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

*26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 30, 2018*

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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa's

Tues. Oct. 2	9:00am	Giuseppe DiBacco †
Wed. Oct. 3	9:00am	Maria Taraschi †
Thurs. Oct. 4	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. Oct. 5	9:00am	1st Friday of the Month (Memorial Book)

St. Catherine's

Sat. Oct. 6 9:00am Anne LeBlanc (living)



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To the Community Life Committee for organizing last Sunday's Parish BBQ. The food was great, the numbers in attendance amazing, and the community spirit overwhelming! Congratulations on your biggest event yet! It was a great way to start off a new year of activities!

Liturgy



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.

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

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.

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)

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!"

RCIA—The RCIA is a formation program for those wanting to be Baptized into the Christian Faith, those wanting to be received into the Catholic Church from another Christian denomination or the Baptized who would like to complete the Initiation Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Please contact Sr. Rita, 902-454-8441, ext. 228 or e-mail sr.rita08@gmail.com



**THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
We Offer Thanks by Giving**

On Thanksgiving Day, **Monday, October 8th**, 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. Thank you for your generosity!

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!

Parish News



As we will gather to celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis, **Bingo** will be cancelled for this Wednesday ONLY – October 3rd!

Peninsula Halifax News

You are invited to join a series of prayerful discussions of the response we need to develop to the encyclical of Pope Francis entitled "**Laudato Si... The Care of Our Common Home**". The discussions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom at St. Theresa's Parish beginning **October 9, 2018** and continuing for eight weeks. Each week we will base our discussions on a 20 min video presentation by Fr. Dan Horan, OFM, who will explain how the encyclical connects to Catholic Social Teaching and Franciscan spirituality. Please register to ensure we can accommodate all attendees in comfort by sending an email to David Macpherson to macph@ns.sympatico.ca

"Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come" is a video-based Bible study by Jeff Cavins. It is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Here, you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times". It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass. This ten-week study will begin on Wednesday, October 10th, 2018 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Pius X Room. There will be a cost of \$40 for the program, which is the cost of the workbook, which you can keep.

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**. Please register by contacting Sr. Rita at 902-454-8221, ext. 228

Diocesan News

Archbishop Mancini: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

- Moved by the current crisis in our Church worldwide, Archbishop Mancini is inviting the faithful in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth to pray in a very particular way on October 7, 2018 – the Feast of the Our Lady of the Rosary. In a Letter to the Faithful dated September 21, 2018, he writes: "October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and on this particular feast day, I am inviting all of our faithful to pray the rosary and ask Mary to help us in these troubled times. In fact, with this invitation, I am appealing to one and all in our Archdiocese to enter into a year of atonement through prayer and fasting." The full text can be found at: <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/archbishops/letters-videos-to-the-faithful/item/feast-of-our-lady-of-the-rosary-eng-fr>

Equip Yourself at the 2018 Assembly of the People of God!

- What will the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth look like on January 1, 2019 – and beyond? Find out at this year's Assembly! After hearing from the clergy and many of you, the faithful, Archbishop Mancini has discerned the next steps needed to equip us to be missionary disciples in our local Church. Be a part of the conversation and consultation. Archbishop Mancini wants to hear from you! Join us on October 26-27 at The Seton Academic Centre, Mount Saint Vincent University! Early bird registration is \$20 - until September 30th! After that, regular registration is \$25. For more information, visit:

<https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly>

Join us for the Archbishop's Dinner!

- The 6th Annual Archbishop's Dinner is only a few weeks away! Are you planning to join us for this evening of fundraising, faith, and fellowship? We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Angèle Regnier as this year's guest speaker. As the co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach, Angèle brings a wealth of experience and wisdom when it comes to ministry with young people. Come and be inspired and encouraged in our efforts to evangelize our youth. Proceeds for this fundraising dinner will go towards youth ministry and promoting vocations. 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

Stewardship is...

"Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward." (Mark 9:41)

**We tend to forget that we were made in the image of Jesus Christ. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus?
When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?**

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