



Reverend Brian Dunn, as Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. The news was published in Rome today, April 13, 2019.

I thank Pope Francis for kindly accepting my request for a coadjutor to assist me in the pastoral charge of this Archdiocese at this important time of transition, when we are restructuring the Archdiocese to be better equipped to become a Church of missionary disciples. As coadjutor archbishop, Bishop Dunn takes office immediately upon presentation of his apostolic letter of appointment to the College of Consultors which will take place at a later more convenient time. He has the right of succession, which means that upon my resignation as Archbishop, hopefully in November 2020, Bishop Dunn will assume the office of Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth.

In the interim, Bishop Dunn will have the time and occasion to become familiar with the people and clergy who make up the faithful of our diocese. There will be ample opportunity to discover the strengths of this local Church as well as become aware of the various challenges which must be faced in the missionary task of the New Evangelization.

I look forward to this experience of shared leadership and particularly to the gifts and new energy which Bishop Dunn will bring to our collaborative work. This will insure a smooth transfer of episcopal responsibility and succession in the pastoral leadership of the Archdiocese.

Bishop Dunn has manifested a great sense of service in his own Diocese of Antigonish and comes to us with great pastoral experience and theological knowledge. He has demonstrated great freedom and generosity in accepting the call of the Holy Father to continue his episcopal ministry in the service of this Archdiocese. I thank him and welcome him as a brother in episcopacy and invite all of you to pray for him.

Sincerely,

†Anthony Mancini

Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth

Coadjutor Archbishop Announced for Halifax-Yarmouth

On the morning of Saturday, April 13, 2019 the Holy Father, Pope Francis announced the appointment of Most Reverend Brian Dunn, current Bishop of Antigonish, as Coadjutor Archbishop for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Bishop Dunn, our Coadjutor Archbishop Elect, will join Archbishop Mancini and the faithful at the Chrism Mass.

Bishop Dunn is familiar to many in our diocese. He was appointed Bishop of Antigonish on November 21, 2009 by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, and installed on January, 25, 2010. Prior to his Antigonish appointment, Bishop Dunn was Auxiliary Bishop of Sault Ste-Marie, Ontario.

Bishop Dunn was born in St. John's, Newfoundland in 1955 and ordained to the priesthood in 1980. He served a number of parishes in the Diocese of Grand Falls until 1988 when he moved to Ottawa in order to complete his doctoral studies in Canon Law at Saint Paul University. In 1991, he was assigned to parish ministry and also worked as Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor for the Diocese of Grand Falls while teaching theology in the Maritimes. In 2002, he became a faculty member at St. Peter's Seminary, in London, Ontario and from 2005 to 2008 he served as the seminary's Dean of Studies.

Upon the release of this appointment Archbishop Mancini shared Letter of Announcement to the faithful of the diocese: (la lettre en français suit)

Dear Friends,

It is with a great sense of gratitude that I share with you the Holy Father's appointment of the Most



St. Agnes Parish
21st April 2019
Easter Sunday

St. Agnes Council



Council 16817

Please Note: Easter Monday and Tuesday April 23 There will be NO MASS at either St. Agnes or St. Thomas Aquinas .

The Parish office will be closed from 12 noon Holy Thursday through to Wed, April 24.

The Annual Priests Retreat will take place from Monday April 29th through to Friday May 3 2019. There will be no Weekday Masses held this week at either Parish.



From the Desk of Fr. Paul

Like so many others around the world, last week I was shocked and saddened to see the images of ancient and beautiful Notre Dame Cathedral burning. There seemed something horribly "unfair" about a magnificent building that was first begun in the 12th century, now being destroyed for all to see in the age of social media and instant communication. Because we have a French seminarian living in the rectory this year, I was also able to hear firsthand and understand all the better, why this church is such an important religious, cultural, and historical "centre", for Paris and all of France. I have to say I was also astonished at the immediate, reflexive response to raise the huge sums of money that will be needed to restore the church.

Because it occurred during the opening days of Holy Week, this tragedy also became - at least for me - a kind of metaphor and spiritual meditation for the events we are commemorating in our Faith: Passion, Death, and ultimately, Resurrection and the gift of new life. In this way, we are all mindful that from time to time we must struggle with suffering, terrible and discouraging setbacks, and problems that defy easy answers and solutions.

Like the fire that burned Notre Dame, sometimes these scenarios arise without the slightest warning and they shake us, tempting us away from believing in truth, beauty and goodness – even in God! Yes, the Cross is part of our life and there are many instances

where we find an affinity in the words Jesus exclaimed from the Cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When we suffer, it is hard to see a broad horizon; we seem closed in on ourselves and our world seems small and stark. This was the reality of the disciples. The death of Jesus on the Cross, seeing him placed in the time, seemed incontrovertible proof that they had been mistaken in their discipleship and the claims he made to them. When we see the circumstances in the world, we can feel that way too. It is hard to imagine that there could be a "empty tomb" for us.

The Resurrection of Jesus will not spare us the reality of suffering but it now confirms to us in faith that God's final statement is one of hope, love, and victory!

The Resurrection of Christ from the dead is the ultimate statement that keeps us moving forward with faith, hope, and love, despite many obstacles. The power of the Resurrection is greater than all of them!

