



St. Agnes Parish Newsletter

April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday



KEEPING A HOLY LENT - Lenten Lunches

Thank you to our Elementary and Junior High Youth for participating in this great Lenten observance. We owe tremendous gratitude to our Lunch Moms – Mary Fitzgerald, Gail Levangie, Brenda MacAdam, Meaghan Nieman and Brook McNeil. March Break helpers Gillian Bonner and Amanda O'Brien. You are a blessing to our Saint Agnes Family.



Mancini Cup – Saturday April 29th We need players for the Junior High Team, players for the High School Team and referees.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Tanya Thomson at stagnedre@eastlink.ca or text / call 902-488-8054. **** Referees **** If you are a ref or have soccer experience and can volunteer some time on Saturday April 29th please contact Tanya. The games are 25 minute no stop time, and all in good fun!



Rosary Making – Monday April 17th 6:30-8:30

– Everyone Invited! We are now working on Rosaries to sell at Mother's Day and Father's Day as a fundraiser for our Little Church Social Justice Projects. Specifically, Kamakwie, Serra Leone.



Religious Education News

We do not have Religion Classes Easter Sunday, April 16th. God Bless your hearts and home with lots of love & all the joy of the resurrection!!

Week at a Glance

Sunday April 16—Easter Sunday

Rite of Enrollment—1st Communion 10:30am Mass
Gr 2 Parent Meeting 9:30am—St. Agnes Rm

Monday April 17

Bingo—Auditorium—6:50pm
Rosary Making—Campbell Centre
Ordinariate Mass—6pm

Tuesday April 18

Prayer Meditation—Campbell Centre 1:30pm
Scripture Reading—Parlor 7pm
Private Function—Auditorium 7-9pm

Wednesday April 19

Mothers Morning Out—Auditorium —10am
Parish Lenten Lunch—Auditorium 12—1:30pm
Private Function—Auditorium 7-9pm
Baptismal Preparation—St. Agnes Rm 7pm

Thursday April 20

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Campbell Centre 1:30pm
Final Fr. Paul Adult Ed—St. Agnes Rm 6:30pm

Friday, Saturday & Sunday April 21, 22, 23

L'Arche Art Show Auditorium

Sunday April 23

Refugee Committee Mtg—St. Agnes Room 7pm

Little Church *Emergency Help Needed* - Our dear village of Kamakwie has suffered a great loss. Their Catholic Church, St. Peter's has been destroyed by a very large fallen tree. We are trying to send immediate funds to help them restore the church. *Please consider a donation to our Little Church. You can place an envelope in the collection basket marked – Little Church – with your name and envelope #.* Our Children are praying for the village in Religion Class and your prayers would be so appreciated also.



BEFORE



AFTER



Easter Message from Archbishop Mancini

Holy Week 2017

Dear friends,

In a few days we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord and this year, like every other year, we will wish each other a Happy Easter. This is a good custom but what do we actually mean by this wish? What does a happy Easter look like? What is the content of the experience? And what does Happy Easter communicate to people of our time?

It seems to me that Easter like so many of our Christian holy days, has been emptied of its Christian content. As I walk around our shopping centers, drug stores and markets, Easter has been reduced to shopping for spring clothes, chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs.

I find myself wondering how the Resurrection of the Lord, the most amazing event in history, could be reduced to a spring holiday. Christ's Resurrection turned reality upside down, death was put to death, life was given hope, because love triumphed over evil.

The Resurrection of the Lord, therefore, is what we celebrate as the foundation of our faith and the source of our joy. It is this joy and happiness that we wish each other because our friends and families, our neighbours and our world need to hear this good news.

The Resurrection of our Lord is what gives Christ's disciples the hope to carry on, even in a world which, at times, seems to be lost in darkness, divisions and conflicts. If hope springs eternal, it's not because of spring, it's because of our Resurrection hope!

During this coming holy week, let us make the effort to join our Lord as he walks again the Via Crucis. Let us accompany him through his passion and death on the Cross. May the amazement, surprise and tremendous joy of Christ's Resurrection cause us to exclaim: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Yes, let us wish each other a happy Easter, but maybe we might also greet each other with the ancient Christian statement of faith: "Christ is Risen!" The appropriate response is "He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Sincerely yours,

†Anthony Mancini
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth

