

Equip the Saints: Mission Collection Coming Soon! The Mission Collection will take place on June 1 and 2. Please support the pastoral initiatives of Archbishop Mancini by donating to this year's collections. Funds raised will support the following areas:

- The Assembly of the People of God: a two-day celebration of ministry and an opportunity to build up our faith through engaging speakers, interactive workshops, and communal worship. As a diocese we gather together as one diocesan family to share our faith and discern what the Holy Spirit is trying to say to us.
- Steubenville Atlantic: Our annual youth conference, that helps teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. We are excited to host our 13th conference from July 5 to 7, 2019 on the campus of Dalhousie University.

Watch your mail the week of May 20 and please prayerfully consider your donation to the Mission Collection.

The Way of Stella Maris: A Pilgrimage of Visitation

Looking for a unique and active way to pray for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth? Consider being a part of the first ever Way of Stella Maris Pilgrimage along the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia. From **August 10 to 15** join people from across the Archdiocese as they walk along the Eastern coast of our province as a way to grow deeper in their relationship with the Lord and pray for our diocese in the midst of our renewal and restructuring. The last leg of this pilgrimage will have the pilgrims make their way to Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica to celebrate our diocesan feast day, the Assumption of Mary. For more information on the Way of Stella Maris go to www.halifaxyarmouth.org/pilgrimage

St. Vincent de Paul Pipe & Boxes ~

All parishioners are reminded that at the back of the St. Thomas Aquinas church, there is a St. Vincent de Paul pipe. There are also boxes at the entrance of Jubilee and Cornwall for St. Vincent de Paul. All money placed in this pipe is used to help provide funds for food and support for those in need. Thank you for your support.

✠ PASTORAL CARE ✠

If you know someone who is seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound that would like a Parish Visitor or to receive communion, please contact the Parish Office at 902-423-3057

MASS INTENTIONS

✠ FOR THE WEEK



PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS INTENTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO FUNERALS, ILLNESS ETC.

Date	St. Agnes	St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs
Tuesday, May 14th	Florence Kelly † (8:00 a.m.)	
Wednesday, May 15th	Jack MacNeil † (12:10 p.m.)	Bernice Manette † (9:00 a.m.)
Thursday, May 16th	Marcy Rankin † (8:00 a.m.)	Robert Flinn † (9:00 a.m.)
Friday, May 17th	Teresa Gerrior † (12:10 p.m.)	Margaret Power † (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, May 18th	Jenny & James Haywood † (4:00 p.m.)	Raymond Ingram † (4:30 p.m.)
Sunday, May 19th	Earl Walsh † (8:30 a.m.)	Deacon Bob Britton † (9:00 a.m.)

Welcome

St. Agnes & St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish

Sunday, May 12th; 2019

4th Sunday of Easter
"My sheep, hear my voice"



St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs

A growing, joyful community of disciples engaged through personal relationship with Jesus Christ, inspired and sustained through the Holy Spirit, and focused on the transformation of our city and our world.

St. Agnes

has a rich history and connection to the community. Our beautiful home is a beacon amongst our neighbors and we've always worked hard to continue to build on that in this wonderful city. If you'd like to become a part of the St. Agnes Community, there are any number of ways that you can do so, from committees to internal organizations, we're always happy to see our family grow.

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Join Our Community of Faith.

Whether your new to the area, new to the faith, interested in learning more, or interested in deepening your experience of Church, we would love to connect with you and see how St Agnes and St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish can offer you the opportunity to lead and serve. Please phone the Parish Office(s) at *St. Agnes 902-454-8200 or *St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs. 902-423-3057

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Office Hours -
Monday to Friday -
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs
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902-423-3057
www.stacm.ca
Office Hours -
Monday to Friday -
8 a.m - 4 p.m.



