Tuesday

The C.W.L. from St Theresa's and St Catherine of Siena Parishes are hosting a Pancake and Sausage Supper. To be held at St Theresa's on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and Children 12 and under \$5.00. For tickets please contact Theresa at 454-6202, Annie at 455-0419 or Leyola at 455-2660

**CHOWDER LUNCHEON** in St. Catherine's Church Hall following 12:00 noon Mass each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) beginning on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Fish or Corn Chowder, along with a tea biscuit and dessert will be served. Price is \$8.00. For tickets, please contact Theresa at 454-6202, Annie at 455-0419 .



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