

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

### St. Catherine of Siena

Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

### St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata

Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 11:15 am

### St. Patrick's

Sunday 9:30 am

### St. Theresa's

Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

## 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 18, 2020

### Liturgy

FRATELLI TUTTI  
ON FRATERNITY AND  
SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP



Through the letters St. Paul wrote to the early Christian communities we have come to know him and his teachings about Jesus, his advice and prayerful support of these communities. When he could be present with these early Christians he spoke directly to the people gathered around him and when he travelled and was separated from them he wrote letters.

Throughout the centuries Catholic Popes have continued this tradition; speaking directly to people when in Rome or when visiting other countries and writing "letters", the Encyclicals.

The dictionary defines encyclicals as letters addressed to the Bishops of the Church or (b) letters intended for wide distribution. Strangely, we are not as familiar with these letters written in modern times as we are those of St. Paul.

This month Pope Francis wrote another one of these letters, and on the Sunday when he introduced it before the crowds in St. Peter's Square he said he had "the joy of giving the new Encyclical to them." He called this letter "Fratelli tutti" He said "the signs of the time show clearly that human fraternity and the care of creation form the sole way towards integral development and peace." He ended his presentation with the words "May St. Francis accompany the journey of fraternity in the Church, between all religions and between all people." Commenting on this letter, some have said the "letter" is about love and attention, the kind of attention that brings a broken and bleeding world back to health." These letters of Pope Francis provide us with direction and prayerful support for our time as the letters of St. Paul did for the early Christian communities.

### Religious Education

#### Religious Education 2020-2021

Due to the ongoing restrictions in gatherings, our religious education classes will be online this year in a new format! We will be offering emailed and mailed resources supported by periodic video chats. "Christ Our Life" program workbooks and instructions are also available for in-home family formation. Please sign up by simply emailing [Sr. Lucia](mailto:Sr.Lucia) at [sr,lucia.oster@gmail.com](mailto:sr,lucia.oster@gmail.com) or calling (902) 423-8749.

## Prayers for the Deceased in our Community

It is with sadness that we report the passing of a long time parishioner—Alma Hartnett. Alma's funeral was held at St. Theresa's on Wednesday, October 14th.

Funeral Mass to be celebrated for the Soul of **Ann Sampson** will take place on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 11:00am. All are invited to live-stream the funeral at <https://youtu.be/r5ltXA1OtQY>.

We pray for their families and for the repose of their souls:

*Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Amen.*

## Pastoral Team Message

The celebration of Thanksgiving Day has come and gone once more. Thanksgiving, however, is not a day; it is a never-ending state of being. Even when things are at their darkest, we have a God who walks beside us always, protecting us and shoring us up. We have family and friends, we have food, we have roofs over our heads, and we have community, even if it is socially distant.

As a Pastoral Team, we are thankful and blessed in our teamwork and in our partnerships that help us in the projects we undertake on your behalf. We celebrate the things that work out well and learn from the things that do not. We are always encouraging each other as we strive to make our community stronger, more vibrant and more inclusive.

When it comes to accomplishing our objectives, this pandemic has certainly added a dimension of challenge that none of us could ever have foreseen in our lifetime. Little did we ever think that just getting people to Church would be so difficult and restrictive. Little did we ever think that we could develop and enhance skills that would allow us to bring Mass to you rather than you coming to Mass. Little did we think we could develop electronic bulletins that would bring you a myriad of information and resources to help get us through these difficult times.

No matter what roadblocks come our way, we are truly thankful that we all have the gifts necessary to overcome.

## Finance Corner

Christians are grateful everyday for the gifts that our Heavenly Father provides and everyday gives us another opportunity to offer thanks for all we receive.

We are thankful for so much at St. Theresa's. We give thanks for the great support that Parishioners and Friends of St. Theresa's provide each week and month through Sunday offerings, contributions through the My Extra Help to Keep St. Theresa's Strong Campaign 2020 and donations. Your offerings, contributions and donations are used to support the long term financial viability of our Community and the Church property.

More Parishioners make us stronger financially but most importantly spiritually, united in Christ. Together we are making St. Theresa's a home where all are welcomed and invited to worship and serve the Lord. We recognize and celebrate the strength of uniting the generations to build a strong and lasting Community. Each generation builds on the gifts of the previous generation. This may be more challenging during a pandemic but with some creativity we can figure it out. Consider how we have been able to use Zoom, improve our email system and live streaming the Mass. Each one of these gifts helps us to bring the Word of the Lord to the community.

Investing in our Church is another way of addressing our long term financial viability by making our home welcoming and inviting for all who walk through the doors. Much work has been done over the last few years and more is being planned.

Please read Father Francesco's recent letter emailed to everyone which updates Parishioners on the current work taking place to improve the Church and some of the work being conducted to plan for the future. Great strides are being made to improve our future by keeping our Church a place to be proud of for our ongoing Christian worship.

Parishioner involvement through volunteer work contributes greatly to the strength of the spirit at St. Theresa's. It takes an army of volunteers dedicated to the glory of God to serve the various Ministries at St. Theresa's. Every volunteer moment of service helps strengthen us and we have fun and joy working together as a Christian community. Our Eucharistic Family is grateful to our many volunteers for their ongoing service especially the dedicated volunteers who keep us safe at Mass each week by disinfecting all the touch areas of the Church to prevent Covid-19.

Last weekend was Thanksgiving but every day is an opportunity to give thanks through our prayers and our actions. Let us be grateful to the Lord for all His gifts so that we can be better servants to Him and the world.

## Diocesan News

Join us for the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the People!** This year we're going online!

Due to our pandemic circumstances our annual gathering will be a fully digital experience and a little shorter than in previous years.

Check out [www.halifaxarmouth.org/assembly](http://www.halifaxarmouth.org/assembly) for more information and to register.

