



St. Agnes Parish
December 9th, 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent

Weekend of Grace: Early Bird Registration

The early bird deadline for the 13th annual Weekend of Grace for Women conference, Lord Nelson Hotel, May 3- 5, 2019 is December 31, 2018. Keynote speakers are Catholic international evangelists Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, New Orleans. This will be their only Canadian speaking engagement in 2019. For more information call 902-435-1568 or visit www.weekendofgrace.com.



Community Collection: Thank you!

Thank you for contributing to this year's

Community Collection! Your donation will help, Archbishop Mancini, his staff, and other church leaders to develop and provide the training, programs, resources, and support for all of us to create healthy vibrant communities of faith. It is within and through these communities that we witness and grow Christ's presence in our world today.

There is still time to make a contribution! The three ways you can donate:

Use your donor card and return envelope and mail to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.

Place your donation card in the return envelope and put it in your parish Sunday collection.

Make a donation online at www.halifaxyarmouth.org and click: Donate on the top right hand corner of the page.

Please remember, all donations made before Dec 31 will be included in your 2018 tax receipt.

Please note the following schedule of Masses over Christmas and New Year's at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica and Saint Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax

Monday, December 24

**No 12:15 pm or 5:15 pm mass

Christmas Eve - The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 pm—Carols beginning at 7:30 pm

11:00 pm— Carols and Hymns with guest instrumentalists beginning at 10:15 pm

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 am

10:30 am

**No 12:15 pm or 5:15 pm Mass

Monday, December 31

Anticipated Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:00 pm

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am

**No 12:15 pm or 5:15 pm Mass

Archbishop's Levee

11:00 am in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 2

11:00 am Exposition

12:15 pm & 5:15 pm Mass

Confessions at 6:00 pm



St. Agnes Parish - Christmas Schedule 2018

Christmas Eve

Monday December 24th 5:00pm, 7:30pm

Carols 1/2 hour prior

Christmas Day

Tuesday December 25th 10:30am

** December 26, 27 & 28 No Weekday Mass

Anticipated Mass—Holy Family

Saturday December 29th 4:00pm

Holy Family

Sunday December 30th 8:30am, 10:30am

Anticipated Mass Mary, Mother of God

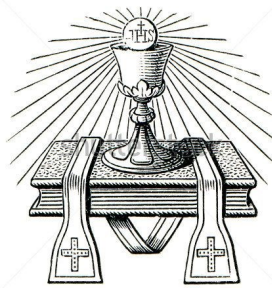
Monday December 31st 4:00pm

Mary, Mother of God (Holy day of Obligation)

Tuesday January 1st 10:00am

Please join Fr. Paul in the Auditorium following this mass for our parish levee.

Note: the parish office will be closed from noon on the 21st of December through to January 2, 2019



" Adult Faith with Fr. Paul " series this fall.

Please come out and join us for our Adult Faith final sessions with Fr. Paul concluding **Robert Barron's " The Mass"**. The final two sessions are :

Our final session will encompass the 5th & 6th lessons on Dec 11 and will finish with a small reception.

Everyone is invited!! Bring a friend - this is a great way to set our hearts upon Advent and Christmas.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday Dec.16th – Christmas Pageant 11:30am-1:00pm

Sunday Jan. 6th – Religion Classes Resume

Tremendous Thank You to all who helped make our Christmas Bazaar and Chili Lunch a huge success!! With your kind support we raised \$1200.00 for the Little Church Missions! We are now able to pay Wilmer's tuition for his 3rd year of school at Instituto Loyola, Managua Nicaragua.

Our Little Church doing Big Work!

If you would like to **make a Donation to the Little Church on behalf of someone this Christmas**, please see Tanya. We have lovely "a Donation has been made in your name" Christmas Cards!!



Blessing of the Crèche: Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the Blessing our beautiful crèche

following the 10:30am Mass. All are welcome to join us.



St. Agnes Knights of Columbus Council 16817 invites you to our 2nd Annual Family Movie Night – Saturday Dec. 22nd 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Snacks will

be provided. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for Feed NS.

In Sony Pictures Animation's *The Star*, a small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day he finds the courage to break free, and finally goes on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a loveable sheep who has lost her flock and Dave, a dove with lofty aspirations. Along with three wisecracking camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become accidental heroes in the greatest story ever told - the first Christmas! Rated G, running time is 86 minutes.



Advent Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will be holding Advent Reconciliation on Wednesday December 12th beginning at 10am and concluding at 2:30pm. There will be visiting priests available for this Sacrament. There will also be an evening time for Advent Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 19th from 7-8:30pm. Saturday Reconciliation will continue at 3-3:30pm

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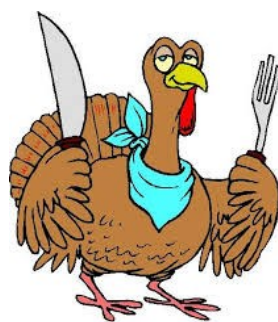
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Our Giving Tree will be up until the 3rd Sunday of Advent which is the 16th of December. Please take a moment and pick one or more of the tags off the tree and participate in this very special ministry of caring for those who have so little. Gifts should be returned not later than Dec 16th. **Please do not wrap gifts.**



Christmas Flowers for the Altar: Once again this year we are offering our parishioners the opportunity to contribute towards the purchase of poinsettias which will be placed on the Altar for our Christmas Decorations. Your donation of \$20.00 will be acknowledged by list in the church and Fr. Paul will say a special Mass for those who the flowers were purchased in memory of on December 22nd. There are special envelopes at the back of the church with a donor card inside. If you wish to donate, please complete the information on the donor card (Please Print) and put your donation in the envelope with the card and place them in the collection baskets, or bring them to the Parish office. Deadline is December 19th.



Keep the Date in mind: - Mark your calendars! There is a rumor about that there will be a Parish Turkey Dinner to honor the Feast of our Patron Saint—St. Agnes, on Saturday December 19th following the 4pm Mass. Archbishop Mancini will be celebrating the 4pm Mass that day. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for more details and information on when the tickets will be sold.

Week at a Glance

Saturday December 8

Maintenance Committee Mtg—St. Agnes Rm
Drop & Shop—Auditorium 9-6pm

Sunday December 9

2nd Sunday of Advent

Blessing of the crèche following the 10:30am Mass
Private function—Auditorium 7-9pm

Monday December 10

Turkey Bingo Auditorium—6:50pm

Tuesday December 11

Final Adult Faith session—St. Agnes Rm 7-9pm

Wednesday December 12

Advent Reconciliation 10am—2:30pm

Chebucto Links—Campbell Centre 10am
Playgroup—Auditorium 10am

Friday December 14

Quilting—Campbell Centre 9-12
Indoor Walking—Auditorium 10am

Saturday December 15

St. Bede's Ordinariate Mass 11am
Private Function—Auditorium 5-10pm

Sunday December 16

3rd Sun of Advent

No regular Religious Ed classes
Children's Christmas Concert

Monday December 17

SVDP Particular—Campbell Cnt. 7pm
Westmount Pot Luck—Auditorium 4-8pm

Please Note:

The Friday December 21st Mass will be celebrated at 8am.