

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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**Pat Belgrave, Admin. Assistant**  
 St. Theresa's:  
 Monday 9:00 am–11:30 am  
 Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am–Noon

St. Catherine's:  
 Wednesday 9:00am–5:00 pm

**Cheryl Delaney, Admin. Assistant**  
 St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata:  
 Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am–Noon;  
 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

St. Patrick's:  
 Wed. & Fri. 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Religious Education Coordinators:  
 St. Catherine's—Donna Noddin  
 St. Mother Teresa—Susan Sarty  
 St. Patrick's—Sr. Bernadette  
 St. Theresa's—Sr. Lucia

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<u>St. Catherine of Siena</u>	<u>St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata</u>	<u>St. Patrick's</u>	<u>St. Theresa's</u>
Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm	Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am	Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

## 1st Sunday of Lent — March 1, 2020

### Daily Mass Intentions

<u>St. Theresa's</u> Tues. March 3	9:00 am	Mr. and Mrs. Silvester Tesi and Family †
Wed. March 4	9:00 am	Cesare Taraschi †
Thurs. March 5	9:00 am	All intentions in the Book
Fri. March 6	9:00 am	John Cody, Sr. †

<u>St. Catherine's</u> Sat. March 7	9:00 am	Heather Poulain †
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### Liturgy



#### **Congratulations to the newest member of the Church's family!!**

Today, we welcome Lucas Joseph Graham, son of Melissa and Jeff, into the community of faith. May the Spirit he has received, guide him as

he grows in greater understanding of his faith and holiness!



**Lenten Friday Mass** – Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday), Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon at St. Catherine's (March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>).

### **Franciscan Way of the Cross – Thursdays at 7:00 pm**

The Franciscan community invites you to join them to pray the Way of the Cross during this Lenten Season. The Way will be prayed every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the Church. (Please note: This will take the place of the weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.) All are encouraged and invited to attend.

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



Readings for next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:

Genesis 12.1-4  
 2 Timothy 1.8b-10  
 Matthew 17. 1-9

### Religious Education



Next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, a **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated during the 11:00 am Mass.

Congratulations to Alora, Declan, Elizabeth, Gavin, Jack, Joaquin, Keaton, Lucas, Melia, who celebrated the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** last Sunday. May they grow in their love and knowledge of the Lord as they continue their journey toward celebrating the Sacrament of First Communion!

## Church News



A **LENTEN LUNCHEON** will be held each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) following the 12:00 noon Mass in St. Catherine's Church Hall. Price is \$8 and includes Fish Chowder or Soup, tea biscuit, dessert, tea & coffee. Everyone is welcome.

**Spring Fair Meeting** – Following the 11:00 am Mass today, March 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a meeting of those parishioners interested in assisting with the Spring Fair. All are welcome to join in the Church Hall.

### PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

We are now in the process of gathering prizes for the games at the Fair. Any donations can be deposited in the box at the back of the Church. All contributions are very much appreciated. Thank you.



### Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

Thank you to all parishioners for their financial support of the Society through the collection taken up on Ash Wednesday.

We must turn to you again as presently, the cupboards of the Society are bare and need to be replenished. Food items

are gratefully accepted each Sunday at Mass to fill our Food Bank. Essentials in the Food Bank include peanut butter, cereal, Kraft dinner, pasta and sauce, soups, cans of meat, cookies, and juice. We have also expanded this list to include some basic toiletries, such as, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, Kleenex, and toilet paper.

Your ongoing support does not go unnoticed. On behalf of those we serve, THANK YOU!



After one week off for Ash Wednesday, **Bingo** returns this Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

It takes place in our Church Hall every Wednesday starting at 7:30 pm (warm-up Bingo begins at 7:00 pm). Bingo is not only a fun night for all those who attend, it raises much needed funds for the Parish. Why not come by some Wednesday night and try your luck at the friendliest Bingo in town!

### Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am at St. Theresa's  
Saturday 9:00 am at St. Catherine's

### Confessions at St. Catherine's

Saturday following the 9:00 am Mass

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## St. Francis and St. Clare Parish News

Saint Patrick's Church is hosting a **Saint Patrick's day lunch on Saturday, March 14th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$30 for a family. There will be music, children's activities, a raffle of Irish goodies and more. A delicious lunch of shepherd's pie, soda bread and gingerbread will be served. Cash bar. Tickets are available for purchase at the door. For information please call 902-429-1300.

**Annual Irish Concert by the Halifax Concert Band** will be held on Sunday March 15th at 2:00 pm in Saint Patrick's Church. Good will offering. All are most welcome to come and enjoy the music!

## Diocesan News

**Rite of Election – Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** - This Sunday afternoon at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica is the Rite of Election at 3:00pm. We would like to invite anybody who is interested in attending to come and experience this unique liturgical opportunity in our Church. The *Rite of Election* is the time during the RCIA process where catechumens (those joining the Church) come together with Archbishop Mancini and the rest of the catechumens from the Diocese in order to be welcomed to the Diocesan church, and for their names to be recorded in the "Book of Elect" of their parishes.

**Equip the Saints: Formation Collection** - The Formation Collection will take place on February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please support the pastoral initiatives of Archbishop Mancini by donating to this year's collections. Please prayerfully consider your donation to the Formation Collection. Questions can be directed to Christine Spears at (902) 429-9800 ext 312 or email: [cspears@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:cspears@halifaxyarmouth.org)

**EQUIP Applications are now open** - How can you EQUIP yourself for service in the Church today? EQUIP is the program of Formation for the New Evangelization launched by the Archdiocese designed to "equip the saints for the work of ministry" by helping you to discern and develop your God given gifts and use them to live the mission Christ entrusted to you. This three-year program is accepting 10 new participants beginning September 2020 from across the Archdiocese. For more information visit [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/EQUIP](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/EQUIP)



### Praying the Rosary (in Spanish)

Monday evenings 7:00 pm  
St. Catherine's Church

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday Evenings 7:00–8:00 pm  
St. Catherine's Church  
Monday–Friday 9:30am–4:30pm  
in St. Theresa's Chapel