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*Saint Catherine of Siena Parish  
“Home of the Franciscans of Halifax”*

*26th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
October 1, 2017*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**St. Theresa’s**

Tues. Oct. 3	9:00am	Harold LeBlanc †
Wed. Oct. 4	9:00am	Maria Taraschi †
Thurs. Oct. 5	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. Oct. 6	9:00am	First Friday of the Month (Memorial Book)

**St. Catherine’s**

Sat. Oct. 7	9:00am	Anne LeBlanc †
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Francis had been born to wealthy parents in Assisi, Italy, in 1181. As a teenager, Francis wanted only money and fun. He loved parties! But in 1202, when he was 21, Francis went to war and spent a year in prison. There, he had time to think and pray.

In prison, Francis realized that money had not bought him happiness. But later, Francis went back to his old ways. Then he met a leper. Pus oozed from the leper’s sores. People turned away from him, but Francis walked right up and hugged him. He had seen God’s beauty in another human being. For Francis, life changed then and there.

In the years that followed, Francis gave away all his money. He preached and begged barefoot on the streets. A group of followers gathered around him, and he wrote a rule of life for them. They became the first Franciscans. He then founded the Order of Poor Clares, a religious order for women.

Francis asked his followers to praise God for the beauty of all creation. Everywhere he looked, Francis found God’s love. And so he called the earth his mother; the sun, his brother; the moon, his sister. They showed him God’s beauty. With all creatures of the earth, Francis shouted, “Praised be my Lord!”

And when he died at age 44 in 1226, people praised God for the beauty of Francis of Assisi. In 1228, he was proclaimed a saint.

**Liturgy**



The Franciscans of Halifax invite you to join them for their upcoming celebrations. **October 4th** is the **Feast of Saint Francis**, which will be celebrated with **Mass at 7:00 pm**. This year, Sr. Elizabeth will profess her Perpetual Vows during this Mass. They invite everyone to come and celebrate their Patron Saint, as well as, the commitment of this Religious Sister.

On **October 7th** after the **9:00 am Mass**, they will celebrate the **Blessing of the Animals**, as this usually takes place on or around the Feast of Saint Francis. Bring your pets to the parking lot after Mass (around 10:00 am) to receive a special blessing for them.

The Franciscans of Halifax look forward to celebrating these special days, and hope that you will be able to join with them!

**St. Francis of Assisi** (1181 - October 3, 1226)

Two events changed Francis Bernardone. First, enemy soldiers captured him and put him in prison. Second, he met a leper.



**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic or if you already are a Catholic and have not been Confirmed, we welcome you to the program. For more information, contact Sr. Rita at 454-8221 ext. 228.

**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 and  
7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)

**Confessions at St. Catherine’s:**  
Saturdays following the 9:00am Mass

**Lectio Divina:** Resumes Thursday, Oct. 12th  
7:00–8:00pm (Rectory Chapel - side door)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Monday–Friday 9:30 am–4:30 pm  
in St. Theresa’s Chapel



### **THANKSGIVING WEEKEND We Offer Thanks by Giving**

On Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, a special Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at St. Catherine's. At all weekend Masses and at Monday's special Mass, we invite parishioners to share with those less fortunate within our community. Donations of non-perishable food items will be

collected to be distributed among those we serve through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. At this time, we are especially in need of Kraft dinner, peanut butter, canned meat, fish, vegetables and fruit, hearty soups, packaged rice, cookies, toothpaste and soap. We are unable to distribute outdated items so we ask that you please check the expiry dates of your donations. Thank you for your generosity!

**Lectio Divina** will begin on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Rectory Chapel (please use side door of Rectory). This "praying" of the scriptures goes back to an early monastic tradition and began at a time when there were not enough bibles for everyone and not everyone knew how to read. The monks would gather in a chapel to hear a member of the community reading from the scripture. Those gathered were taught and encouraged to listen with their hearts because it was the Word of God that they were hearing. Fr. Francesco invites you to join with him as he continues this experience by "praying" the upcoming Sunday gospel and unlocking the treasures hidden within. All are welcome.



### **Parish News**



**CANCELLED**

As we will gather to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, **Bingo** will be cancelled for this Wednesday ONLY – **October 4<sup>th</sup>**!

### **Religious Education**



#### **St. Catherine of Siena's Religious Education Program**

**Registration Forms** are now available at the entrance of the Church (or on our website) for students from grade primary to nine to enrol in our parish program. Gatherings

will begin on October 15<sup>th</sup>. You can simply place the form in the collection basket at any weekend Mass or drop them off at the Parish Office. This program is offered FREE to parishioners as sharing the faith is priceless!

#### **Franciscans of Halifax Contact Information**

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### **C.W.L. News**



The Catholic Women's League of St. Catherine's invites you to join them for **Oktoberfest** on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-6:00 pm in our Church Hall. The meal will consist of sausage, sauerkraut, vegetables, dessert & tea/coffee. A Bake Table and Sewing Goods will also be available for sale. Price: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 & under.

For pre-sale of tickets, please call: Annie MacLean 902-455-9419; Theresa Richard 902-454-6202; Leyola McDonald 902-455-2660; Yvonne Steffen 902-455-3627. All are welcome.

### **Franciscan News**

## *A Touch of Classical*

*A fundraising concert hosted by the Franciscans of Halifax*

On **October 28th at 7:00 pm**, the Franciscans of Halifax will be hosting **A Touch of Classical** Concert. This is an annual fundraiser to further the education of the Franciscan Brothers and Sisters currently pursuing studies, and a great opportunity to gather with people from other parishes and the wider community while enjoying classical music performed by local musicians.

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased online at [www.franciscansofhalifax.com](http://www.franciscansofhalifax.com) or by calling Sr. Edith at 902-717-2012. Payment can be made either online or by cash at the door.

### **Stewardship—A Way of Life**

“For it is  
in  
giving  
that  
we  
receive.”

*- St. Francis of Assisi*