



Mass of Chrism: March 27 at 12:00 noon

Join Archbishop Mancini, all the priests of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, and the faithful at this year's Mass of Chrism on **March 27 at 12:00 noon at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica.**

The Chrism Mass reminds us of our oneness in Christ through Baptism and its holy anointing, made possible by the ministry of the Bishop and his priests. The Chrism Mass is also a key moment in which the unity of the Bishop with his priests (together, they form the presbyterate) is manifested and renewed.

During the liturgy, the entire assembly is called to renew its baptismal promises; deacons and priests also renew their vow of obedience to the local Bishop and their commitment to serve God's people. At the end of the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are brought back to parishes of the diocese for use in the coming year. All are welcome to take part in this special liturgy.

Please note:

- Parking at the Cathedral is very limited. Please consider carpooling or making use of public transportation. The diocesan offices in the Catholic Pastoral Centre on Grafton St. will be closed from 11:30am to 3:00pm that day.

2018 Women's Weekend of Grace: April 13-15

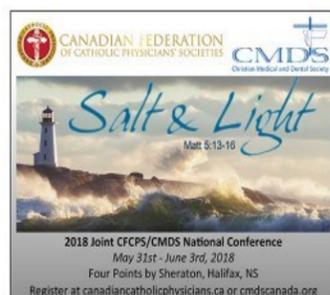
The 12th Weekend of Grace is fast approaching. Close to 250 women have registered already, and we anticipate a full house!

To avoid disappointment, we encourage those who are planning to attend to register now.



Information can be found at www.weekendofgrace.com, or from your parish rep. The conference will be held April 13 – 15, 2018 at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax.

The keynote speakers for the conference are Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, a husband and wife speaking team who have presented internationally. Between them they have authored multiple books and appeared on many EWTN shows, while Deacon Larry is the founder and president of Hope and Purpose Ministries. They are passionate about inviting people into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. We invite all women to attend!



Upcoming Conference: Salt and Light, May 31-June 3, 2018

You are invited to register before March 31, 2018 to get the Early Bird rate for the annual conference of The Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians' Societies (CFCPS). This year's conference is entitled, "Salt and Light" and we join with the Christian Medical and Dental Society (CMDs) to offer, as only Maritimers can, a perfect combination of professional formation, spiritual nourishment and great fun!

Our Conference planning committee has put together a most exciting list of topics and speakers. Special emphasis is given to times of prayer and fellowship. Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) is graciously hosting an evening of prayer and adoration on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at Saint Mary's Basilica. We are also honoured that Archbishop Mancini of Halifax will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi with us on Saturday, June 2, 2018 with Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica at 4pm. We will have daily opportunities to pray with our brothers and sisters in faith for Christian unity. To read a full description of the conference program and to register, please visit www.cmdscanada.org/cms.National.aspx.

Come and join us in Halifax for "Salt and Light" from May 31-June 3, 2018! Spread the word! Medical Students and Residents may apply for a scholarship to the Conference at canadiancatholicphysicians.com/conferences/dave-mccann-scholarship. Register by March 31, 2018.



St. Agnes Parish 25th March 2018 Palm (Passion) Sunday

Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum:

This week is different from any other. Over the next seven days, we will hear some of the Church's most ancient and solemn prayers, scriptures and music. Our presence at the liturgies of Holy Week is more than just an invitation – we are all needed here! Set these days aside for what they are: High Holy Days, our most sacred time as Church.

Sunday begins Holy Week with the celebration of **PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY** mass. The passion, death and resurrection of the Lord are the very themes that unite us as God's people. On this day we accompany Jesus at his triumphal entry into Jerusalem amidst the crowds crying out, "Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" We take our palms and join in welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem. We ask for the grace to journey with Jesus to the Cross.

