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

*10th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
June 10, 2018*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**Please note there will be no 9:00am Mass May 12th to May 15th inclusive at St. Theresa's.** Adoration will continue to take place in the Chapel next week from 9:30am– 4:30pm.

**St. Catherine's**

Sat. June 16 9:00am Maria & Cesar Taraschi †

**Religious Education**



Next Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, a **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass.

**Liturgy**



**Celebration of First Communion & Confirmation**

Congratulations to:

Adele, Isla, Kallum, Lauren & Ziva, who today, celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion, and to Danielle, Lilly & Matthew who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. May you always feel the love and the presence of the Lord in your lives!

**Parish News**



**St. Catherine of Siena Annual General Meeting** –

Special thanks is extended to all those parishioners who attended the Annual General Meeting of Pastoral Council this past Sunday. Over seventy parishioners enjoyed lunch together before celebrating another successful year as a Parish Family.

**Feast of St. Anthony**

Archbishop Anthony Mancini will celebrated 7:00 pm Mass on Wednesday, June 13th, at St. Anthony's Parish, 26 Courtney Road, Dartmouth. This is Br. Nathanael's parish and they will be giving thanks to their Patron Saint who has given them many blessings and favors from his



intercession. First, the relic will be venerated and then the bread will be blessed, which represents the charity to those who are poor. St. Anthony served and loved those in the greatest need on earth, leaving us this great example of recognizing Christ in our brothers and sisters who suffer in poverty.

For those who may have a special devotion to St. Anthony, you may want to join the community at this Mass.

Representatives of Council for the 2018-2019 year are Janice Coyle, Brian Flemming, Robert Hines, and Rodi Salloum, with two vacancies to be filled over the next few months. Pastoral appointments by Fr. Francesco are Gary McVeigh, Caroline Resende and Chris MacIntyre. In addition, we have five ex-officio members: Sr. Rita Hanna & Donna Noddin as Pastoral Team members, Cathy Harris as Chair of the Finance Committee, Joyce Jennings as representative of the Catholic Women's League, and Hal Dobbeltsteyn as President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We thank all members for their willingness to serve.

**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

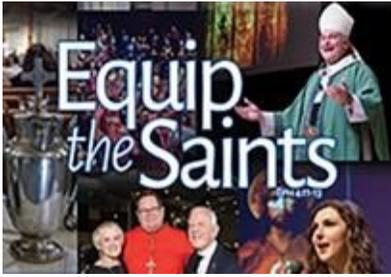
**Confessions at St. Catherine's:**

Saturday following the 9:00am Mass

**Lectio Divina will resume this Fall**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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



### Update on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan

– During the AGM, Fr. Francesco updated those present on the status of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan that we have been discussing over the last three or four months. The Parish held meetings, prepared a

letter together, and he knew of others who sent separate letters to the Archbishop about their thoughts on the proposed plan. He thanked those who had written in support of his presence here at St. Catherine's and in support of the Franciscans of Halifax. He expressed his joy in the growing numbers and the spirit of this wonderful community.

The next step is to introduce a bigger picture of the Halifax Peninsula. Several meetings have taken place with the Pastors/Administrators of the parishes along with Diocesan staff members. These meetings are at the stage of looking at various configurations. Fr. Francesco's hope and aim in these discussions was to ensure that the fruits of St. Catherine's are maintained. He stated that there will be changes, however, until decisions are made he cannot share more. By the end of the month, there may be some more communication. Once news is received, Fr. Francesco will share it with the community. Fr. Francesco asked us to keep praying for each other.

## Franciscans of Halifax (FoH)

The blessings associated with being the **Home of the Franciscans** was, once again, expressed as we gathered for our Annual General Meeting last Sunday. This is just a small part of what they have added to the liturgical life of St. Catherine of Siena over the past year.

The Feast of the Forgiveness of Assisi was celebrated with Mass on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. An indulgence is able to be received on this feast day if all the requirements are obtained.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the FOH celebrated Mass for the Liturgical Memorial of St. Padre Pio. The authentic relic was exposed for public veneration.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the FOH celebrated Mass for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The authentic relic was exposed for public veneration.

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the FOH celebrated Mass for the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, a Mass was celebrated for the Feast Day of St. Agnes of Assisi, sister of St. Clare.

A Mission on the theme, "Christmas Carol" was led by Fr. Paul MacIntosh during the four weeks of Advent in preparation for Christmas.

Prayer services were held in both Advent and Lent, every Tuesday night at 7.00 pm, by Sr. Ilaria and the Franciscan Choir that she trains and leads.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the FOH celebrated a Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple, honouring also the Day of Consecrated Life. Lay people and Consecrated people of other communities were invited to the celebration.

The Ordination of Br. Peter to the Priesthood took place on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:30 am in St Mary's Basilica. The very next day, on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fr. Peter celebrated his first Masses at 11.00 am and again at 7.00 pm at St. Catherine's.

The FOH priests are available to hear confessions at St. Catherine's every Saturday after the 9.00 am Mass or on request.

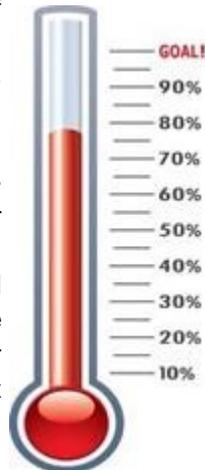
## Stewardship—A Way of Life



During the Annual General Meeting, parishioners had a chance to watch a video of the emotional arrival of our sponsored family on July 27, 2017 at the Stanfield International Airport. It was reported that they are doing well, and our financial support will end next month.

As has been noted in the past few bulletins, we now have an opportunity to sponsor a sister of one of our parishioners who, herself, had immigrated to Canada a few years ago from Syria.

At this time, we only ask that parishioners indicate their willingness to offer financial support. The amount pledged to date is just over \$7,000. We need \$10,325. We are almost there! We continue to ask parishioners for their prayerful consideration to our request for financial support.



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