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

*2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Tues. Jan 22	9:00am	Maria Zarvella (living)
Wed. Jan 23	9:00am	Ray Fraser †
Thurs. Jan 24	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. Jan 25	9:00am	Maria & Giuseppe Santilli †

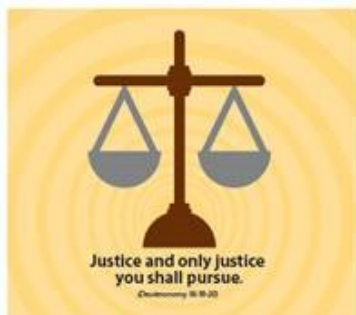
St. Catherine's

Sat. Jan. 26 9:00am Gordon Varen †

Liturgy

**WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019**

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is being celebrated from **January 18th - 25th, 2019** on the theme "**Justice and only justice you shall pursue**" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20).



Every year, Christians across the world gather in prayer for growth in unity. We do this in a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division, and yet we are called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for the brokenness of the world.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia. With a population of 265 million, 86% of whom are Muslim, Indonesia is well known as having the largest Muslim population of any country. However, about 10% of Indonesians are Christian from various traditions.

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)

In terms of both population and the vast extension of the country Indonesia is the biggest nation in South East Asia. It has more than 17,000 islands, 1,340 different ethnic groups and over 740 local languages and yet is united in its plurality by one national language Bahasa Indonesia. The nation is founded on five principles called Pancasila, with the motto Bhineka Tunggal Ika (Unity in Diversity). Across the diversity of ethnicity, language and religion, Indonesians have lived by the principle of gotong royong which is to live in solidarity and by collaboration. This means sharing in all aspects of life, work, grief and festivities, and regarding all Indonesians as brothers and sisters.

This always fragile harmony is today threatened in new ways. Much of the economic growth that Indonesia has experienced in recent decades has been built on a system that has competition at its heart. This is in stark contrast to the collaboration of gotong royong. Moved by these concerns, the Christians of Indonesia found that the words of Deuteronomy, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" spoke powerfully to their situation and needs.

Praying the Rosary



Every Monday evening at 7:00 pm, a group of parishioners are meeting in St. Catherine's Church to pray the Rosary. The Rosary will be recited in Spanish. Anyone wishing to share in this time of prayer is most welcome to attend.

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

Religious Education



Next Sunday, January 27th, a **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass.

Parish News



Christmas Hamper Project 2018

On behalf of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, we want to take a moment to thank all of you who helped us with our Christmas Hamper project this year. We were able to help a total of 40 deserving families with a complete Christmas Dinner, and provide gifts for 22 children under the age of sixteen. This would not be possible without the continued support of our parishioners in providing gifts and turkey tags.

We had a lovely luncheon on delivery day with many parishioners taking time to make deliveries to these families a success. Those in need in our community depend on our support and your continued support is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the members of the Society that made it a success with packing the hampers, and making sandwiches and sweets for the luncheon.

Our conference is always looking for new members and if you have an interest, please feel free to contact Cathy Boyle, President of SVDP, at mcboyle54@netscape.net.

Franciscan News



With Thanks! - You may like to check out this link to a *THANK YOU* from the Franciscans of Halifax for all the Christmas wishes they received. You might even find your card in the mix.

Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0C2XGtoIFHc&feature=youtu.be>



Franciscan Choir Looking for New Members - The Franciscan choir will be accepting new members for its winter season.

Tenors would be especially welcome! The choir currently sings repertoire from Taize prayer and traditional hymnody. Hopefully, we will delve into some sacred polyphony this winter! If you are interested, please contact Sr. Ilaria at 902-454-0441 or smartha85@gmail.com. An informal audition will be required. You can sing something as simple as "Happy Birthday".

North End News



In the task of restructuring the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, the Archbishop has asked that we would collaborate in the naming of our new Parish. This new Parish will oversee the faith communities of St. Catherine's, St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata, St. Patrick's and St.

Theresa's. These four communities will NOT change their names so that their individual identities will be respected, valued and included in the new Parish.

Parishioners are encouraged to think of a name for the new Parish that reflects the four churches coming together under the care of the Franciscans of Halifax. Please write your suggestion on a piece of paper and put it in the collection. The names will be collected, considered by the Transition Team of the North End Parish, and the name chosen will be sent to the Diocese for the approval of Archbishop Mancini.

Stewardship—A Way of Life

Stewardship is...

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason.

How has God blessed you?

Are you using your gifts according to God's plan?

Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!

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