

....from the office of the Archbishop

April 11, 2017

Dear Priests and Deacons,

This past weekend, in a letter to the parishioners of Saint Benedict, I announced that I had asked Fr. James Mallon to accept a position of Episcopal Vicar for Parish Renewal and Leadership Support, which he has accepted.

In this capacity, Fr. James is being asked to bring his experience and understanding to the implementation of our Archdiocesan pastoral plan, by assisting our pastors, parochial administrators and parish leaders in the transformation of our Archdiocesan Church to meet the challenge of evangelization, in our present circumstances. More information will be provided at a later date.

This appointment will become effective July 1, 2017.

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Fr. Simon Lobo, CC, as pastor of Saint Benedict, effective July 1, 2017. Fr. Lobo will continue the work, spirit and ministry which have been established at Saint Benedict in these past years.

†Anthony Mancini
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth



Leadership Prayer Breakfast

Plan now to join us at the Cunard Centre on Wednesday, May 3, from 7:30 am until 9:15 am for the 36th

Annual Nova Scotia Leadership Prayer Breakfast. The event draws leaders from business, politics, religion, the professions, military, philanthropy, community and education. Over the past few years, Mayor Mike Savage, NHL veteran and Mooseheads owner, Bobby Smith and Brian McConaghy from Ratanak International have left an indelible imprint with their message.

This year, Dr. Robert Strang, the Chief Medical Officer for the province, will join us to speak on "Life, Leadership and Love." Dr. Strang will speak about his experiences working in our healthcare system and how his faith has guided him to work with others with greater love and compassion. Dr. Strang has had many powerful encounters and will use those to tell a story about belief, social connectedness, health and hope. Book YOUR ticket at www.nslpb.ca



New Evangelization

Summit

Each year in Ottawa there is a international summit titled, The New Evangelization Summit

(NES). This year the NES will be broadcasted **HERE in Nova Scotia** in the Annapolis Valley (in Berwick) on **Friday May 12- Saturday May 13 Take part in the event for only \$45** (this includes lunch on the Saturday)!

This two day conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful – will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. Through the summit approximately 5000 like minded Catholics from across the continent will be united in one goal – to be formed as evangelists and be part of a network of Catholic evangelists.

This year's speakers include:

- **Bishop Robert Barron:** Founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
- **Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT:** Missionary with the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and author of "Loved As I Am"
- **Fr. Michael White:** Priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and co-author of "Rebuilt" and "Tools for Rebuilding"
- **Tom Corcoran:** Associate to the pastor of Church of the Nativity in Maryland, and co-author of "Rebuilt" and "Tools for Rebuilding"
- **Peter Herbeck:** TV & radio host, and author
- **Meghann Baker:** Mom, catechist, and active parishioner
- **Michael Dopp:** Founder of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries and the New Evangelization Summit
- **Patrick Sullivan:** Founder of Evango Catholic Ministries; husband to Kyla and father of seven beautiful children

For more information click [here](#) or visit St Joseph's website: www.stjosephskentville.org and click the tab at the top of the page saying "New Evangelization Summit".



St. Agnes Parish April 23, 2017 Divine Mercy Sunday



From the Desk of Fr. Paul :

I would like to thank all who served in any way during the liturgies of these most sacred days, as well as to all who decorated the church and helped schedule and prepare the liturgies of Holy Week and the Triduum. The church looked amazing and the liturgies were beautiful. I would also like to thank all of you who were present- they were amazing days!

Although each year they have a certain repetitive predictability about them, this is the genius of ritual and certainly does not mean that they are ever the same, year to year. I can easily say that they were some of the best-attended liturgies of my entire time here at St. Agnes'. I was especially impressed with the much larger crowd at the Easter Vigil. I know that I was being a little bit provocative (but not intending to be flippant) when I said at the end of Palm Sunday masses, something to the effect, "is there anything else we can say about the Easter Vigil, besides that it is long? Anything else???" I have heard from a few people who took me up on my challenge and were delighted to have attended for the first time in their entire lives – and what a highlight it was for them! Yes! So thank you very much for sharing in prayer a beautiful 2 hours and 10 minutes on Saturday evening. It was splendid.

But overall, the lasting memory and meditation for me was the long lines of us waiting to receive the chalice during Holy Thursday's Mass. I have to say that the remarks I made to the congregation just before the Communion Rite began, encouraging as many of us as possible (and appropriate) to receive under both species that night, was very spontaneous; it was certainly not something I had given any thought to when I was preparing for mass. It just struck me in that moment that since we were there to celebrate the institution of the Eucharist at the Lord's Supper, Jesus' command to "eat" and "drink" was something that as many of us as possible should be encouraged to do. And you did! Lol! I would estimate that 90% of the congregation received under both forms. It came to me

as a spontaneous inspiration at the moment, but your response was amazing, and the image has stayed with me every since. It was the image of the People of God, pure and simple: one bread, one body, as St. Paul says at 1 Cor. 10:17. So standing at the altar, watching the long lines of people waiting to receive from the chalice, was truly very emotional for me as your pastor.

It was a beautiful and reflective time reminding me of St. Augustine's words concerning Holy Communion, "we become what we eat." In receiving the Body of Christ, we show ourselves to be the same. If I have any wistfulness regarding these past days, it is the reminder of what our parish would be like if the crowds were like this every Sunday – the entire Church throughout the world would be transformed if this was our regular, weekly attendance. However, without allowing that thought to tempt us to feel frustrated or insignificant, let us feel just the opposite: we can make a big impact if we are persistent in asking, inviting, proposing, and offering others we encounter the source of our joy that comes from our faith – so let's try and do that! Like the first disciples to have seen the Risen Lord, we too are sent out to tell and talk about this with others.

