

Assembly of the People of God:

This year's Assembly looks at how we can really become communities of missionary disciples. One of the ways we do that is through the way we care for one another. This year we are pleased to include in our Assembly workshop line up two workshops hosted by the Ministry of Care and Companionship. If you are someone who ministers to the sick and suffering in your parish community you'll want to check out these workshops.

Workshop #1 is led by Fr Michael Grace "Spiritual and Religious Care of the Patient." With Fr. Michael Grace

"I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36"

Spiritual beliefs have been shown to affect the ways in which palliative care patients deal with illness. **In this workshop explore with Fr. Michael Grace, and a panel of guests, how to be aware of a person's spirituality as we minister to the ill and dying.** Spirituality forms the context in which patients respond to care, choose treatment options, and face bodily death.

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. . . . Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people."

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Do you have a desire to be the face of Christ to those in need? **Come and See.**

Workshop #2: Ethical and spiritual challenges in the ministry of care and companionship with Sr. Nuala Kenny M.D. and Alana Cormier M.D.

In this workshop we will briefly reflect on the experience of "moral distress" of lay ministers of care and companionship as they assist individuals and families in sickness and suffering. We will examine sources of "moral distress" arising from the complexity of spiritual care and from the context of legal medically assisted death and provide insights into response from the Church's teaching and modern health care ethics. There will be ample opportunity for participants' questions and sharing of personal experiences of challenges and graces.

For more information and to register for the Assembly go to www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly



Meeting of Bishops

This week, Archbishop Mancini is hosting his brother bishops from the Atlantic Provinces here in Halifax as they gather for their annual fall meetings. They will discuss matters of faith that will guide them in their shepherding of the people of faith entrusted to their care.

The following week, our Atlantic bishops will gather from September 24-28 with all the bishops that make up our Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) for their annual Plenary Assembly in Cornwall, Ontario. As they meet they will pray together, learn from one another, and discuss the spiritual and pastoral needs of the people they serve. This is a particularly significant year for the CCCC. The plenary marks the opening of the CCCC's 75th anniversary year under the theme "75 years of episcopal collegiality and solidarity with the people of God in Canada". Special anniversary activities will take place during the Plenary and throughout the year.

The President's Report, liturgies, and daily media briefings are broadcast daily on Salt & Light Television for those who wish to get a glimpse of what happens at the plenary. A broadcast schedule will be posted in the coming days on the CCCC website: www.cccb.ca as well as saltandlighttv.org.

In this time of crisis in our Church we invite all to pray for these Church leaders as they discern how together as the Church of Canada we can be Disciples of Christ who boldly live the mission in which we all share.

Empowerment Conference for Catholic Men



Calling all men in Nova Scotia and abroad! The new EMPOWERED Catholic Conference for Men will take place on October 12 and 13 at the Bella Rose Arts Centre, Halifax West High School. Registration is \$70.00. Deadline for registration is October 2, 2018. For more information and to register see the website at www.empoweredccfm.com or email empoweredccfm@hotmail.com or call Tony at 902-435-1568.



St. Agnes Parish September 23rd, 2018 25th Sunday Ordinary Time



FROM THE DESK OF FR. PAUL:

FUNERAL PLANNING - A PRESENTATION BY FR. PAUL

It is estimated that 50% of Canadians do not have a will. If that is true, I can certainly say by experience that 95% of people do not have a well-formed set of funeral plans.

Although the subject of death is never entirely easy to address, our Christian faith and the hope that comes from the Resurrection means it cannot be entirely taboo either.

Although sometimes circumstances do not allow, for too many others, funeral planning is simply a subject that is deferred, which can create anxiety and stress for those left with the task of planning a Catholic funeral for us when we die.

Many people would benefit from having a prepared document distinct from their will that gives clear instruction regarding your wishes for your Catholic funeral. To help with all of this, Fr. Paul is once again presenting an evening for the parish on this subject: "Planning Your Catholic Funeral." The evening will look at the theological and practical questions regarding choosing music and readings for a funeral Mass, as well as looking at the role of the vigils, cremation, burial, receptions, etc. There will be lots of time for question and answer. **Tuesday, October 9th, 7:00 in the auditorium (finishing no later than 9:00 pm).** Mark this date now and bring your spouse, friend or family members. The evening will be informative but not dour – promise! I think many will find the information useful and lead to informed planning. If you missed last year's presentation, or if you would like to learn of any changes that have been made to the process, please join us. All are welcome.



MINISTRY APPRECIATION BBQ **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

Once again Fr. Paul will be cooking up a storm for our special Ministry people. BBQ will be held on **Friday, October 12 @ 6pm**. 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!



Religious Education News:

Sept. 23rd **Religion Classes begin this weekend.**

- ◆ Preschool meets 9:30am to 10:10am
- ◆ Primary to Grade 5 meet 9:30am to 10:20am
- ◆ Grade 6 to Grade 9 meet 11:30am – 12:20pm.

