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

**24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018**

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Daily Mass Intentions

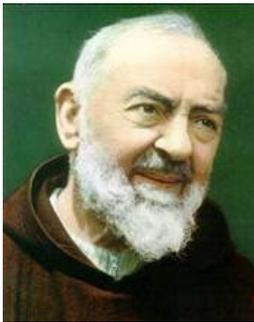
St. Theresa's

Tues. Sept. 18	9:00am	Antonio Reggi †
Wed. Sept. 19	9:00am	Duncan & Millie MacLellan †
Thurs. Sept. 20	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. Sept. 21	9:00am	Francesco Saccomandi †

St. Catherine's

Sat. Sept. 22 9:00am Leo & Evangeline Ridgley †

Liturgy



Feast of Padre Pio – September 23rd

With the Feast Day of Padre Pio falling on a Sunday this year, the Sunday Liturgy will, of course, take precedence.

However, to recognize this important Feast Day for the Franciscans of Halifax, Fr. Pio, the Moderator of the Franciscans, will dedicate the homily to St. Padre Pio at both Sunday Masses next week. The relic of St. Padre Pio will also be available after Mass for veneration.



"The Franciscan choir is welcoming new members for 2018-2019. This choir specializes in sacred music, from chant to Taize prayer to Palestrina. If interested, you can contact Sr. Ilaria Culshaw by e-mail, smartha85@gmail.com or by telephone, 902-454-0441.

An informal audition will be required, and all that is asked is that one prepare one piece which can be as simple as "Happy Birthday". Auditions will be held Tuesday, September 18 at St. Catherine's church."

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 14th. 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!

Meetings

St. Catherine's Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, September 18th, at 6:45 pm in the Siena Room of the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Parish News



**St. Catherine of Siena
Our History**

This Thursday (September 20th), we remember that 65 years ago, the first Mass was celebrated in our newly built church on Bayers Road. The date was Sunday, September 20th, in 1953. Two nights previous, the Blessed Sacrament had been taken in procession from the military barracks on the corner of Oxford Street and Bayers Road that had been our temporary home. On that day, the Sunday bulletin read: "Pure happiness could be seen on the faces of all and many were the tears of joy that welled up in the eyes of those parishioners who for five years and seven months had waited and prayed for this great day."

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 6:30pm)

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

C.W.L. News

All C.W.L. members are invited to the Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan General Meeting, Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 12:00pm-3:30pm at St. John the Baptist Parish. The day starts with a meet and greet luncheon at 12:00 for all members, followed by the education session at 1 pm. The general meeting will start at 2 pm.

Peninsula Halifax News



Peninsula Halifax—Alpha Course

What is Alpha? Alpha is a ten-week course investigating the person of Jesus Christ: His life, death and resurrection. Alpha answers the questions: **Who is Jesus**

Christ?, Why did He come to earth?, What does His life tell me about God and who I am? How can I have a personal relationship with God?

Alpha is an opportunity to learn about God and His personal love and to be able to ask questions in a safe friendly, open and informal environment. Each evening begins with a meal. This is an opportunity to get to know each other and form new relationships. Come learn how Jesus can have an impact on your life.

If you already had the Alpha experience, invite somebody and change their life! **Come and See Alpha on Monday, September 24th, 6:30 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish Hall, and see for yourself.** Phone Tracy Francis at St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish office to register or for more information. 902-423-3057.

Franciscan News



Theology on Tap: Attention calling all young Adults 20-40 years old ~ the Franciscans of Halifax are beginning a "Theology on Tap". It will be held every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6.30pm - 8pm at La Piazza

Resto Cafe, 6430 Chebucto Rd, Halifax in their upper Room. Each night we will have a guest speaker covering many topics. It's a great opportunity to learn and discuss our faith and most of all to grow in fraternal love with each other. Our first event is on Wednesday, 19th of September. If you have any questions please contact Br. Nathanael FoH @ 902-233-7827.

Diocesan News

Equip the Saint: Investing in our Youth

Equipping young people to witness Christ is a key part of our three year diocesan pastoral plan, Equip the Saints. To help us accomplish this, Archbishop Mancini has assigned Fr. Craig Cameron to serve in a particular way in our efforts to evangelize youth and promote vocations. In this week's video update Fr. Craig introduces himself and shares about his ministry: <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/video#>

Coming to Dinner?

How can you support the pastoral work of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth? Join us at our annual fundraising dinner! The 6th Annual Archbishop's Dinner is Wednesday, October 10th, at the Cunard Centre on the Halifax waterfront. Go to www.halifaxyarmouth.org/dinner to purchase tickets (\$125/person) or contact Sandra Moreau to book a table. (902) 429-9800 ext 403 or smoreau@halifaxyarmouth.org

Assembly of the People of God: Why Go?

The 2018 Assembly of the People of God will be an opportunity to continue the conversation about who we are and who we want to be in the near future as the local Church of Halifax-Yarmouth. On October 26th-27th at the Seton Academic Centre at MSVU, Archbishop Mancini will share what he has learned from the input he has received from the various regions that make up our Diocese. After much prayer and reflection on the feedback, he will propose our next steps as we enter Year Two of our three year Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Equip the Saints. For more information and to register for the Assembly go to www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly.

Stewardship is...

"Whoever wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended.

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others.

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