



St. Agnes Parish Newsletter
21st January 2018
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Sunday January 21st is the feast day of
our Patron Saint—St. Agnes.**

*We are pleased to welcome Archbishop Anthony Mancini , who will celebrate
the 10:30am Mass on Sunday January 21.*

This weekend we are celebrating the Feast of St. Agnes, our parish's patronal namesake, protector, and intercessor. Agnes died a very young person – she was only 12 or 13 years old - during a persecution of the Church in Rome in the early centuries. After her death her legend grew in the church throughout Europe, and later around the world, but she retains a particularly Roman character even today and if you have visited Rome, one of the most beautiful churches in the entire city is dedicated to her in the Piazza Navona.

In celebration of our feast day, we have a chance to consider and give thanks for the blessings we have received here at our parish, as well as prepare for future challenges, as we strive to be the parish of St. Agnes in this part of the HRM and larger archdiocese. As I have stated over and over, the parish must evangelize: we must continue to make new disciples of Jesus. We must never grow tired of asking, inviting, and proposing Jesus Christ to others as the path to joy and fulfillment.

The parish by it's very nature is a place where this evangelization happens. It occurs most especially in the Sunday Mass, since the parish exists, ultimately, for the celebration of the Eucharist and to be Catholic means to identify with participation at the Table of the Lord on Sunday. But it also happens to be smaller groups, parish programs, religious education, and the various ways that people identify with the people and the building that we call St. Agnes'. Through the intercession of our patron, and with concrete and practical expression to her help, St. Agnes will continue to be a place where people feel welcome and where their relationship to Jesus is nurtured and strengthened.

***PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass
celebrated on Wednesday January 24th.***

***There will be a funeral Mass on Friday January 26th for Dr. Albert Shaw.
There will be no 12:10pm Mass.***

Evening Reconciliation Will be available to the faithful this coming Thursday, January 25th from 6:30—7:30pm. Saturday Reconciliation times of 3:00 -3:30pm will still be available.



Calling all Palm: If you have any old palm, please bring it into the church . We will be burning the old palm Sunday February 4th to provide new ashes for our Ash Wednesday Celebrations on February 14th. There will be a basket at the entrance to the church for your convenience.



Grade 6 Parent Meeting – Sunday Jan.28th

11:40am in Room 101/102. Parents and Guardians are asked to attend this meeting regarding a spiritual development program running in the Grade 6 class from Feb.4th – May 6th. The program is called Mindfulness and Spirituality and we are excited to have a facilitator within our Parish community, Anita Sablone. Please come to the meeting, hear about this opportunity for our / your youth and meet Anita.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT – Children & friends are invited to an evening of Faith, Fun and Fellowship Friday Jan. 26th in the St. Agnes Church Auditorium. Drop off 6:00pm / Pick up 8:00pm. We will enjoy prayer, snacks and share how to prepare our hearts for Lent.

Development & Peace Workshop Sunday Jan. 28th

11:30am – 1:00pm – Youth from Grade 6 to Grade 12 are invited to a Workshop and Pizza Lunch, following 10:30am Mass, in the auditorium. The 2018 D&P Theme is **TOGETHER FOR PEACE**. Please come to the Workshop, enjoy fellowship and lunch and Be the Change We Need. >> Peacemaking calls for courage, much more so than warfare. It calls for the courage to say yes to encounter and no to conflict: yes, to dialogue and no to violence; yes to negotiations and no to hostilities; yes to respect for agreements and no to acts of provocation; yes to sincerity and no to duplicity. All of this takes courage, it takes strength and tenacity. —

Pope Francis, Invocation for Peace, June 8, 2014.

Little Church THANK YOU –Through our Parish’s generous support we are able to send off a payment this week to secure Wilmer’s placement in the Grade 3 class at El Instituto Loyola, Managua, Nicaragua. Wilmer’s school year is February to November, last year being his very first year in school. Wilmer was placed at the Grade 2 level and the teachers works closely with him to bring him up to grade level equivalency. Wilmer ended the Grade 2 year with an overall average of 98% ! Please keep Wilmer and his family in your prayers as he continues his education. Please know that all of **YOU** at Saint Agnes Parish are making a tremendous difference in young lives in Nicaragua, Uganda and Sierra Leone, God’s love shining through us to them!

Special Thanks to our Quilters & Sewing group for generously donating many lovely items to raise money for the Little Church throughout the Fall and at the Christmas Tea & Sale. We raised \$1000.00 from these

Week at a Glance

Sunday January 21

Feast of St. Agnes

Archbishop Mancini Celebrates

10:30am Mass

Feast Brunch —Auditorium 11:30am

Children of Mary—St. Agnes Rm—2pm

Scout meeting—Fr. Frecker Room 6-9pm

Monday January 22

Bingo—Auditorium 6:50pm

Tuesday January 23

Meditation—Campbell Centre 1:30pm

Wednesday January 24

No Mass

Playgroup—Auditorium 10—12 pm

Adult choir—Church —6pm

Private function—Auditorium 8:30pm

Thursday January 25

Prayer Shawl Min.—Campbell Cen. 1:30pm

Evening Reconciliation—6:30—7:30pm

Private function—Auditorium -9pm

Friday January 26

Funeral—Dr. Albert Shaw 10am/reception Quilting

– Campbell Centre—9am

Private function 4:30—5:30pm

Friday Fun Night—Auditorium 6:30pm

Saturday January 27

Property Meeting—St. Agnes Rm -9:30am

St. Bede’s Ordinariate Mass—11am

KOC Basketball Throw— Auditorium

9—12:30pm

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Development & Peace Workshop—Auditorium –
11:30am

Gr 6 parent Meeting Campbell Centre -11:40am

Private Function—Auditorium 7-9pm

sales and were able to meet all our financial commitments for our Little Church!