

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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One Parish Community at these locations:

**St. Catherine of Siena Church**  
6476 Bayers Road  
[www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca](http://www.saintcatherineofsiena.ca)

**St. Mother of Teresa of Kolkata Church**  
6032 Normandy Drive  
[www.motherteresaparish.com](http://www.motherteresaparish.com)

**St. Patrick's Church**  
2263 Brunswick Street  
[www.saintpatrickschurch.ca](http://www.saintpatrickschurch.ca)

**St. Theresa's Church**  
6351 North Street  
[www.sttheresaschurch.org](http://www.sttheresaschurch.org)

Administrative Assistants:

St Theresa's & St. Catherine of Siena  
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St. Patrick's:  
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Religious Education Coordinators:  
St. Catherine - Donna Noddin  
St. Mothers Teresa - Susan Sarty  
St. Patrick's - Michele O'Neill/Jesna Jose  
St. Theresa's - Sr. Lucia

## PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine of Siena  
Sunday - 11:00am & 7:00pm  
Tuesday - Noon

St. Theresa's  
Saturday 4:30pm; Sunday 9:30am  
Wednesday - 9:00am

St. Patrick's  
Sunday 9:30am  
Thursday - 5:15pm

St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata  
Saturday 4:00pm; Sunday 11:15am  
Friday - 9:00am

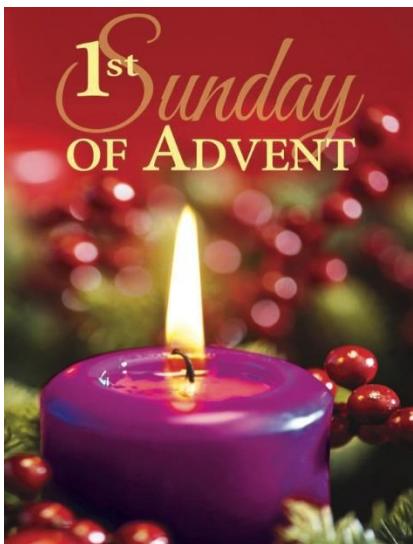
## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA'S CHURCH BULLETIN

*Home of the Franciscans of Halifax*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

#### BRING ADVENT HOME!



**PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE 11:00 AM OR 7:00 PM MASS TO MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH FOR YOUR HOME!!**

Everything you need to make the wreath will be supplied. All you will need to bring is a pair of clippers/cutters to assist in trimming the wreath.

Even if you don't plan to make a wreath, come and join us for some refreshments and fellowship.

We look forward to this time together!  
Plan now to attend!



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - Claire Keough  
Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Peter Pedersen

## **REST IN PEACE**



Recently, Funeral Masses have been celebrated for Nicky Lounsbury and Jerry MacCormac.

Please remember these families in your daily prayers and at this Sunday's Mass. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

### **THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT**



The Christmas Angel Tree is up this weekend to support the [Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Project](#).

On the Christmas Angel Tree are envelopes that will allow parishioners to make a monetary donation to this project. It simply can't happen without your support!

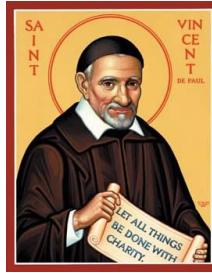
The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to help those in need within our community. Each week Vincentians go out in twos to assist those in need with gift cards to allow them to buy food. At Christmas, through the generosity of parishioners, the Society makes a special effort to help through the Christmas Project. Gift cards are provided to each household to buy everything needed for a Christmas meal, and gift cards are given for children, 16 years and under, to allow parents to buy gifts for under the tree.

The need is greater than ever. Currently, this year, our number of families has increased by 30%. We have 89 children, 16 and under, to support for gifts, where last year we had 55, an increase of 62%. The overall cost for the program has increased by 80% because of the increased numbers and the need to increase our level of support because of inflation.

You can put your donation in the collection basket at any Sunday Mass. If you are not attending Mass at this time, donations could be mailed care of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 6351 North Street, Halifax, NS, B3L 1P7 or by electronic transfer:

<https://saintcatherineofsiena.ca/donate>. No gift is too small. Please indicate your donation is for the St. Catherine's Christmas Project. Together, we can make a difference!

## **OUR HISTORY AT A GLANCE:**



This Wednesday, November 30th, will be the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of our Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Catherine's. Yes, on November 30th, 1960, the Conference began with only three members to carry out the work. Then, as now, the faithful members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul cared for the poor in our community.

We remember the past members of the Society, both living and deceased, whose tireless work for the poor did not go unnoticed. Much thanks are extended to the ten parishioners who, today, carry out this work in the name of our Church family. Thanks, is also extended to those parishioners who continue to bring non-perishable food items to Mass to be distributed to the needy, and to those who financially support the continuing work of the society. Without the support of time, food and funds, this work would not be possible.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**



This Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, another "Gathering" for students from grade primary to six will take place from 10:15 – 10:45 am in St. Catherine's Church Hall.

Then, everyone is welcome to *BRING ADVENT HOME* by coming to the Church Hall following Mass to make an Advent Wreath.

If you have not registered your child/children as yet, please do so by contacting Donna Nodin at [donna.nodin@gmail.com](mailto:donna.nodin@gmail.com) .

For information on the junior high program, please contact Laurie Tarulli at [laureltarulli@yahoo.com](mailto:laureltarulli@yahoo.com) .

