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

*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**St. Theresa's**

Tues. June 5	9:00am	Maria and Giuseppe Santilli †
Wed. June 6	9:00am	The Sampson Family †
Thurs. June 7	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. June 8	9:00am	Giuseppe DiBacco †

**St. Catherine's**

Sat. June 9 9:00am Special Intention

There are two major themes to this feast: 1) the Body of Christ that is the Holy Eucharist and 2) the Body of Christ that is our communion of faith, the Church.

When we gather for Mass, we become one with Christ, transformed by his loving gift. We become one with Christ in the person we may not know sitting next to us in the pew and with Catholics who gather throughout the world to celebrate the Eucharist.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place this Sunday from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm at St. Theresa's Adoration Chapel (North & Dublin).



**Parish Luncheon and Annual General Meeting** following the 11:00 am Mass **TODAY** in the Church Hall!!

Hope you can join us!



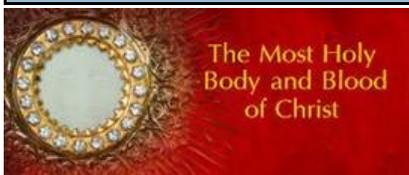
**Celebration of First Communion & Confirmation**

– Next Sunday, June 10th, at the 11:00 am Mass, we will celebrate the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. We ask for your prayers for Adele, Isla, Kallum, Lauren, and Ziva

who have been preparing for First Communion, and for Danielle, Lilly and Matthew who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this celebration. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.



**Liturgy**



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.**

Formerly, the Feast of Corpus Christi ("Body of Christ"), a feast that celebrates Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist.

The festival was inspired by the religious experience of St. Juliana (1193-1258), a Belgian nun, who dreamed repeatedly of the Church under a full moon with a black spot. According to legend, the dream was interpreted to her in a vision by Christ. The moon, she said, was the Church's calendar of festivals, and the black spot was the lack of a festival to celebrate the holiest element of the Church - the Eucharist. Juliana shared this with her local bishop, who in 1246 issued a decree for such a festival to be celebrated in his territory. The festival was instituted throughout the Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264.



**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.

**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

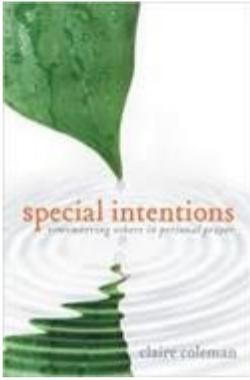
**Confessions at St. Catherine's:**

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



**Book of Special Intentions** – Every Thursday at the 9:00 am weekday Mass at St. Theresa's, the Mass is offered for "All the intentions in the book". Books are available at both St. Catherine's and St. Theresa's for parishioners to write their special prayer intentions. As many of our parishioners may be unable to attend weekday Mass at St. Theresa's, it was decided that our Book of Special Intentions will be brought up in the Offertory Procession and placed on the Altar during the Liturgy of the

Eucharist at our Sunday Mass. The Sunday Mass is celebrated for the needs of the parish and this is made more visible when the book is brought up in procession. Our special book can be found at the entrance of the Church. All parishioners are encouraged to use the book requesting prayers for the living and our deceased.

### Parish News

## St. Catherine's REFUGEE Sponsorship Committee

Parishioners of St. Catherine's have been approached with another opportunity to sponsor a Syrian refugee. At this time, we only ask that parishioners indicate their willingness to offer financial support. The

invitation and pledge form is available on the back table in the Church.

We have received some pledges but have not reached our goal of \$10,325 as yet. We continue to ask parishioners for their prayerful consideration to our request for financial support.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a few years now since parishes in our Archdiocese have been participating in the **Mancini Soccer Cup**, the soccer tournament organized by the Archdiocese and sponsored by the Knight of Columbus. It has been a wonderful opportunity for the youth of our Archdiocese (junior and senior high) to gather together for the sake of sport and community building. St. Catherine's Parish has not participated in the tournament as yet but, it would be great for our community to be represented by our youth in 2019.

If you are in junior or senior high and have an interest in playing, please get in contact with Fr. Francesco or Donna because we would like to start the process to build up a good soccer team for St. Catherine's. If you are a parent of a young man or woman, and you found it got too difficult to bring them to church... no worries! Invite them to join St. Catherine's team and put them in contact with us. I am sure they will not refuse the opportunity to show their talent on the soccer field and get the gold medal!

WE HAVE BEEN WAITING TOO LONG. LET'S ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!

*Fr. Francesco & Donna*



### St. Catherine's Social Action Committee

continues to collect loose change to assist those in need. They continue to raise funds to buy bed kits through

"Sleeping Children Around the World". Every \$35 donated purchases a bed kit for a child, and not one penny goes to administration. A bed kit consists of such things as a mat or mattress, pillow, sheet, blanket, mosquito net (if needed), outfit, and school supplies. Your change is making a difference for our young brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you, and keep that change coming!

### Community News



The Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan Council of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada will hold their **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on Tuesday June 5th, 7-8pm, at D&P's Atlantic Regional Office in Halifax (2099 Gottingen St, Suite 208). All are welcome to attend this meeting, where you'll meet other members of our Catholic Community who are passionate about social and ecological justice! Learn how you can build a world of justice by getting involved in the Church's response to today's social and ecological challenges. Topics include updates on D&P's work at home and abroad, plans for the diocese, and nominations to the executive committee for those interested. Light refreshments will be served.

## Dates to Remember

JUNE 10TH - CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> - ECO-JUSTICE PROJECT TALK (DURING 11:00 AM MASS)

JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> - ECO-JUSTICE PROJECT TALK (DURING 11:00 AM MASS)

### Stewardship—A Way of Life

#### Ten ways to love

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)