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

*25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018*

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Daily Mass Intentions

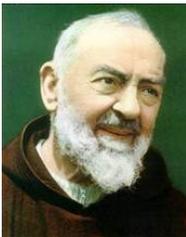
St. Theresa's

Tues. Sept. 25	9:00am	Maria Taraschi †
Wed. Sept. 26	9:00am	Bonnie Davis †
Thurs. Sept. 27	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. Sept. 28	9:00am	Engla Di Cesare †

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Sat. Sept. 29 9:00am Harold LeBlanc †

Liturgy



Padre Pio (May 25, 1887 – September 23, 1968) - On June 16, 2002 in Rome, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, one of the greatest saints of all times. There are saints who have been known for healing; there are saints who could "read" souls; there are saints who were known for levitation; there were saints who bore the stigmata, or were seen in apparition or who had the "odor of sanctity". There are saints who could understand languages they didn't know. But Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, who died on September 23, 1968, had all these charisms, and more. In fact, not since St. Francis of Assisi has there been such a miracle-worker.



Celebrating St. Francis of Assisi – The Franciscans of Halifax invite you to join them for their upcoming celebrations at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Wednesday, October 3rd, at 7:30 pm - From the earliest days of the Franciscan Order, the followers of St. Francis have gathered on the anniversary of his death to celebrate his **Transitus**, that is, St. Francis' passage from earthly life into everlasting life. At this time, we, too, will gather to celebrate the light which Francis was to his world. Through the celebration of Evening Prayer, with

readings from the life of Francis and other prayers, we will celebrate the spirit of Francis in our midst today and reflect on how we are being called to be light for our world.

Thursday, October 4th, at 7:00 pm – Mass will be celebrated on the **Feast of St. Francis**, the Patron Saint of the Franciscans of Halifax. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

Saturday, October 6th, following 9:00 am Mass – Join the Franciscans for the **Blessing of the Animals**. Bring your pets to the parking lot following Mass (around 10:00 am) to receive a special blessing for them.



Eucharist – Discovering the Mass in the Bible

—The Eucharist was not a sudden revelation by Jesus at the Last Supper, but something prefigured in numerous events throughout the Old Covenant starting as early as Genesis. Following Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the Church has participated in this life-giving act down through the ages. The understanding of the Eucharist includes all the Liturgy, not just Holy Communion. In 10 sessions (FORMED), we will discover the profound importance, meaning, purpose and beauty of the Mass as taught in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

The first **five** sessions will be held each week on Thursday, at 1:30 in the Pius X Room at St. Theresa's beginning October 11 until November 8.

The remaining five sessions will be held in the New Year; dates and location TBA.

Please register as numbers are needed for the purchase of participants' workbooks. You may call Sister Rita or leave a message at 902-454-8221, 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
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

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! Our next **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated at the 11:00 am Mass, next Sunday, September 30th.

Parish News



Tuesday Morning Arts & Crafts – Each Tuesday in our Church Hall, a group of ladies gather from 9:30 to 11:30 am to share their enthusiasm for crafting. This inter-denominational group has been meeting in friendship for 49 years. Some weeks, there can be as many as twenty-five in attendance.

Crafts made by this group not only support the Sewing & Craft Table at the Parish Fair but help the wider community. Items are crafted to support: local daycares, inner-city schools, the IWK Hospital, Adsum House, Hope Cottage, St. Vincent's Nursing Home, St. Mary's Daily Outreach, Metro Turning Point, and Mission to Seafarers. We congratulate the ladies on this great work! If you would like to join with them, feel free to drop by any Tuesday morning. And...make sure you don't miss tea time at 10:30 am!

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? Each evening begins with a meal. Come learn how Jesus can have an impact on your 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 the St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish office to register or for more information. 902-423-3057.

Diocesan News

Meeting of Bishops - This week, Archbishop Mancini will host his brother Bishops from the Atlantic Provinces here in Halifax as they gather for their annual fall meetings. They will discuss matters of faith that will guide them in their shepherding of the people of faith entrusted to their care. The following week, our Atlantic Bishops will gather from September 24th-28th with all the Bishops that make up our Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) for their annual Plenary Assembly in Cornwall, Ontario, that will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the CCCB.

Broadcasts daily on Salt & Light Television will be posted in the coming days on the CCCB website: www.cccb.ca as well as saltandlighttv.org.

In this time of crisis in our Church we invite all to pray for these Church leaders as they discern how together as the Church of Canada we can be Disciples of Christ who boldly live the mission in which we all share.

2018 Assembly of the People of God (October 26th-27th at the Seton Academic Centre at MSVU) - This year's Assembly looks at how we can really become communities of missionary disciples. One of the ways we do that is through the way we care for one another. This year we are pleased to include in our Assembly workshop line up two workshops hosted by the Ministry of Care and Companionship. If you are someone who ministers to the sick and suffering in your parish community, you will want to check out these workshops. For more information, visit: https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/admin-services/parish-editors-priority-news/item/2018-assembly-of-the-people-of-god?category_id=107

Join us for the Archbishop's Dinner! - Help us invest in our youth! The 6th Annual Archbishop's Dinner and Silent Auction, this year, will highlight how we pass on the faith to our youth. Our guest speaker, Angèle Regnier, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), will share what she has learned over 30+ years of ministry with young people about the kind of Church youth want and need. The Dinner will take place on Wednesday, October 10th, at the Cunard Centre on the Halifax waterfront. \$125/person. To purchase tickets, contact Sandra Moreau at (902) 429-9800 ext 403 or smoreau@halifaxyarmouth.org

Empowerment Conference for Catholic Men - Calling all men in Nova Scotia and abroad! The new EMPOWERED Catholic Conference for Men will take place on October 12th & 13th at the Bella Rose Arts Centre, Halifax West High School.

Registration is \$70.00. Deadline for registration is October 2, 2018. For more information and to register see the website at www.empoweredccfm.com or email empoweredccfm@hotmail.com or call Tony at 902-435-1568

Stewardship is...

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Sacrifice is not a word many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy", from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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