

**A Notice about the Headstones at the Gate of Heaven and Mount Olivet Cemeteries**



This winter many headstones in Gate of Heaven and Mount Olivet cemeteries have fallen over as the result of the terrible weather that has included strong winds and the freezing and thawing of the ground surrounding the headstones. Cemetery staff will begin the work of standing the headstones back up and secure them to their bases when the ground settles and become more stable. Recently family members have arrived at the cemeteries and have attempted to correct the fallen headstone of their loved one's grave. We ask that visitors refrain from attempting to lift fallen stones and remind people that family and friends are not permitted to correct the stones due to safety reason. This work will be completed by our staff when spring arrives. Questions and concerns about headstones at our Catholic Cemeteries can be directed to Cathy Driscoll-Cainen at (902) 429-9800 ext. 308



**Share Lent 2018:  
Building Cultural and Religious Tolerance in the Middle East**

This week, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to learn how our amazing partner Adyan is using dialogue to spread peace in Lebanon. Thanks to your amazing support of Development and Peace, YOU are being a peacemaker in the Middle East!  
**“At Adyan, we promote spiritual solidarity, which is not only being in political or social solidarity with another, but also means integrating the other into my thoughts and my prayers. I must integrate the suffering of others, and understand it. I must inte-**

**grate the other into my religious thoughts and into the way I explain my faith”**

-Dr. Nayla Tabbara, Director, Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management at Adyan  
 The word “Adyan” means religions in Arabic, so it is a fitting name for this Lebanese foundation that is contributing to peace in the Middle East by building cultural and religious tolerance, particularly amongst youth and students. “We need to unlearn negative approaches to diversity such as stereotypes and prejudice so that we can fully appreciate one another and build a country where diversity is valued. Adyan offers a safe space where youth can express their religious and philosophical beliefs without the fear of being labeled or criticized,” says Dr. Tabbara. For Adyan, Lent presents a perfect moment to experience spiritual solidarity and to encounter the other. “Our volunteers have a day of fasting together, Christians and Muslims. They do the same thing during Ramadan. It’s a moment that brings us closer together as a human family. What is beautiful, is that in our religious texts, whether Christian or Muslim, it is God who wants us as ‘one’ yet diverse. All acts that allow us to move in that direction are part of the spiritual experience of Lent,” says Dr. Tabbara.

**The Diocesan Council of D &P will host a Solidarity Visitor from Adyan on March 14-16.** Nagham Tardini, a Community Outreach Coordinator with Adyan, will explain her work and answer questions at various speaking engagements across the HRM. Full schedule to follow!

**REMEMBER: Solidarity Sunday is SUNDAY MARCH 18!** Join us in this 50-year old tradition, as parishes in every diocese across Canada take up special collections for *Development and Peace – Caritas Canada* to support the important global social/ecological justice mission of the Church!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is the *official Humanitarian Aid and 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 any questions or further information, please contact our Atlantic office at (902)429-9489 or [dpatlant@devp.org](mailto:dpatlant@devp.org).



**St. Agnes Parish  
4th March 2018  
3rd Sunday of Lent**



**Upcoming Lenten Events**

**Peninsular Parishes combined Lenten Penitential Day:**



This year the peninsular churches have decided to combine their Lenten reconciliations. The parishes include St. Mary’s Basilica, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Patrick’s, St. Theresa and St. Catherine’s, Blessed Mother of Calcutta and St. Agnes. **On March 15th** St. Agnes will be hosting this first combined Lenten Penitential day. The day will begin with **Mass at 9:00am** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which will run through until 3:00pm. **Reconciliation will be from 10:00am until 3pm** and will resume in the evening from **6:30—7:30pm**. There will be priests from each of the parishes available during the day.

**Schedule:**

9:00am	Mass with Deacon Art Mitchell preaching.
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00—11:00am	Fr. Andrew Rembarczyk
	Fr. Jim O’Connor
11:00am—12:00 noon	Fr. Francesca Pirisi
	Fr. Raymond Odumoko
12:00 noon—1:00pm	Fr. Mark Cherry
	Fr. David Bangsiibu
1:00pm—2:00pm	Fr. Duncan MacMaster
2:00pm—3:00 pm	TBA
6:30pm —7:30pm	Fr. Paul Morris
	Fr. Mark Cherry

**Healing Mass & Blessing of Prayer Shawls :** Friday March 23rd there will be a healing Mass at 12:10 with blessing of the completed prayer shawls provided by our Prayer Shawl Ministry.



