

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.saintcatherinesofsiena.ca

St. Mother of Teresa of Kolkata Church
5032 Normandy Drive
www.motherteresaparish.com

St. Patrick's Church
2263 Brunswick Street
www.saintpatrickschurch.ca

St. Theresa's Church
6351 North Street
www.sttheresaschurch.org

Administrative Assistants:

St Theresa's & St. Catherine of Siena
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Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm

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Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am - 2:00pm

St. Patrick's:
Cheryl Delaney, 902-429-1300
Wed. & Fri. 9:00am - 2:00pm

Religious Education Coordinators:

St. Catherine's - Donna Noddin
St. Mothers Teresa - Susan Sarty
St. Patrick's - TBA
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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 2, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 1st – Vincent Vauzupthen

Saturday, October 8th – Sharon Dixon

REST IN PEACE



The Funeral Mass for June Merlin will be celebrated on Friday, October 7th, at 11:00 am in St. Catherine's Church.

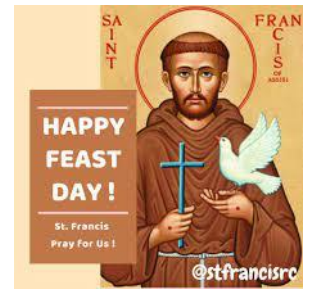
The Funeral Mass for Brian Flemming, who died on April 1, 2020, will be celebrated on Saturday, October 8th, at 11:00 am in St. Catherine's Church.

Please remember these families in your daily prayers and at this Sunday's Mass. May they rest in peace.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – THIS TUESDAY

The Franciscans of Halifax and the Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi welcomes you to come together for the Feast of St. Francis

We are approaching the feast of our beloved St. Francis! Below you can find the details of several festivities coming up in the next week. We hope you can join the community in celebrating our patron. Through St. Francis' intercession, may you all be blessed with Peace and



Goodness -- "Pace e Bene," his usual blessing to all he encountered.

Oct. 2nd: Blessing of the Animals

2:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Parking Lot
- Bring your pet to receive a special blessing!

Oct. 3rd: Transitus of St Francis (*Evening Prayer*)

7:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Church
- Evening Prayer will be chanted by candlelight to commemorate the transition of St. Francis from earthly to heavenly life.

Oct. 4th: Feast of St. Francis (*Mass*)

7:00 pm at St Catherine of Siena Church
- Mass will be celebrated in the Church to celebrate the Feast!
- Reception following Mass, downstairs in the hall. If you would like, please feel free to bring a goodie to share.

PLEASE NOTE: The 12:00 noon Mass at St. Catherine's will not be celebrated on this day as we will be gathering at 7:00 pm for Mass.

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St. Francis of Assisi (1181 - October 3, 1226)

Two events changed Francis Bernardone. First, enemy soldiers captured him and put him in prison. Second, he met a leper.

Francis had been born to wealthy parents in Assisi, Italy, in 1181. As a teenager, Francis wanted only money and fun. But in 1202, when he was 21, Francis went to war and spent a year in prison. There, he had time to think and pray.



In prison, Francis realized that money had not bought him happiness. But later, Francis went back to his old ways. Then he met a leper. Pus oozed from the leper's sores. People turned away from him, but Francis walked right up and hugged him. He had seen God's beauty in another human being. For Francis, life changed then and there.

In the years that followed, Francis gave away all his money. He preached and begged barefoot on the streets. A group of followers gathered around him, and he wrote a rule of life for them. They became the first Franciscans. He then founded the Order of Poor Clares, a religious order for women.

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!"

And when he died at age 44 in 1226, people praised God for the beauty of Francis of Assisi. In 1228, he was proclaimed a saint.

POST TROPICAL CYCLONE FIONA



We hope that everyone is safe from last weekend and Fiona's destruction. The Church property fared well. We had a number of broken branches, and a few panes of the large window on the front of the church have cracked or broken. All in all, we are thankful.

We turn our thoughts to those close to home and those in the Caribbean who have been most affected by Fiona, and now, we also remember our brothers and sisters who have experienced the power of Hurricane Ian - to those who have lost their lives, lost their homes, their livelihood, their sense of security.

We pray: Almighty and everlasting God. You are strength to those who suffer, and comfort to those who grieve. Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love and hold them in faith. Let the prayers of your children who are in trouble rise to you. Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



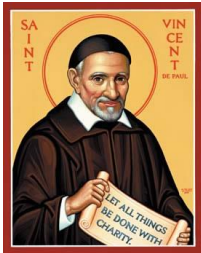
St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish offers a Religious Education Program for students from grade primary to nine.

Classes for students in grade primary to six are held at our four local churches. For information on the elementary program at St. Catherine's, please contact Donna Noddin at donna.noddin@gmail.com . Religious instruction for junior high students is provided through the Parish Youth Group. For information on the junior high program, please contact Laurie Tarulli at lauraltarulli@yahoo.com .

Registration Forms are now available at the entrance of the Church (or on our website) for students from grade primary to six to enrol. Gatherings will begin on October 16th. This program is offered FREE to parishioners as sharing the faith is priceless!

Our first Children's Liturgy will be celebrated at the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, October 2nd.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL **– SPECIAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTION**



The work of St. Catherine's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been taking place in our community since November 30, 1960.

Twice a year, special collections are taken up to support the work of the

Society of St. Vincent de Paul. One collection will be taken up on the Thanksgiving weekend (October 9th). An envelope is included in your box, and extra envelopes will be available at the entrance. We encourage all parishioners to consider supporting this special collection.

Your Society of St. Vincent de Paul is also accepting **donations of non-perishable food items** to be distributed to those we serve in our community. Essentials in the Food Bank include peanut butter, cereal, Kraft Dinner, pasta and sauce, soups, cans of meat, cookies, and juice. We have also expanded this list to include some basic toiletries, such as, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, Kleenex, and toilet paper. Your generosity would be appreciated on Thanksgiving Sunday and on any Sunday.

On behalf of those we serve,
THANK YOU!



FUN FOR SENIORS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Fun For Seniors

The Seniors Social for the Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi is organized by a small team representing the four

churches in our parish. This is a fun group of people who work together to plan monthly events for seniors. The Seniors Social usually includes lunch and a variety of enjoyable activities: singing, bingo, crafts, easy exercise, talks, etc.

We really need more help. If you are retired or are flexible with your work schedule, we have a monthly planning meeting, and one social event approximately eight times a year. Please contact Myra Donnelly-Gay, 902-449-6672 or email: myradonnelly@gmail.com for more information.

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:

CCCB Plenary in Cornwall, ON



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will gather for their first in-person plenary meeting this week in Cornwall, ON. During this yearly gathering,

bishops from all the dioceses across Canada take time to pray together and discuss the pastoral needs of Catholic Canadians. Last week, the CCCB released a message about their gathering which can be read by visiting www.cccb.ca. Let us keep all the bishops, including our own Archbishop Dunn, in our prayers as they gather. May the Holy Spirit guide their discussions, decisions, and discernments.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/CONFESSION:

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 – 1st 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/UC9L3qlfstB9xXyv2ZMOqc0q/videos>