



St. Agnes Parish Newsletter

20th May 2018

Pentecost Sunday



From the Desk of Fr. Paul:

Pentecost marks 50 days after Easter and concludes the Easter season. It commemorates the fulfillment of Jesus's promise to send an Advocate to be with us, allowing us to know Christ's presence even now. This Advocate is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit arrived at Pentecost quite unexpectedly but very definitively! Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church.

Many people from the known Mediterranean world had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast. The arrival of the Spirit was experiential yet also mystical, even beyond what words can adequately describe. The description in the *Acts of the Apostles* states the experience of the Holy Spirit was under the appearance of tongues of fire and the sound of a rushing wind! Very strange indeed. People began to understand languages they had never understood before. The gift of the Spirit unifies humanity and comes with a Great Commission to the Church to make disciples of all nations - this was Jesus's command we heard last week on the Feast of the Ascension. The Holy Spirit empowers this mission, making it effective. The Spirit does not abandon us but is working in our world and in the Church in a multitude of expressions, even now.

The ***Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*** describes the significance of Pentecost this way:

"Fifty days after the Resurrection at Pentecost the glorified Jesus Christ poured out the Spirit in abundance and revealed him as a divine Person so that the Holy Trinity was fully manifest. The mission of Christ and of the Spirit became the mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity."

"We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us." (*Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion of Vespers of Pentecost*)



Religious Education News

PLEASE NOTE There is no Religious Education classes this Sunday May 20th –Victoria Day Long Weekend.

St. Agnes Bible Camp – Monday July 9th – Friday July 13th. There are still some spots left for registration for our Bible Camp. To Register please contact Tanya Thomson via email stagnesdre@eastlink.ca
Last Regular Class is Sunday May 27th –
Except for First Holy Communion Candidates –

First Communion Candidates will attend a Retreat Sunday May 27th 11:30am-1:00pm.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday June 3rd at the 10:30am Mass.

Confirmation Rehearsal is Friday June 8th 6:30pm for Candidates, Sponsors and Parents.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated Sunday June 10th at the 10:30am Mass



A huge Thank you to all who pitched in and helped with the Mother's Day Lobster Brunch. It was a huge success we sold 175 Lobsters and made over 1000.00 profit for our Little Church Ministry. We could not do it without the generosity of all those who attended and especially those in our parish who gave of their time and talent as: servers, Take out runners, set up and take down crew, kitchen help (boy it was hectic), ticket sellers, basket ticket sellers. Special Thanks go to our Knights, who showed up for cracking (a horrendous Job) and helping in the kitchen. Many thanks to our Confirmation class, who once again were our feet on the floor.

Congratulations! to the Winners of our super prizes : 1st -Norma MacIssac—Basket
2nd-Ralph Henneberry—Super grill
3rd -K. Buckland—Grafton Street Theatre tickets

NOTE:

On Wednesday May 23rd, the Priests of the peninsula will meet here at St. Agnes for their monthly meeting. May 23rd is also the 48th Anniversary of Ordination for Archbishop Mancini. In light of this Archbishop Mancini will celebrate the 12:10pm Mass with the peninsular priests concelebrating. All are welcome.



THANK YOU!! Saint Agnes Knights of Columbus Council would like to extend a tremendous Thank You to our Parish Family for donating so generously to our recent Food Drive. We were able to provide over 400 lbs of food in addition to cash donations.

"It is impossible to serve God without serving one another."

**26th Halifax Scouting Group Saint Agnes
(Since 1953)**

Scouts is the start of something great. The 26th Halifax Scouting offers programs for youth that provide adventure, outdoor experience and friendship. Our youth have a lot of fun discovering new things and experiences and going places they wouldn't have elsewhere. We offer exciting programs for boys and girls ages 5-14: **Beaver Scouts (ages 5-7); Cub Scouts (ages 8-11); Scouts (ages 11-14).**

COME JOIN THE ADVENTURE!!

Register today Contact **Robert Bray**, Group Registrar: Phone/Text: [902-221-0494](tel:902-221-0494) email: 26halifax@gmail.com; Or **Register online** at www.myscouts.ca—Learn more at **26halifax.org**

Diocesan Collections: June 2-3, 2018

On the weekend of June 2-3 we will conduct our diocesan special collection focusing on Mission. This is the second in our annual Equip the Saints collections that focuses on our diocesan pastoral themes of Formation, Mission, and Community. The first collection, focusing on Formation took place in early March and we are pleased to announce that it met, and exceeded it's \$50,000 goal. Thank you! Your support of this collection and your contributions was much appreciated.

Week at a Glance

Congratulations Fr. Albert Cosgrove on the celebration of your 50th Jubilee Anniversary

Sunday May 20th

Pentecost

No Religious Education Classes
Children of Mary—St. Agnes Rm 2pm
Private Function—Auditorium 3-9pm

Monday May 21

Victoria Day Holiday
Office closed
Bingo—Auditorium 6:50pm

Wednesday May 23

Chebucto Links—Campbell Centre 10a—12p
Playgroup—Auditorium—10a—12p

Friday May 25

Indoor Walking— Auditorium 10 -11am
Quilting—Campbell Centre 9am—12p
Set up for Magnificat—Auditorium- 2pm

Saturday May 26

Magnificat Breakfast—Auditorium 9-12noon

Sunday May 27

Baptisms 10:30am
Private function— Auditorium —7-9pm

Monday May 28

St. Bede's Ordinariate Mass 6pm

Please Note: the parish Office will be closed Monday May 21st for the Victoria Day Holiday.

***Wishing you and Yours a Very
Safe and Blessed***