### Little Church Seafood Chowder Lunch.

During March Break on the 16th of March from 12:30 to 1:30pm we will be hosting a special Seafood Chowder Lunch as a fundraiser for our Little Church projects. Tickets will be pre-sold. Cost \$8.00—Chowder, bun, dessert and coffee/tea/juice. Tickets are available through Tanya or Marlene in the office. Limited number of tickets so get yours early. (Kids \$5.00 under 12).



### Friday Lenten Lunches for children and youth

– Fridays in Lent we will gather for Mass at 12:10pm, followed by a warm lunch in the auditorium. In keeping with our Catholic observances this year our Lenten Lunches will be meatless. Children attending Westmount School will be chaperoned to and from the church. Children at other schools will require parent transportation. All children and youth are welcome! Friday's in Lent – March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ARK Sunday Suppers for the homeless – Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>** Saint Agnes Parishioners are scheduled to prepare supper for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Our Casserole is Spaghetti Pie, we require 16 donated to ensure we provide a warm, healthy meal. The recipe may be obtained at: <http://www.arkoutreach.com/recipes/> or by contacting Tanya Thomson. If you have the ability to make a casserole, please advise Tanya at [stagnes-dre@eastlink.ca](mailto:stagnes-dre@eastlink.ca) or 902-454-8281. ***In serving one another we are serving Christ the Lord.***

**Just A Reminder!!**

**Next weekend MARCH 10/11**

**Daylight Saving time begins.**



### Easter Flowers for the Altar:

As in the past we are offering our parishioners the opportunity to contribute towards the purchase of Lilies and Easter flowers for the Altar at Easter. Donation cost \$10. Your donation will be acknowledged by list in the front foyer and Fr. Paul will say a special Memorial Mass for all those on the Memorial list at a later date. There are special envelopes at the back of the church with a donor card inside. Please complete the information on the donor card and place them in the collection baskets, or bring them to the Parish office. Deadline is March 25th Palm Sunday. Please ensure your name and env # or address is completed for Income Tax purposes.



St. Agnes Council Knights of Columbus are planning a parish Bruch on Sunday March 18th following the 10:30a Mass. Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults, \$2.00 for kids under 12. Tickets are available through the office, Tanya or any of our KOC brothers.



This weekend is the designated date for the first of the Archdiocese Equip the Saints collections most of you would have received a donation packages in the mail in the last couple of weeks. If you did not receive a mailed package, there are blank packages at the entrance to the church. As in the past the cost sharing formula for all 3 special collections remains the same as last year with the parish receiving 20% of funds received. We thank you for your generosity.



### 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 Chrism 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 April 15th after 2pm. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Week at a Glance

#### Saturday March 3

All Ages Dance—Auditorium 7pm

#### Sunday March 4

#### **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Net Retreat—Auditorium 11:30am—8:30pm (Archdiocesan Formation Collection)

#### Monday March 5

Bingo—Auditorium 6:50pm

#### Tuesday March 6

Meditation—Campbell Centre 1:30pm  
Adult Faith Session—St. Agnes Room 7pm  
KOC—Auditorium 6pm

#### Wednesday March 7

Chebucto Links—Campbell Cen 10am-12  
Playgroup—Auditorium 10—12 pm  
Adult choir—Church —6pm  
Private Function—Auditorium 8:30-9:30pm

#### Thursday March 8

Prayer Shawl Min.—Campbell Cen. 1:30pm  
Finance Meeting—St. Agnes Rm 12 noon  
Private function—Auditorium -9pm

#### Friday March 9

Quilting—Campbell Centre—9am  
Indoor Walking—Auditorium -10-11am  
Stations of the Cross 11:30am  
Children's Lenten Lunch

#### Saturday March 10

St. Bede's Ordinariate Mass 11am  
Private function—auditorium 1-3pm

#### Sunday March 11

#### **4th Sunday of Lent**

No Religious Education Classes—March Break  
RCIA—St. Agnes Rm 11:30am  
L'Arche—Auditorium 1-4pm  
Private Function—Auditorium 4-5pm  
Private Function—auditorium 7-9pm