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

*3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Tues. Jan 29	9:00am	Antonio Reggi †
Wed. Jan 30	9:00am	Mary Sampson †
Thurs. Jan 31	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. Feb. 1	9:00am	1st Friday of the Month (memorial book)

St. Catherine's

Sat. Feb. 2 9:00am Bride & James Timms †

Liturgy

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.

It is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which the candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

At St. Catherine of Siena, we are truly blessed to be the "Home of the Franciscans of Halifax", and are privileged to have these consecrated Brothers and Sisters within our midst. This celebration will be an occasion to pray for vocations and to give thanks for those who have given the gift of themselves including, most dearly, the Franciscan community that we know so well. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



The **Feast of St. Blaise** is next Sunday, February 3rd. St. Blaise is the patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. Following Sunday Mass, parishioners will be invited to have their throats blessed. Two unlit candles are held next to each person's throat as the priest or

deacon says, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Little is known about the early life of St. Blaise but we do know that he was both a doctor and a bishop in the area that is today either Armenia or Turkey. In a time when Christians were persecuted because of their faith, he was imprisoned. Blaise's prison was a dark cave. One of the legends that is told about him is that wild animals came to the cave so that he could treat their wounds. It is said that a mother brought her young son to Blaise. The boy was choking on a fish bone. Blaise saved the boy's life by saying a prayer and blessing him with candles crossed upon his throat. He was martyred in the year 316.

THE FRANCISCANS OF HALIFAX INVITE YOU TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

**WORLD DAY FOR
CONSECRATED
LIFE**

The Franciscans of Halifax invite you to join them for the celebration of the **World Day for Consecrated Life** this **Saturday, February 2nd**. Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 am**.

The World Day for Consecrated Life was instituted in 1997 by Pope Saint John Paul II and is celebrated each year on the Feast of the Presentation, February 2nd.

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

World Day of the Sick



World Day of the Sick was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1992. He designated February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, to be an annual day of prayer and consideration of the sick and of those who care for them. At the **11:00 am**

Mass on Sunday, February 10th, there will be an opportunity for the sick within our community to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Through receiving this sacrament, the Holy Spirit will give strength, peace and courage to help those overcome the difficulties of chronic sickness, serious illness or old age.

Religious Education



Our next **"Gathering"** will take place on Sunday, February 3rd, from 10:15-10:45 am for students from grade primary to nine

North End News

Discovering the Mass in the Bible

In November five sessions of this 10 session course were presented. Starting next Thursday, January 31 and running to February 28, we will complete the series. It is being held in the Pius X Room, St. Theresa's at 1:30 - 3:00pm.

If you were not able to attend in the Fall, and would like to join us for the second part, you are welcome. Please call Sr. Rita 902-454-8221, ext. 228 to register or if you have any questions.



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.

Diocesan News

Gate of Heaven: Fallen Headstones - If you are visiting Gate of Heaven Cemetery over the coming months, please note that there are over 80 headstones that have fallen over so far this winter. The constant temperature changes combined with the heavy rains and the lack of snow cover is causing havoc with the stones and it's going to get worse. We currently have a foot of frost. If there is more heavy rains and quick freezes, more stones will fall over. Please remember to be careful not to lean on the stones and please do not try to pick them up. All the stones that fall over this winter will be righted in the spring once the frost is gone from the ground. If you have any questions, please call the Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax at 902-429-9800, ext. 308

Deepening Your Faith While Passing it On - Are you a parent, grandparent, young adult or retiree concerned with passing on the Faith to future generations? Does your heart yearn to help children know the tender, personal love of God? A Formation Course to become a Level 1 Catechist with this Montessori-based approach to forming children in the Faith will be held (Part 1) February 5-10, 2019 and (Part 2) April 29-May 4, 2019 at St. Agnes Church. The course itself is a prayerful, retreat-like experience where each participant can grow in and renew his or her relationship with the Lord. And, do not let finances be an obstacle! The course has a one-time Atlantic Canada Launch tuition rate and scholarships are available. For more information and to register, please contact

Nicole at 902-430-6333 or visit:

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Those who have taken the formation course, and who have experienced this work with children, testify to its beauty and transformative power.

Billets Needed - Is Hospitality your Gift? Billets for the formation team as well as out of town guests during the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation course (February 4-10) are required. Volunteers will also be needed to provide transportation (to and from the airport, as well as, to and from the course daily). If you are interested or would like more information, visit www.novascotiaccgs.wordpress.com or contact Nicole at nicole.andrea.snook@gmail.com or call 902-430-6333.

Stewardship—A Way of Life

Stewardship is...

"Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared." (Nehemiah 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

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