From the Desk of Fr. Paul;

Last week we held our first community meeting. There were approximately 90 people in attendance, which I thought was an excellent turnout on a beautiful, sunny, weekday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to share information from the Transition Team, to answer any questions as best possible, and most especially, to hear the hopes and joys of parishioners as we continue the work of merging the parishes of St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs and St. Agnes by January 1, 2020. My initial and strongest takeaway from the meeting was the positive tone in the room and the openness expressed by the attendees that this merger offers a unique opportunity for us to focus on the mission of the Church. Ultimately it will be this openness and positive acceptance that will knit the two parishes together, a process that will take far longer than just a few months. So I was really pleased with the evening – it could not have been better! One of the questions that did arise concerns the times for Mass: might this change? The only honest answer I can give right now is: I'm not entirely sure, but yes, it might. What might a new schedule look like? Right now it's hard to say but **we ALL need to think about what it might look like.** Presently, the only certainty we know about priests personnel in our merging parish is that Fr. Irek Bem, SDS, will become the new pastor here on August 1, 2019. But otherwise, there has, to date, not been another priest announced as the associate priest. Will there be a second priest assigned to our new parish? There might be. That was the original plan when the merger of parishes throughout the archdiocese was announced but the shortage of clergy is a vexing problem for the Archbishop, and I can confirm that the shortage is the most extreme I've ever seen in my 19 years. So there might very well be – let us pray that there is. *But if Father Bem arrived on August 1 with no second priest, what would we do with the Mass schedule?* We could not simply go on with 6 masses, that's for sure. Of course the retired priests are generous and willing to help, but as retired priests, with ages sometimes in the latter 80's, we cannot – nor should they be expected – to build themselves into a regular staffing structure. They've earned their retirement after many years of service and their continued willingness to serve demonstrates an exemplary statement about their character. Please thank them sometime for helping! But we do need to keep the question on that radar: if we have only one priest as of August 1, what would we do for a Mass schedule? So I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the community meeting. It was hopefully the first of others, as the transition process keeps moving ahead.



Our Parish Staff & Transition Team

- Fr. Mark Cherry, Pastor *Sabbatical leave
- Fr. Paul Morris, JCL, Administrator, fatherpaulmorris@gmail.com

St. Agnes Site:

- Marlene Turpin, Parish Secretary, stagnes@hfx.eastlink.ca
- Tanya Thomson, Director of Religious Education stagnesdre@eastlink.ca
- Gregory Doyle, Music Director
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St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Site:

- Deacon Dan Daley, Coordinator of Pastoral Life & Strategic Planning daleyd@bellaliant.com
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- Heather Orlando, Youth Coordinator- youth16@bellaliant.com
- Tony Howard, Maintenance (Custodian)
- George Reid, Custodian Assistant

Transition Committee

Fr. Paul Morris	Catherine Droesbeck
Deacon Dan Daley	Jamie Fraser
Stephanie Coldwell	Ian MacDonald
Troy Desbarres	Tanya Thompson

Sacraments:

For marriages, baptisms & funerals at St. Agnes, please contact Marlene Turpin - 902-454-8200 ex 2. At St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs, please contact Tracy Francis, 902-423-0357.

RCIA ~ A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you someone or do you know someone who:

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

If you would like more information, have questions, or would like to begin discerning becoming Catholic in the R.C.I.A process, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA NEWS

On the Vigil of Pentecost, **Saturday, June 8, at the 4:30 pm Mass, (STACM)** four people will be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church. Please pray for our candidates: **Mark Obrovac, Manda Tchonlla, Eli Galvez Santa Ana, and Patricia Torres De Leon.** Everyone is welcome to come to the hall following the Mass to celebrate.



Mass Schedule

St. Agnes

- Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday & Friday 12:10 p.m.
- Saturday 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs

- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

NAMING OUR NEW PARISH COMMUNITY

It's time to kick off the process for naming our new Parish. The new Parish will have a new name but the names of our churches won't change. Your ideas are really important. In the coming weeks there will be lots of opportunities to submit possible names (along with the rationale for your suggestions) on forms provided at Mass. We'll create a short list and poll the community to determine your preferences. Based on the most popular names, The Transition Team will make recommendations to Archbishop Mancini, who will make the final choice for the name of our new Parish. While not a church building, the new parish should be named according to the established norms for dedicating a Church or altar. According to these norms the parish may be named for:

- The Blessed Trinity
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, invoked according to a mystery of his life or a title already accepted in the liturgy,
- The Holy Spirit
- The Blessed Virgin Mary, likewise invoked according to some appellation already accepted in the liturgy;
- One of the Angels
- A Saint inscribed in the Roman Martyrology or in a duly approved Appendix.

DEACON DAN AWAY



Deacon Dan will be away for the next four weeks attending Europe, the Deacon's Retreat, and some family time. He will be back on the weekend of June 8th.

CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Open Door Women's Care Centre is partnering with churches for a spring fundraiser with their baby bottle drive. Interested parishioners can take home a baby bottle on Mother's Day, fill it with loose change, and bring it back on Father's Day. All money collected will go to further the Centre's mission to women in need in HRM. Please contact the Open Door Women's Care Centre at 902-422-8539 for more information

ST. AGNES PARISH NEWS

ST. AGNES PARISH OFFICE

Please Note: The parish office at St. Agnes will be closed **Friday, May 17 and Monday, May 20th.**

INDOOR WALKING ~ ST. ANGES AUDITORIUM

Indoor Walking St. Agnes Auditorium **10 - 11am every Friday.** All are welcome to join in the healthy fun.



BINGO ~ ST. AGNES

The Next Bingo will be held Monday May 20th - games begin at 6:50 sharp. Come on out and enjoy an evening of fun.

FUNERAL MASS @ ST. AGNES

Please note, there will be a Funeral Mass **Friday, May 24th @ 10am** for Evelyn Emerson at St. Agnes. There will be no regular Mass. **There will be a 9 a.m. Mass at STACM.*

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH NEWS

THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD POSTPONED UNTIL FALL

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told series has been postponed until this fall. This will be a 5-week DVD series and small group study at no cost to participants. Following is the link to provide a background on what to expect with the series: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nmlqFPFVP8>

ADORATION HOURS - STACM

Please note that the hours for Adoration have changed. Due to summer months and vacations, there will **no longer** be Adoration on Tuesday & Thursday evenings. It will remain on Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & Fridays at 9:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.

COFFEE SOCIALS @ ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

As this Sunday is Mother's Day and the week after is a long weekend we have decided to cancel the Sunday Coffee Socials at **both Masses, both weeks.** We will resume on Sunday, May 26th.

CASSEROLES FOR ST. ANDREWS CHURCH SUPPERS

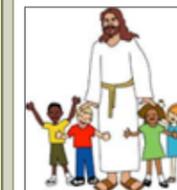
Members of the Social Action Committee will be at the back of the STACM Church after Masses on **May 18th & 19th** requesting volunteers that can prepare a Casserole for May 26th St Andrews Church Supper. Recipes & baking dishes will be provided. This supper is part of ARK support for the Homeless and underfed.

CWL MEETING

The CWL will be holding their general meeting on **Thursday, May 16,** at 2 p.m. in the St. Thomas Aquinas church hall. All women are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending or would like more information on the Catholic Women's League, please contact Anita Ross at 902-429-7223.

St. Agnes Religious Education News

Upcoming Dates:



- Sunday May 26th Last Regular Class & First Communion Retreat 11:30-1:00
- Sunday, June 2nd @ 10:30 a.m. Mass - First Holy Communion Sunday
- Sunday, June 9th at the 10:30am Mass - Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Candidates Rite of Enrolment – Sunday May 12th at the 10:30am Mass. Please pray for our 28 Candidates as they Journey towards Pentecost and the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. May their hearts and minds be open to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to take a Prayer Card from the entrance of the church and offer your prayers of support for our young brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let the SON Shine In Bible Camp – Monday July 8th – Friday July 12th at St. Agnes Church– Spots still available. Please contact Tanya Thomson to Register stagnesdre@eastlink.ca

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC – For youth Grade's 8-12. Weekend Youth Conference at Dalhousie University Friday night July 5th to noon on Sunday July 7th. This year's theme is **BELONG 1** John 3:1, and belong you do! Consider attending this unique Christian Youth event and bring your friends! Please contact Tanya for more information or visit steubenville.ca

St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Family Faith



Next Family Formation: Sunday, May 26 at 10:30 am. **We will close our year with a game: Sacraments Jeopardy! Please bring a snack to share.** Family of Faith is our parish based, family, Sunday school program for parents with children in Primary to Grade 6. Sacramental preparation is a 2 year process, typically beginning in the first grade. For more information contact, Mary Therese MacDonell familyministries@bellaliant.com 902-423-3057

Rooted

The next Rooted for grades 7 - 9 is on May 14th, 7 p.m. in the Hall.

CATHOLIC DEFENSE FORCE

We are a group of university aged young adults who come together to learn Catholic teaching, Apologetics and build community. Join us **Sunday, May 12th at 6 p.m., at the STA hall.** Follow us on Instagram for further updates, @catholic_defence_force and on Facebook.