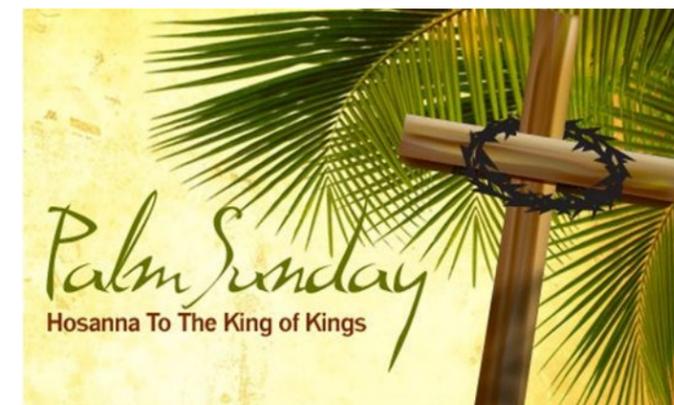
On Tuesday (12 noon), the **Mass of Chrism** is celebrated at Saint Mary's Basilica, the Cathedral church of the Archdiocese. We gather around the Archbishop and priests of the diocesan church, who publicly renew their commitment to priestly ministry. During this mass, oils are blessed that will be used in the celebration of various sacraments: to welcome new members into the church (Oil of Catechumens, O.S.); to anoint during baptism, confirmation, and ordination (Oil of Chrism, S.C.); and to give strength in our suffering, sickness and dying (Oil of the Sick, O.I.).

HOLY THURSDAY (7:00 P.M.) ends Lent - the Sacred Triduum begins. The Triduum can be thought of as a single liturgy of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection conducted over the course of three days. The **Mass of the Lord's Supper** is celebrated this night; the ancient discipline of the church states that this is the only mass permitted in a parish on this day. The scriptures of this night root us in our Jewish past leading to the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Following the Liturgy of the Word, feet are washed. Following mass is a period of *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*, (until 9:30pm) where we heed Jesus' call to the disciples to "keep watch." Afterward, the altar is stripped of its linens. The Church is in mourning.

On GOOD FRIDAY (3:00 P.M.), we commemorate the **Passion and Death of the Lord**. There is no mass today – the only day of the year. Instead, there is an extended Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion distributed from the hosts consecrated the night before. The liturgy begins with the priest prostrating himself and the congregation kneeling in silence, signaling the grief and sorrow of the church. Saint John's hauntingly beautiful account of the Passion is the centerpiece of the entire liturgy, and extended prayers of intercession are offered. The Cross is held high in our midst, which we then venerate, reminding us that through the passion and death of Jesus, the Cross has been transformed from an instrument of shame, into the path to exaltation and glory.

On HOLY SATURDAY (8:00 P.M.), we celebrate the **Easter Vigil**, the most important liturgy of the entire year. We gather in darkness, light the new fire and great candle symbolizing the light of Christ in our midst. We hear some of the most beautiful readings of Scripture: creation, covenant, exodus, and most importantly, the empty tomb. *He Is Risen!* We renew our baptismal promises. Catechumens and candidates receiving the Easter sacraments are made fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

EASTER SUNDAY (Mass at 10:30am) must be a day of great joy! We hear the story of the empty tomb, reminding us that Resurrection ultimately triumphs over suffering and death. The Paschal (Easter) candle burns brightly in our midst, and we are sprinkled with the newly blessed Easter water, as a symbol of our baptism. We renew our baptismal commitment to reject evil and follow the path of the Risen Lord.



Little Church Seafood Chowder Lunch.

Many thanks to all who participated in our first Lenten Chowder Lunch fundraiser for our Little church projects. The turnout was phenomenal. **WE** sure didn't expect such a great turnout. Thanks to your generosity we collected over \$1000.00. Once again many thanks to Paula, Nancy, & Annie for their donation of the bread pudding—it was delicious. Once again many thanks to all who participated in this event.