What we have experienced at Easter is not given to be personally hoarded but to be shared. Easter is the moment of being "sent forth" as the Church, just like the first disciples, to tell others what has occurred at the tomb. We bring this Good News to those in our families, to our places of work, neighborhoods, and broader community. In our manner, our speech, the look on our faces and the overall outlook on life that we convey, we are the "billboards" of the resurrection to others. So let the joy of Easter's full 50 days be with us, seen in and through us, sharing that joy with others. Christ is risen - ALLELUIA!

Religious Education News

Religious Education Classes resume
Sunday April 23rd!



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

Rite of Enrolment for Confirmandi - Prayers and Blessings for our youth preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation June 4th 2017. Parishioners are invited to take a Prayer Card from the Prayer Tree at the entrance to the church and offer prayers and support as these young people journey towards

full initiation into the Catholic Church – Ben Allison, Megan Campbell, William Clarke, Owen Connolly, Michael Cuison, Ryan Greene, Mark Howatt, Olivia Izsak, Molly King, Ben Lake, Elyse Louis, Jack MacKinnon, Malcolm MacKinnon, Taya Miller, Declan Murphy, Sinead Murray, Amelie Parent, David Purdy, Stephen Purdy, Makayla Sampson, Jacob Yazbek, Nick Gentleman.

Friday Fun Night April 28th 6:00pm – 8:00pm WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE – Children are invited to an evening of Faith & Fun as we experience what it means to be an Easter People, have our Easter Egg hunt and enjoy the famous Friday Fun Night Hotdog!! **YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED** for our Easter Egg Hunt – Please arrive at 5:30 to help us get rolling

St. Agnes Mancini Cup Soccer Practice Monday April 24th in the Leo Day Auditorium. Junior High practice 6:30pm-7:30pm / High School Practice 7:30pm – 8:30pm.

9th Annual Mancini Cup Soccer Fun Day is Saturday April 28th at BMO Indoor Soccer Facility. Opening Ceremonies are 9:00am – Junior High Games begin at 9:30am / High School Games at 12:30-1:00pm.

There is a great canteen on hand, lots of fellowship and fun on the pitches! Hope you will stop by and cheer the youth on! Saint Agnes is defending the Mancini Cup and Saint Benedict is defending the Pope Francis Trophy.



Vincent & Eileen Coy Scholarship : Council 1097 Knights of Columbus, Halifax Council 1097, invite applications from Catholic students who plan to attend university or community college in the upcoming academic year for the Vincent & Eileen Coy Scholarship. This is a non-renewable scholarship. Application forms are available at the parish office.

Students attending other parishes within the Archdiocese of Halifax –Yarmouth, who are associated with members of Halifax Council 1097, are also eligible to apply. Selections will be made by the KofC Halifax Council 1097 Scholarship Committee.

Deadline for application is by May 15th, 2017. Further information may be obtained by email: kofchali-fax1097@gmail.com



Adult Faith Formation Public Lecture: Catholic Education in Canada Today

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem - Canada Atlantic Lieutenancy will sponsor a public lecture titled: Catholic Education in Canada Today on April 25, 2017

This talk will focus on Catholic education in Canada, and some of the challenges to and for it. Beginning with some comments about the principles of Catholic education, Dr Sweet will point to a few areas in which there is promise for the future but also where there needs to be some significant practical change. Q & A will follow.

Dr. William Sweet is currently Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Centre for Philosophy, Theology, and Cultural Traditions, at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Canada. He is also an adjunct professor of philosophy at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, and a member of the graduate faculty at the Dominican University College also in Ottawa.

The lecture will take place at St. Agnes Church Hall, 6903 Mumford Road, Halifax on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 from 7:30 - 8:30 PM. All are welcome.



Rosary Making Club!! Join us Monday May 1st 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Campbell Center Room 101/102 as we continue to learn to make rosaries, pray and enjoy faithful d fellowship. A one-time donation of \$5.00 to help cover materials would be appreciated . Bring a friend

NOTE:

St. Agnes Mothers Day Brunch:

Keep your eye on the bulletin to find out what this brunch will be.

Due to the high cost of Lobster this year, our committee is out trying to find a fitting substitute.

We will let you know by next bulletin date.

We appreciate your patience with this.

Week at a Glance

Friday Saturday & Sunday

April 21—23

L'Arche Art Show
Fri—7—9pm
Sat 10am—9pm
Sun 9:30am —3pm

Sunday April 23

Rite of Enrollment Confirmation 10:30am
Refugee Committee Mtg—St. Agnes Rm 7pm

Tuesday April 25

Prayer Meditation—Campbell Centre 1:30pm
The EOHSJ- Canada Atlantic Public lecture—
Auditorium—7:30pm

Wednesday April 26

Mothers Morning Out—Auditorium —10:30am-
Private Function—Auditorium 9-10pm

Thursday April 27

Prayer Shawl Gathering—Campbell Centre 1:30pm

Friday April 28

Friday fun Night—Auditorium 6:30pm

Saturday April 29

SVDP—Auditorium/church 9—3pm

Sunday April 30

Baptisms 10:30am Mass
Confirmation Parent Meeting —Auditorium
11:30am

Monday May 1

Bingo—auditorium 6:50pm



2017 St. Agnes Youth Bursary Application – Are you a St. Agnes Parishioner, graduating from Grade 12 this June and obtaining post-secondary education this Sep-

tember? This opportunity might be for you! Applications may be found on the information tables at the entrance to the church and our website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our St. Agnes Office. Deadline for Applications is May 1, 2017