



Development and Peace
– Caritas Canada: Global
Ceilidh Tickets Available
September 12!

Tickets for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s Global Ceilidh will be available for purchase starting on Tuesday September 12! This gathering of Development and Peace members and staff, and social justice enthusiasts from Across the Maritimes will mark the **50th Anniversary of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada**, which is the official Humanitarian Aid and International Development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis – the official Aid and Development arm of the Catholic Church, headquartered in the Vatican.

For 50 years, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has been supporting partners in the Global South to create healthy and just world for all, and giving Canadian Catholics (and many more!) the opportunity to be part of this effort.

If you’ve been involved with Development and Peace – Caritas Canada for 50 minutes or 50 years, we’d love for you to come and celebrate with us! Even if you have not yet gotten involved but want to learn more about our organization, you are most welcome!

This event will feature local artists who will perform music and other entertainment inspired by both international cultures and our own distinct culture from here in the Maritimes. We will also have locally-sourced food and drinks to complement the amazing entertainment!

To purchase tickets, please call our Atlantic Regional Office at (902)429-9489 or send us an email at dpatlantic@devp.org. You may also purchase tickets from your local Development and Peace Diocesan Council representatives.

The Details:

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada 50th Anniversary Global Ceilidh

Date: Friday October 20, 2017

Time: 7:00pm-10:00pm
Location: St. Mary’s Boat Club
1641 Fairfield Rd., Halifax NS
Ticket Price: \$20 each

5th Annual Archbishop’s Dinner & Auction



Tickets are now available for the **5th Annual Archbishop’s Dinner & Auction on October 11** at the Cunard Centre. We are pleased to share that our guest speaker for this year’s event will be Mr. Wadih Fares. Mr. Fares is a prominent member of the Halifax community and is dedicated to making our communities better! Funds raised from this year’s Dinner will once again support The Ministry of Care and Companionship.

Tickets 125.00 ea.

As we did last year, St. Agnes has reserved 2 tables (20 seats). If you would like to attend, you can reserve your tickets through Marlene at the office and your purchase price will be tax receipted on your parish receipt.

For more information or to purchased tickets, visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/dinner or contact Lydia at (902) 429-9800 ext 401 or lhoo@halifaxyarmouth.org



St. Agnes Parish
September 10, 2017
23rd Sunday Ordinary Time



FROM THE DESK OF FR. PAUL:

WELCOME BACK!

I always think of September as a kind of “second new year”, when after a nice summer, we start over and resume many routines in school, work, and around the house. This is also true of the parish, when September signals a new year of religious education beginning and the parish activities starting up again after the summer. Stayed tuned as the events and programs of Fall roll out over the next few weeks.

I would like to take this moment to welcome in a special way those who have joined the parish since the Spring. Please take the time to fill out a parish registration form that is on your pew and either drop it off in the collection basket or at the parish office when you get a chance.

From time to time at the end of masses I remind people that if you think there is something that I could help you with, never make any hesitation to contact me through the parish office if you would like to set up a time when you could come in and talk to me in person. I am not a counselor, psychologist, or expert in very much, actually, but I will try to help you in any way that I can. Having been involved in the highs and lows of peoples’ lives for over 17 years and in that regard, I have a lot of experience sharing in the joys and struggles of life.

Another question you have heard me ask from time to time is this: “who do you wish was with you, right now, here at Mass?” Who comes to mind when I ask this - a spouse? Children? Friends? Yes, all those people and many others. There are many people “out there” in our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and broader community that have stopped going to church but for no obvious reason. If someone were simply to ask them to come to Mass, I guarantee that a large number would. Although some people stop practicing their faith as a decision, the greater majority, because of a busy

life and other commitments, have simply stopped coming but that doesn’t mean they wouldn’t return.

The Sunday Mass is the parish gathering around the Table of the Lord. We come and tell our story to God – good, bad or indifferent – and in receiving the Holy Eucharist, we receive the very life of Jesus to be his hands, legs, eyes, ears and voice in the world until we meet again in 7 days. So I am asking all of us to continue to ask, invite, propose, and share your own reason and joy with others why St. Agnes’ matters to you. Be daring and share with others what you receive when you come to Mass and why that is something that can also be experienced by anyone else as well. We are ambassadors of Christ and walking billboards of our parish and broader Catholic faith; as the expression goes, “you may be the only Bible that someone will ever read.”

Our potential to help others begin or rekindle a relationship with Jesus is enormous! It starts by the way we present Jesus ourselves in our words, manner, actions and sense of hope and faith that we bring to life’s circumstances. Let the joy that comes from your faith and the strength of our gathered parish community be proposed and offered to others by the invitation to join us.



Priest Gathering: September 12

Fr. Paul will be attending the Priests Study days from September 12 through to September 15th. There will be no weekday Mass celebrated during this week .

The priests of our Archdiocese will gather with Archbishop Mancini next week beginning September 12 in Liverpool for some time of prayer, reflection, and renewal. They will discuss matters related to their particular role as priests. Please keep our priests in your prayers as they meet to encourage one another in their shared ministry of providing spiritual and pastoral care to the people of God in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.



EXTRA TIME FOR CONFESSION

Beginning on **Thursday, September 28** and on every last Thursday of the month (December excluded) Fr. Paul will now offer an evening time slot for confessions.

Up until now we have had them only once—on Saturday afternoons from 3:00-3:30pm but usually they begin a few minutes earlier and Fr. Paul is frequently in the box until 3:45. It can be too busy for him to “clear the line” properly before the 4:00 pm Mass.—a nice dilemma!