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE



As reported in the September 11<sup>th</sup> bulletin, members of our Property Committee were looking at solutions for our front steps. This work began in May of this year after a tough winter for our cement! After many delays in

acquiring quotes from contractors in this very busy construction season, we have now come to realize that the repair may be bigger than expected and therefore, we require some engineering support for this project which will come, but not in time to have the steps repaired before winter. So, we ask for your continued patience as we ensure that the monies entrusted to us are spent wisely.

The good news is that the six panes in our large window, that were broken when Fiona came to town, have been repaired.

Unfortunately, the glass could not be replaced from the inside, so our friends from Superior Glazing had a cold day up on the boom!



**I'M THE BAKING ELF**

**I'M THE JARS ELF**

The elves at St. Theresa's have been very busy getting ready for an old-fashioned, in person, **Bake Sale!**

**Saturday, December 3rd**  
St. Theresa's Church Hall  
(Please use the Entrance off the Parking Lot)

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**A Fundraiser for St. Theresa's My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign**

Please bring your own shopping bag. We'll help you to fill it up!

Cookies - Squares - Pies - Bread - Rolls - Tea Biscuits - Muffins - Cakes - Cupcakes - Candy - Fudge - Snacks etc.

Jams - Jellies - Pickles - Beets - Relishes

Thank You for supporting our church!

## ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS FAIR INFORMATION



**Date:** Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Booths and Activities:** Bake Table, Craft Table, Cake Walk, Books and Prints, Fish Pond, 50/50 Draw, Tickets

on a Christmas Basket and a Grocery Hamper, Ring Toss, Bingo, Luncheon.

**Luncheon:** 11:30 – 1:30

Menu: Mezzetta Casserole (noodles, tomato-based sauce with ground beef, mushrooms, peppers, onions, celery, Italian seasonings, cheese topping), Coleslaw, Roll, Apple Crisp, Coffee, Tea, Juice

\$15.00 per ticket, \$30.00 per family (two adults, two children)

In order to ensure a successful community building and major fundraising event, we need support and generosity in attending the event, providing donations and volunteering to work the day of the Fair. Thirty volunteers are required. There are sign-up sheets for both donations and volunteers at the back of the Church. Please consider how you can contribute to this event.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.**



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## Turkey Dinner at Lunchtime

A delicious Turkey Dinner, with all the trimmings, Assorted Pies, and Beverages



**DOOR PRIZES** **CAROLING** **50/50 DRAW**

A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold, on a first-come, first-served basis

**GET YOUR TICKETS SOON!**

Please Pre-Order your tickets by contacting either:

- Linda Cody 902-453-4558 or [lindacody49@gmail.com](mailto:lindacody49@gmail.com)
- Janet Mullock 902-455-3718 or [janet.mullock@bellaliant.net](mailto:janet.mullock@bellaliant.net)
- Catherine Costello 902-422-9347 or [cathhalifax@yahoo.ca](mailto:cathhalifax@yahoo.ca)
- We need to know your name, (+ any guests), your phone number and the church where you will be picking up your tickets.
- Tickets will be available for payment and pick up at your chosen church at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> week-end Masses.

## STEWARDSHIP



There are a number of ways you can donate.

Visit: <https://saintcatherineofsiena.ca/donate> to see how to donate by electronic fund transfer, mail or how to sign up for pre-authorized payments. Please be assured that any donations received will be assigned to your account and income tax receipts will be issued. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## DIOCESAN NEWS:

### NO OPTIONS, NO CHOICE CAMPAIGN

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The project, No Options, No Choice is designed to start a national conversation about access to alternatives to euthanasia. The expansion of MAID now means that

this is not just an issue of a lack of palliative care, but of supports to people with disabilities and those who are struggling with mental illness. No Options, No Choice is a writing campaign that invites Canadians to write to their provincial government representatives

asking that they invest in services and supports that allow for options for those facing end of life care.

Access to MAID has been expanded in Canada since its introduction in 2016. In March 2021, the federal government passed revised legislation that changed the eligibility criteria and procedural safeguards for MAID. The new law grants Canadians with chronic illness or disability, who are not terminally ill, the right to seek MAID, and those who suffer solely from mental illness will have access to MAID in March 2023.

Find out more about the No Options, No Choice Campaign by visiting [www.nooptionsnochoice.com](http://www.nooptionsnochoice.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!



Check out our current employment listings. If you or someone you know is looking for work, consider sharing your gifts in service of the Church. For current opening, visit: <https://halifaxyarmouth.org/admin-services/human-resources>

## PARISH LIVESTREAM MASS LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured>

### FRANCISCAN OF HALIFAX MASSES CELEBRATED AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:

Tuesday to Friday – 7:00 to 7:45 am Mass

Saturday – 9:00 am Mass - Morning Prayer will take place at 8:30 am, and Confessions will be heard after Mass

### EUCARISTIC ADORATION/CONFESSON:

Monday - 7:30 to 8:30 pm (to participate arrive before 7:30 pm) – St. Theresa's Church

Wednesday – after 9:00 am Mass to 4:30 pm with Benediction - St. Theresa's Church

Wednesday – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm – Exposition/Adoration/Confession- St. Mother Teresa's Church

Thursday – Franciscans of Halifax hold Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions - 7:30 pm – St. Catherine's Church

### YOUTUBE CHANNELS:

Parish - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QgKeNNdXQOpZaxOhNNGzg/featured>

Franciscans of Halifax - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0g/videos>