



St. Patrick's Church

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Priest-in-Charge: **Father Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ**
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Secretary: **Betty Vaughan** (9 am to 1 pm)
Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Reconciliation by Appointment



BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

All catechesis is rooted in Baptism. In the waters of the sacrament we entered into the Paschal Mystery, dying and rising with Christ, and so became members of his body, the Church. In this rising we find new life and are empowered to participate in Christ's work on earth. Let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. We may also reflect on our own Baptism and what difference our Baptism and membership in the Church made in our lives. *How can we help others to recognize their baptismal identity?*

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 18)

Read 1: 1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19
Read 2: 1 Cor. 6.13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: John 1.35-42

Un-decorating from Christmas will take place after Mass TODAY. Help to take down wreaths/bows would be much appreciated.

Because of the low attendance last Sunday, the January 4th bulletin is included with today's bulletin.

✚ **FUNERAL SERVICE** for Francis (Frankie) Forrestall tomorrow at 11:00 am

Secretary Update

Seven (7) applications were received for our vacant secretary position. Three candidates have been interviewed on Wednesday. At the time of this printing, a candidate has been identified and references are being checked. An announcement will be forthcoming.

FINANCIAL CORNER

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

December 07....Envelopes \$ 1377	Loose \$ 178.50
December 14....Envelopes \$ 1330	Loose \$ 282.20
December 21....Envelopes \$ 1760	Loose \$ 73.35
December 28....Envelopes \$ 1005	Loose \$ 204.76

Total Envelopes/Loose Dec 2014 = \$ 6211

PAR December 2014 = \$ 1390

TOTAL DECEMBER SUNDAY COLLECTION = \$ 7601

LAST SUNDAY

Jan. 4.....Env.\$ 370.00 **Loose** \$ 99.30 **PAR** \$ 347.50

BAD NEWS

Because of the nasty weather last Sunday, our collection (**\$ 817**)—compared to recent collections averaging \$ 1900 every Sunday—is down considerably (by **\$ 1083**). That is why we encourage parishioners to sign up for PAR whereby your Sunday donations are withdrawn once a month directly from your bank account, and thus the Parish doesn't suffer financially during storms or in the summer when the collection drops. You would still receive Special Collections envelopes.

CHRISTMAS 2014 COLLECTION: Compared to Christmas 2013 (**\$ 3982**), we upped our revenue this Christmas 2014 (**\$ 5,936**) exceeding 2013 by **\$ 1954** and envelopes will still trickle through in January.

NEW YEARS 2015 COLLECTION: Compared to New Years 2014 (**\$ 698**), our revenue this New Years 2015 is **\$ 684** so far, but envelopes will trickle in all through January so we will definitely surpass 2014.

GOOD NEWS

Yard Sale Revenues:

\$ 5,274 was raised at the onset when we had our sale on 13 September. Since then, smaller amounts trickled in from October to December totalling **\$ 1184** as a result of kijiji sales, special Sunday sales and sales during events in the Hall. The 2014 **GRAND TOTAL** is **\$ 6,458.00**.

There are still some items from the Rectory for sale and we will try sell them before the Rectory is sold. We have already collected **\$410** in January thus far.

Thank you so much to all who have supported this Glebe "unloading" project in any way.

Some Leftovers.....the rest of the story....

Our Christmas Eve Mass was celebrated by Father Jean-Marc, assisted by Father Trevor; however, on Christmas Day, Father Trevor was the chief celebrant and homilist. Following Christmas Day mass, Father Jean-Marc baptized Arthur George Tweedale, son of parishioners Karen and Fergus Tweedale. Father Jean-Marc seized the opportunity to baptize Arthur in the presence of visitors from afar (Wisconsin, England and even Australia!).

GOODWILL 2014

As usual, the parishioners generously donated—\$2400.00 from the Giving Tree—so that Saint Vincent de Paul could help the needy in our community at Christmas.

Parishioner Ron Walsh had an extra turkey to donate and, at the last moment before Christmas, a family in Uniacke Square desperately needed some assistance and so the turkey got gobbled up. Thank you, Ron, for your timely rescue.

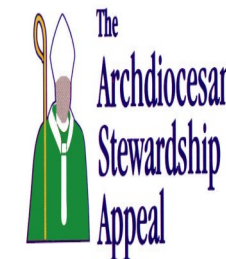
Our turkey dinner winner, Eileen Power, was in Toronto when she learned she was the lucky winner, and so she donated the perishable items of her win to Hope Cottage and to a family in need. Thank you, Eileen, for that gesture.

The **December Pastoral Council Minutes** are posted on the Bulletin Board and in the green binder at the back of the Church.

Restoration Society

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Donations for Restoration Society accepted in GREEN BOX at back of Church & by VISA and MASTERCARD, by calling 429-4170 or mailing to Saint Patrick's Restoration Society, 2263 Brunswick St., Halifax NS B3K 2Y9



So how did we do with the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal?

The Parish is happy to report that we collected **\$5,650**—surpassing our goal of \$2,102 by \$3,548. This means that the Archdiocese will refund us about **\$ 3258** in March 2015. Yikes! Thank you all for donating. If we receive further donations in January, those amounts would still be added to our rebate. January 31st is the cut-off date.

SACRAMENT STATS FOR YEAR 2014

MARRIAGES: 7 BAPTISMS: 14 DEATHS: 13

SOME REVENUE & EXPENSE STATS FOR YEAR 2014

HALL/CHURCH RENTAL (incl weddings): \$7,470

POOR BOX REVENUE: \$ 1940

SVDP TOTAL REVENUE: \$ 4954

VOTIVE CANDLES REVENUE: \$ 1422

FUEL REV: \$ 3312 FUEL EXP: \$ 24,410 (Church)