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Wednesdays 9:00am–5:00pm

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

*25th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 24, 2017*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**St. Theresa’s**

Tues. Sept. 26 9:00am Stan Selig †  
Wed. Sept. 27 9:00am Rose O’Brien †  
Thurs. Sept. 28 9:00am All the intentions in the book  
Fri. Sept. 29 9:00am Joseph MacDonald †

**St. Catherine’s**

Sat. Sept. 30 9:00am Steve MacAskill †

**Liturgy**



**LAST CALL - Are you Celebrating a Special Wedding Anniversary in 2017?**

Parishioners who are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary (25, 40, 50 and every five years after) are asked to call the Parish Office and leave their names. A celebration will take place this

Fall and a special blessing will be given to our anniversary couples.

**Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** –

The Franciscans of Halifax invite you to join them on Wednesday, October 4th, at 7:00 pm as they celebrate Mass on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This Mass will commemorate the saint’s transition from this life to the afterlife. Please keep our Franciscan Brothers and Sisters in your prayers as they strive to fulfill God’s Will in their consecrated lives.



St. Francis (1181 or 1182 – 1226), founder of the Franciscan order of the Catholic Church, lived during the late 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries in Italy. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. However, what many people recall about him is his love for animals and nature. St. Francis died at Portiuncula, Italy on October 4, 1226.

Pope Gregory IX pronounced St Francis a saint in 1228. The Pope also laid the foundation stone for the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy.

**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 parish-

ioners to share with those less fortunate within our communities. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected to be distributed among those we serve in our community through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**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 RCIA program. Please contact Sr. Rita at 454-8221 ext. 228 for more information.



**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

## Parish News



### Our "Home" Improvements:

Your Property Committee has been busy over the last month improving our Parish home. You will notice that we now have an overhang over the Church Hall entrance (driveway side) much like the one we have on the parking lot side. This overhang will not only protect those using this entrance from the elements but will

hopefully extend the life of our metal doors and avoid internal water damage.

You will also notice that our "Wrong Way" sign is quite evident in the parking lot. There are also "No Parking" signs along the fence which we hope will ensure that the driveway that goes around the back of the Church will be kept clear at all times in case emergency access is required.

The next time you are in the kitchen, check out the new fridge that was purchased. Although we were grateful to have received a donated fridge, its energy consumption per month was so significant that it was determined, over time, that it would be cheaper to buy a new, energy efficient model. Also in the kitchen, the final tweak to ensure our precious dishwasher is working at its highest efficiency has been completed.

And last but not least, the lighting in the Assisi/Siena rooms, and the furnace rooms in the Church and Rectory have been upgraded.



### 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

48 years. Some weeks, there can be as many as twenty-five in attendance.

## 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!

Our next **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated at the 11:00 am Mass, next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

[www.franciscansofhalifax.com](http://www.franciscansofhalifax.com)

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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.



**Bingo Cancellation** – Please note: Bingo will be cancelled on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 'A Touch of CLASSical' Concert

Saturday evening, October 28th

## Stewardship—A Way of Life