There is a bit of a myth “out there” that says nobody goes to confession anymore. Not true. I’m doing this because it’s too busy on most Saturdays because more and more people are going. Fr. Paul is hoping that those working during the day might find this a better opportunity to avail themselves of this great sacrament of God’s Mercy. **The time will be from 6:30-7:30 pm** and will coincide with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church to help aid us in preparing for confession. The Saturday time will continue as is. Please spread the word to others, including those from other parishes.



MINISTRY APPRECIATION BBQ

This will be held on **Friday, September 22, 5:30-7:30 pm.**

It is always a nice event with a casual vibe that is meant to give thanks for the time and talent of so many women and men that make St. Agnes’ the great parish it is! So that we make sure there is enough food for everyone, please RSVP the parish office or sign the sheets at the entrance to the church. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



In honour of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Paul will bless animals on **Sunday, October 8, at 12:30.** This event grows every year in number and is a lot of fun! Please gather in the area in front of the rectory. Mark this date now and invite a friend.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Last May, Fr. Paul had the opportunity to co-lead a pilgrimage to the Holy land. There were 43 of us on a 12-day journey to the places where Jesus was born, lived, ministered, died rose from death. It was an prayerful and potentially life-changing experience for everyone!

On **Thursday, October 5,** Fr. Paul is going to present some pictures he took (on an iPhone) on the pilgrimage and share some of the experiences he had there. This evening is open to anyone and may be of special interest to anyone who might be interested in going to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage in the future, or just to learn more about the biblical world. **The evening will be from 7:00 - 9:00pm** in the St. Agnes Room. Please mark the date and bring a friend.

Religious Education News:

Registration for Religious Education will be held this Sunday September 10th. From 10:00—10:30am and 11:30—12:00 noon.

Religious Education Classes begin Sunday Sept. 17th – Elementary Grades Preschool to Grade 5 will meet in the gym at 9:30am. Junior High Grades 6 to 9 / Confirmation will meet in the gym at 11:30am. **Class Times are: Pre-school 9:30am – 10:10am, Primary to Grade 5 9:30am – 10:20am, Grade 6 to Grade 9/ Confirmation 11:30am-12:20pm.**

Little Church Project Sales: We have handmade rosaries and beautiful quilted bags for sale in support of our Little Church. The Little church projects are a Social Justice priority for our parish. We support two orphans in Uganda so the can attend school. We help a young boy in Nicaragua attend school and we assist the village of Kamakwie in Sierra Leon with educational and medical supplies. Our Parish support of the Little Church is vital, if you would like to make a purchase please visit the parish office or see Tanya on Sundays.

There will be no Friday fun Night in September—Our first Friday Fun Night will be held on **Friday October 6th at 6:30pm.** All are Welcome.

Praise–Moves: Having received great feedback from this program we have decided to run a trial Lunch time Praise moves beginning Thursday September 21 from 12:10 am to 12:55pm . If we get enough interest we will consider making it a permanent program .



Hey Quilters & Sewers – You are invited to gather Friday mornings 10:00am – 12:00pm in the Campbell Center Room 101 to work on quilting & sewing projects. Bring your supplies along and work in the

company of others who love to create a variety of treasure. For more information please contact Debbie Laviolette at laviolette94@eastlink.ca or 902-240-8084

Rosary Making Club – We meet Mondays on a biweekly basis 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the Campbell Center Room 101. Beginning Monday Sept. 11th ****NEW**** we meet the opposite of Bingo nights. If you would like to learn to make a Rosary and share in an evening of faith, fellowship and fun please come!

Poor Mans Supper: Our annual Poor Man’s supper of homemade baked beans, wieners and homemade brown bread with refreshment will be held on Saturday September 23 from 5—7pm. Ticket price \$10.00. All proceeds will be going



to Fr. Lloyd O’Neill’s favorite charities. So come on out and have a simple meal with a simple goal of helping those who cannot help themselves. For tickets call the office 902-454-8200 x 2 or Ralph Henneberry @ 902-455-9313.



Choir News : Do you enjoy the “sound of music”? Have you noticed how more reverent Mass is when accompanied by music! If so, please join us in the choir! We are actively looking for voices to “

Lift up your voice to the Lord” and enhance the Liturgical experience for everyone . If interested please contact Greg Doyle at 902-488-0794.

Week at a Glance

Sunday September 10

Registration for Religious Education
L’Arche—Auditorium 1-4pm

Monday September 11

St. Bede’s Ordinarate Mass 6pm

Tuesday September 12

NO MASS

Atlantic Sewing guild—Campbell Centre 7-pm

Wednesday September 13

NO MASS

Private function—Auditorium 9am—4pm
Baptismal Preparation—St. Agnes Rm 7pm

Thursday September 14

NO MASS

Friday September 15

NO MASS

Quilting Group—Campbell Centre 10am.
Private function -auditorium—3:30—5:30pm

Sunday September 17

Religious Education Classes Resume
Children of Mary—St. Agnes Rm—2pm
Private function—auditorium 7-9m

Monday September 18

Magnificat—Campbell Centre 1:30pm
Bingo—Auditorium 6:50pm

A Prayer for Students

*God of knowledge and wisdom,
Bless all students young and old as they begin a
New school year. Help them discover and develop
the gifts you have given.*

*As they grow in knowledge,
Help them to also grow in kindness and
Compassion, Learning respect for themselves and
others.*

*We ask your blessing on teachers, parents and
All who care for students.*

*Strengthen them to surround students with
encouragement support and love.*

*Remind us that wherever we go,
You are always with us.*

*Fill us with the Joy of learning so that we may be
Better equipped to be Your servants. Amen.*