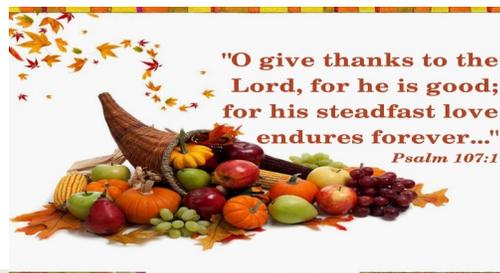




St. Agnes Parish Newsletter

7th October 2018



"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever..."
Psalm 107:1

Greetings,

You have probably heard that the Archdiocese of Halifax Yarmouth is entering a period of what the Archbishop has termed 'New Parishes: Stronger Together'. For Halifax Peninsula this means a number of significant changes that include a proposed merger of Saint Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs and St. Agnes parishes.

What does this mean? Great question! We don't have a lot of answers but the pastoral and lay leadership teams of the two parishes have started meeting to explore some possibilities and we want the members of both parishes to be involved. There are three ways that you can be involved:

First, we are encouraging everyone to come, listen, engage and reflect on what the Archbishop has to share as the keynote speaker at the '**2018 Assembly of the People of God**' being held October 26-27, 2018 at Mount Saint Vincent University, 166 Bedford Highway, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The cost of this is \$25.00 after Sept. 30, 2018. It would be wonderful to have a combined delegation of over 100 faithful from both parishes in attendance. If you would like to be a part of this event please let your parish office know as soon as possible.

Second, we will be holding a combined Town Hall in November (date to be identified soon). Please come out and provide your input, talk with other Parishioners about the opportunities and share your views.

Third, Please come out and provide your input and talk with other Parishioners about the opportunities to strengthen our pastoral care, programs and ministries to any of the leadership team, in person, by phone or by email.

We all have questions, thoughts and ideas, and now its time to come together as one community of God, united in Jesus Christ.

From the joint Communications members of St. Agnes and St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs leadership team.

Religious Education News

NOTE: There are no Religious Education classes this weekend. We hope that you have a blessed and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

FUNERAL PLANNING - A PRESENTATION BY FR. PAUL

Join us Tuesday, October 9th, 7:00 in the auditorium (finishing no later than 9:00 pm). bring your spouse, friend or family members. All are welcome.

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. 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 years 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**. The evening while being informal 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 sign up on the sheets at the entrance to the church. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Do you pray to St. Anthony when you have misplaced or lost an item? Do you know why? Come and find out when the Relics of St. Anthony of Prada visits St. Agnes Church while on tour throughout the Archdiocese. On November 9th we will display the Relics of St. Anthony of Pauda. We will begin with mass at 12:10 and veneration will continue until 4pm. Invite a friend, all are welcome.

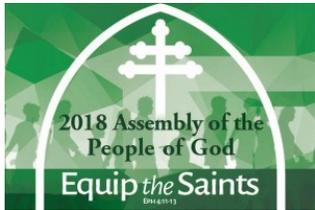


**St. Agnes Council Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Food Drive
October 6th, and 7th**

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.**



Our KoC St. Agnes Council Knights would like to Thank all who worked n and came in and enjoyed our Welcome Back Brunch. It was a great way to welcome everyone back from the summer holidays.



[Equip the Saints Video: Assembly of the People of God](#)

At the end of this month we will gather for our 6th Assembly of the People of God. This will be a key moment in the pastoral life of our Archdiocese. As a result of input from the faithful, clergy and laity, Archbishop Mancini spent the summer discerning the next steps forward in our Equip the Saints pastoral plan. This year's Assembly will be the first opportunity for the faithful to hear Archbishop's vision for our diocese...and provide your feedback about what he proposes!

[Week at a Glance](#)

[Sunday October 7](#)

No Religious Education classes
Private function—Auditorium-7-9pm

[Monday October 8](#)

NO MASS
Parish Office closed
Bingo—auditorium 6:50pm

[Tuesday October 9](#)

Altar Society—Fr. Frecker Rm 8:45am
Meditation—Campbell Centre 1:30pm
Fr. Paul—Funeral Planning—Auditorium 7pm

[Wednesday October 10](#)

Chebucto Links—Campbell Centre 10am
Playgroup—Auditorium 10am
Archbishop's Dinner

[Thursday October 11](#)

NO MASS
Prayer Shawl Ministry Campbell Cnt. 1:30pm

[Friday October 12](#)

NO MASS
Quilting—Campbell Centre 9-12
Ministry Appreciation BBQ -6-8pm

[Sunday October 14](#)

L'arche—Auditorium 1-4pm
Private Function—7-9pm

[Monday October 15](#)

NO MASS
Magnificat—Campbell Centre 1:30pm
Bingo—Auditorium 6:50pm
CUPE—Campbell Centre 7-9pm

[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.

*Wishing you and yours a very
blessed and enjoyable
Thanksgiving .*