Religious Education News



Saint Agnes 2018 Bursary – Applications are ready for our Graduating Grade 12 students preparing for post secondary education. Applications can be picked up at the back of the church, downloaded from our website or via email at stagnesdre@eastlink.ca

Mancini Cup Saint Agnes Team practices in our church gym :

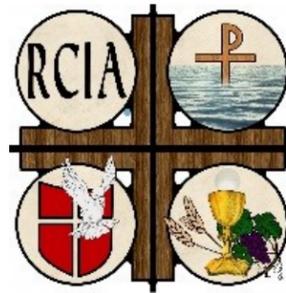
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Monday April 9th / Tuesday April 17th / Monday April 23rd –

Come be on our team and participate in a great Christian Youth Event!! **Mancini Cup Soccer Fun Day is Saturday April 28th** -



St. Agnes Council Knights of Columbus sends out a grateful thank you to all who participated in the Sunday Brunch this past weekend. The day was a great success and the Knights would like to thank all who came in and enjoyed the day. Special thanks go to our cooks who did a bang up job. Nd everyone who pitched in to held. Keep your eye on the bulletin for our next event.



Please Pray for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates

preparing for full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church this Easter. As they journey closer to receiving our Lord Jesus in the sacraments may they feel our love and support and know we are their brothers and sisters in Christ. *Father God bless your sons and daughters who are moving into the fullness of faith in You and full communion in the life of our Catholic family. Protect them on their journey and reveal to them the love of your son, Jesus. Empower them with the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask this prayer for them, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen – Jack & Warren McBeath, Silas Eddy, Sean Kontak, Charlotte Roach, Sharon & Ann Marie Barrett, Tori Robinson*



St. Agnes Mass Schedule Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

Sunday March 25th	Palm Sunday 8:30—10:30am
Monday March 26	No Mass
Tuesday March 27	Chrim Mass 12:00 noon St. Mary's Basilica (No Mass at St. Agnes)
Wednesday March 28	12:10pm
Thursday March 29	Holy Thursday 7:00pm (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
Friday March 30	Good Friday 3:00pm
Saturday March 31	Easter Vigil 8:00pm ** (reception following)
Sunday April 1	Easter Sunday 10:30am (No 8:30am Mass)

** As in years past, we are looking for donations of sandwiches/sweets for the parish reception that takes place following the Saturday Easter Vigil here at St. Agnes. It would be appreciated if you could drop them off in the Auditorium on Saturday March 31 after 2pm. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday March 27

Meditation—Campbell Centre 1:30pm
Private functions Campbell Cnt. 6-9pm

Monday April 2

No Mass

Parish Office closed
St. Bede's Ordinariate Mass 4pm
Bingo—Auditorium 6:50pm

Tuesday April 3

Meditation—Campbell Centre 1:30pm
KOC—Auditorium 6pm
St Vincent de Paul—St. Agnes Rm 7pm

Friday April 6

Scouts Kar Rally Auditorium 6-9pm

Saturday April 7

Scouts Kar Rally Auditorium 9am-1pm
All Ages Dance—Auditorium 6-9pm

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:

Apr 27-May 7: Cost of \$2035

(+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner and professional local guide.

Accompanying priest yet to be determined.

INFO: contact Hector and Cécile Caissie @

hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.

St. Agnes Parish, 6903 Mumford Road, Halifax NS B3L 2H4 -902-454-8200 fax 902-455-3831,

Website: <http://www.stagnesparish.ca>; email: stagnes@hfx.eastlink.ca

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00am; Wednesday & Fridays 12:10pm

Saturday: 4:00pm (anticipated); **Confessions:** Saturdays 3pm – 3:30pm.; **Sunday:** 8:30am & 10:30am

Pastor : Father Paul Morris **Email:** fatherpaulmorris@gmail.com

Religious Ed. Director: Tanya Thomson- 902-454-8281 or stagnesdre@eastlink.ca

Office Administrator: Marlene Turpin: **Parish Office Hours:** 9:00am – 3:00pm

Marriages: Baptisms: RCIA & Hall Bookings contact the parish office. 902-454-8200 x2