Friday Sept. 28th **FRIDAY FUN NIGHT** 6:00pm-8:00pm, church auditorium. An opportunity to grow in Faith and Fellowship while having FUN!! The evening consists of prayer, gentle Bible study, crafts, games and food. Preschool to Grade 6 children and their pals are welcome! Youth in Junior High and High School are always welcome to chaperon and help with the evening ☺

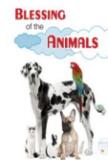
WE NEED YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS! If your child is in Grade 4 to Grade 12, please talk to them about being part of this wonderful Ministry. It's an excellent way to further understand the Mass and grow in Faith. Youth Altar Servers are scheduled for 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Mass. Instruction is provided, and they are supported by great youth mentors and a fantastic Youth team. For more information please contact Tanya Thomson.



St Agnes Choirs

With our Choirs starting up again for the Fall season we are hoping to increase the membership. We currently have music at all of the 3 masses through out the year and wold like to see the choirs grow. This is a very important ministry which enhances the liturgies. Our practices are as follows ... The 4:00 p.m. Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. choirs practice is WEDNESDAY EVENING at 7:00 p.m.

and the 10:30 choir practice on Sunday at 3:00 We ask that you consider this ministry and help bring the sound to music to the congregation of St. Agnes. For more information Please call Greg Doyle@ 902 454-0398



Blessing of the Animals
Thursday October 4th @ 6:30pm
In front of the Rectory Steps Rain or shine!



Welcome Back Brunch;

Our Saint Agnes Knights of Columbus Council will be holding a breakfast on Sunday Sept 30th after the 10:30 mass. There will be pancakes, sausage, eggs and hash browns with tea and coffee for cost of \$8 per person (\$2 for children under 12). Please come out to welcome all the families back to a new year of Religious Education as well as help celebrate with our Saint Agnes Knights of Columbus Council on receiving the Triple Star Council Award from Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Tickets will be available at the office, after masses and at the door if not sold out in advance.



St. Agnes Council Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Food Drive October 6th, and 7th

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item when you attend Mass on Thanksgiving weekend and deposit them in the large crates that will be placed at the entrance to the church. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection baskets during the weekend marked "Food Drive". Please ensure your name and address or envelope # is on the envelope for income tax purposes. **DONATIONS MUST BE NON-PERISHABLE, COMMERCIALY PACKAGED, CANNED OR BOTTLED.**

Come to Dinner!



Help us invest in our youth! The 6th Annual Archbishop's Dinner and Silent Auction this year will highlight how we pass on the faith to our youth. Our guest speaker, Angèle Regnier, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), will share what she has learned over 30+ years of ministry with young people about the kind of Church youth want and need.

Join Archbishop Mancini and your family of faith at this year's dinner on Wednesday, October 10 at the Cunard Centre in Halifax. Reception and silent auction begin at 6:00pm with dinner served at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$125 (tax receipt available for a portion of the ticket cost). Gather a group and book a table as a parish! All proceeds will go towards our ministries to evangelize young people and promote vocations. To purchase a ticket [click here](#) or contact Sandra Moreau @ smoreau@halifaxyarmouth.org or (902) 429-9800x403 .

We have 3 seats left at our first St. Agnes Table. We need to fill these seats first before another table is purchased. If you wish to attend and be seated with other St. Agnes attendees, Please contact Marlene if interested as soon as possible.

Go to www.halifaxyarmouth/dinner to purchase tickets or contact Sandra Moreau to book a table.
(902) 429-9800 ext 403
or smoreau@halifaxyarmouth.org

Week at a Glance

Sunday September 23

Religious Education Classes begin
Private function—auditorium 7-9pm

Monday September 24

NO MASS

SVDP Particular—Campbell Centre -7pm
Private Function—Auditorium—7-9pm

Tuesday September 25

Cupe—Campbell Centre 7pm

Wed September 26

Seniors—Campbell Centre 10am
Playgroup—gym—10—12noon
Baptismal Prep—St. Agnes Rm 7pm

Friday September 28

Quilting Group—Campbell centre—9-12 noon
Friday Fun Night 6-8pm

Saturday September 29

Private rental—Campbell Centre 11-1:30pm
St. Bede's Ordinariate Mass 11am
Property/Mtce. Mtg—St. Agnes Rm 9:30am

Sunday September 30

KOC Welcome Back Brunch 11:30
Private Function—Auditorium 7-9pm

Monday October 1

NO MASS

Bingo—auditorium 6:50pm

Note:

Just a Reminder that the parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving Monday October 8th and there will be No Mass celebrated on Thursday and Friday **October 11th & 12th** due to the Archdiocesan Priest's meetings.