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

*24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017*

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Daily Mass Intentions

St. Theresa’s

Tues. Sept. 19	9:00am	Gina Colanicco †
Wed. Sept. 20	9:00am	Maria and Giuseppe Santilli †
Thurs. Sept. 21	9:00am	All the intentions in the book
Fri. Sept. 22	9:00am	Edna Boudreau †

St. Catherine’s

Sat. Sept. 23 9:00am Antonio Reggi †

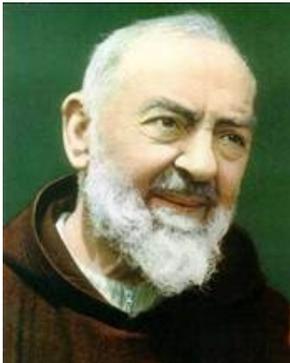


A **BIG Thank You** is extended to the Community Life Committee for hosting our BBQ last Sunday. The food was great, the music delightful, and the community spirit overwhelming! It was a great way to start off a new year of activities!

Liturgy

Feast of Padre Pio – Saturday, September 23rd

Join the Franciscans of Halifax on Saturday, September 23rd, as they celebrate the Feast of Padre Pio at our 9:00 am Mass.



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.

And as a matter of fact, Padre Pio was the first priest to bear the stigmata – the holy wounds of Christ – just like St. Francis of Assisi. It was in Pietrelcina on September 17, 1915 – the same date as St. Francis – that Padre Pio received the first invisible stigmata. These signs of the Passion of Our Lord caused him such cruel pain some days, especially on Fridays, and only his confessor knew of the invisible stigmata. Three years later, in 1918, after his transfer from Foggia to San Giovanni Rotondo, the wounds of Christ appeared visibly on the hands and feet of Padre Pio, who was no longer able to hide them. Padre Pio would bear the wounds for fifty years. A few minutes after his death, the marks of the stigmata mysteriously vanished.

Saint Padre Pio is a man who healed literally thousands – while he was still alive; who could read souls – knowing in case after case exactly what a person in Confession had done; who was seen in dozens of cases in bilocation (appearing far from where he actually was). There were accounts that defy the belief of even the most ardent believer; a sighting of him at the Vatican, even though he never left the San Giovanni monastery; the transfiguration of his face into that of Jesus’ during the Consecration; and a worker named Giovanni Savino who lost an eye that later materialized under the bandages after Pio had visited him in bilocation.

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)

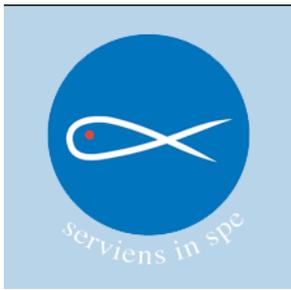
Confessions at St. Catherine’s:

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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Special Collection Next Week

Twice a year, special collections are taken up to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. One collection will be taken up next Sunday, and the other takes place on Ash Wednesday.

Each week, our Vincentians deliver food items and grocery vouchers to those in need within our community. Their work would not be possible without the generous financial support of parishioners, and the contributions of non-perishable food items that are brought to Mass each Sunday. We encourage you to consider supporting this special collection, and thank you for your ongoing support of our outreach to the poor!

The logo of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has the following meaning: The fish is the symbol of Christianity and, in this case, represents the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. The eye of the fish is the vigilant eye of God seeking to help the poor in our midst. The crossing of the tail or the tie-knot represents unity and oneness among members and also the union with the poor. The circle bounding the logo signifies the global or worldwide stature of the SSVP, an international Society. The words “serviens in spe” mean to “serve in hope”, the hope that comes from Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 15th. 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!

C.W.L. News



The Catholic Women’s League of St. Catherine’s invites you to join them for **Oktoberfest** on Saturday, October 14th, from 4:00-6:00 pm in our Church Hall. The meal will consist of sausage, sauerkraut, vegeta-

bles, dessert & tea/coffee. A Bake Table and Sewing Goods will also be available for sale. All are welcome.

Price: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 & under.

Meetings

St. Catherine’s Pastoral Council will meet this Tuesday, September 19th, at 6:45 pm in the Siena Room of the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

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Feast of St. Francis – Wednesday, October 4th – 7:00pm Mass & Reception (Bingo will be cancelled for this evening only)

The 3rd Annual ‘A Touch of CLASSical’ Concert – Saturday evening, October 28th



St. Catherine of Siena – Our History

This Wednesday (September 20th), we remember that 64 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.”

Stewardship—A Way of Life

BE FAITHFUL IN
SMALL THINGS
BECAUSE IT IS IN THEM THAT
YOUR STRENGTH LIES

Mother Teresa