Remember that Easter is not just a day but an entire liturgical season of 50 days. My prayer for all of us during this time of celebration, is that the reality of the Resurrection be something we truly know in your own life and recall every day in various ways. The Empty Tomb is God's answer and victory over death, and is the power and dynamism that is offered to us as followers of Jesus. HAPPY EASTER!

HE IS RISEN
the Lord is risen indeed



ST. AGNES BIBLE CAMP – Let the SON Shine In – will run Monday July 8th to Friday July 12th, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Children Preschool to Grade 6 welcome! Camp Fee is \$100.00 per child. Families of 3 or more, it is \$200.00 for the first two, then \$50.00 for each child after. The fee includes lunches, snacks and camp materials.

Space is limited, so register early and save your spot – contact Tanya Thomson at stagnesdre@eastlink.ca

*** Please note we had to increase our fees this year due to the cost of healthy foods. Its important to offer a variety of healthy food options, and the costs of food supplies are very high in todays market. *** We do not want the fees to be a hindrance or deterrent, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding payment options / arrangements.



Mancini Cup Parish 13 Soccer Team

We are fielding a Junior High Team and a High School Team in this year's 11th Mancini Cup Soccer **Fun Day** to be held **Saturday April 27th** at the BMO Indoor Soccer Facility. This is a day of Faith, Fellowship and FUN, you do not have to be a superstar soccer player, just have a Christian heart and desire to be with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

> **Teams are co-ed, built from our youth at St. Agnes and STACM > Parish 13**
 - **Junior High Team = youth in Grade 6, 7, 8 and 9**
 - **High School Team = youth in Grade 10,11 and 12**

*If you are interested in playing please contact

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Saint Agnes 2018 Bursary – Applications are ready for our Graduating Grade 12 students preparing for post secondary education. Applications can be picked up at the back of the church, downloaded from our website or via email at



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St. Agnes KOC Council Mothers Day Lobster Brunch -



**Sunday May 12th
from 11:30 to 1pm.**

Tickets will go on sale next week-end through the office or through any of our Brother Knights or the Religious Education office.

Make your plans to join us Sunday May 13th from 11:30 to 1pm. Take out Available. Tickets are \$25.00 ea (alternate is baked ham) Your special luncheon includes 1.5 lb cooked lobster, potato salad & Cole slaw, roll and refreshment. With pie to finish up with . For tickets or to reserve a ticket, call the office at 454-8200 # 2 or Tanya at 902-454-8281. There is also a chance to win a super special Mothers Day Basket chocked full of goodies and some other great surprizes. So whether you want to come in , relax and have your lobster served to you, or you would rather have it to go, come on out and join us.

Deadline for tickets is May 9th !



This next session Tuesday April 23 the theme is

The over identification with your group.

L'Arche Annual Art Show—this event is once again going to be awesome. The show will run Friday from 12—7pm but officially begins Saturday April 27 from 6pm and Sunday from 9:30am to 3pm 9am . Please come out and enjoy the beauty of our local talents.



A Share Lent Thank You

In a March 29, 2019 statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace - Caritas Canada (CCODP) we read that “Acts of charity and justice are among the important ways to promote the dignity of the human person and integral human development.”

April 7th was Solidarity Sunday and the highlight of CCODP’s annual Share Lent campaign. The funds taken up in parish collections that day will be used to support over 162 projects in 37 countries around the world! CCODP wishes to thank all those who contributed to this year’s Share Lent campaign. It is the biggest fundraiser of the year and is vital for long-term community development projects to support those in need in the Global South and for education work in parishes across Canada.

CCODP is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. In this year’s Share Lent campaign, CCODP joined Caritas Internationalis in a symbolic sharing of a journey with refugees and immigrants.

And please remember - You can always be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need throughout the Global South by donating online at devp.org/give.

For more information on Development and Peace, please contact Danny at 902-870-6269 or by email at dgillis@devp.org

Week at a Glance

Sunday April 21

No Religious Ed Classes
Private function –auditorium 7-9pm

Monday April 22

NO MASS

Parish Office Closed
St. Bede’s Ordinariate Mass 4pm
SVDP particular Mtg—Campbell Centre 6pm

Tuesday April 23

NO MASS

Parish Office closed
Meditation—St. Agnes Rm 1:30pm
Private Function –Auditorium 6-9pm

Wednesday April 24

Parish Office closed

Chebucto Links—Campbell Centre 10am
Playgroup—Auditorium 10—12

Thursday April 25

Prayer Shawl Ministry Campbell Cnt. 1:30pm
CUPE—Campbell Centre 7-9pm

Friday April 26

Quilting—Campbell Centre 9-12
L’Arche Art Show—auditorium 6pm

Saturday April 27

L’Arche Art Show auditorium 9—9pm

Sunday April 28

Baptisms

L’Arche Art Show Auditorium 9-3pm

Monday April 29

NO Mass

Bingo—Auditorium 6:50pm.

Priests Retreat from Monday April 29 through to May 3—No Weekday Mass at St. Agnes or St. Thomas Aquinas

There will be a Healing Mass on **Thursday, April 25th at 7 p.m.** At St Thomas Aquinas. Prior to Mass—prayer and Adoration beginning at 6pm . There will be a short Benediction and repose of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:50 p.m. The Healing Mass