

18 JANUARY, 2015—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# 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**

God has given  
each of us  
the ability  
to do  
certain things  
well.

— Romans 12:6

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## “Teach people to find the Messiah.”

John's account of the call of the first disciples is a story of people being led to Jesus.

Andrew encounters the Lord and runs off to bring Peter back to him. John's Gospel is a reminder that the making of the disciples is the work of a community. We have the responsibility of making Jesus known to others, of bringing people to him, and of supporting each other's baptismal call.

*Like St. Andrew in today's Gospel, catechists are called to introduce others to Jesus Christ—to proclaim that “we have found the Messiah.” The work of catechesis is more than simply imparting facts and information. It involves helping people form relationships with Jesus, and learn what it means to live as a disciple.*

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 25)

Read 1: Jonah 3.1-5, 10  
Read 2: 1 Corinthians 7.29-31  
Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

**SALT & LIGHT:** Last weekend to pick up a complimentary copy of Salt & Light TV Publication. They are on a table, centre aisle. Please take a copy.

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

## BULLETIN CHANGE—Coming February 1st.

— For the past 51 years, a diocesan-wide bulletin was published. The outer two pages of this four-page document was produced by the Archdiocese and sent to the Parish. Parishes then produced an “inside bulletin”, customized in our faith community. That format will end with next Sunday's bulletin of January 25.

As of Sunday, February 1st, the Parish will produce its own Bulletin. Its exact format has not yet been determined, but we will experiment for a few weeks until we are comfortable with a format: 2 pages/4 pages/double-sided perhaps.

The Archdiocese will be providing a weekly news service to Parishes containing announcements and information from the Vatican, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, our Archbishop and diocesan announcements, Parish happenings relating to key pastoral themes of mission, community and formation which were articulated in Archbishop Mancini's 2014 Pastoral Letter and Parish Events. We will sort through the material that will be provided through e-mail and incorporate as much as possible and appropriate into Saint Patrick's Bulletin. The Diocese will also produce a monthly diocesan journal which will be e-mailed to Parishes and may well get incorporated into our Bulletins.

The Archdiocese is offering the weekly news service and the monthly diocesan journal by a direct subscription service. Individuals can also sign up to receive both services directly to their own e-mail. To subscribe to both, please visit the archdiocesan website:

[www.halifaxyarmouth.org](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org)

**Thank you...**to all those involved in the decorating and de-decorating of the Church during the Christmas season. Much appreciated.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 IS NOVA SCOTIA HERITAGE DAY AND IS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY.**

## Jesuit Centre of Spirituality

2287 Brunswick St.—902-429-7344

The Parish is blessed to have the Jesuit Centre just down the street. Under the direction of Father Jean-Marc Laporte, S.J. who is also Priest-in-Charge of our Parish, the Centre welcomes people of all faiths into their home for day retreats, residential retreats, workshops and programs.

The Centre is also supported by Father Trevor Scott, S.J. and a number of staff associates who are available to give individual spiritual direction.

### **NEXT SILENT RETREAT** Saturday, January 24

*Winter: Warmth from within for a cold season*  
Begins at 9 am and ends by 5 pm. Luncheon, nutrition breaks, and Eucharist. Suggested offering: \$35.00.

### **HOPE COTTAGE—A DILEMMA**

For decades, Saint Patrick's Parish has provided meals to Hope Cottage. In more recent years, the parish has supplied meals 12 times a year under the auspices of three groups:

**Group 1** under the leadership of Diane Sullivan has been assigned the dates of January 9 (*completed*); April 9; July 9; and October 7 for 2015

**Group II** under the leadership of Pam Gasperatto has been assigned the dates of February 12; May 11; August 6; and November 9 for 2015.

### **GROUP III dates assigned for 2015 are:**

**March 13; June 8; September 8; and December 8**  
Unfortunately, we do not have 8 individuals to assign to this group and, for that reason, we had to make a special appeal for help with our 2014 dates. While we were successful in meeting our commitment, not having an assigned group of individuals creates last-minute scrambling. Once again, we are asking parishioners to consider making the meal for the dates above (**March 13; June 8; September 8; and December 8**) under Group III. If we are not able to identify 7 or 8 individuals to take this on, then we will have to advise Hope Cottage that we cannot meet 4 of the dates assigned to us this year. This will be unfortunate as Hope Cottage already has about 30 days in 2015 that they do not have a group preparing a meal. IF YOU CAN HELP, please leave your name and phone number at the Parish Office (902-429-1300). Thank you for your consideration to this very disappointing matter.

## Restoration Society

2263 Brunswick St. ♦ (902) 429-4170  
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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

## PARISH INFORMATION

### **SECRETARY NEWS**

Cheryl Delaney was the successful candidate for Parish Secretary. Cheryl is presently the Secretary at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Fall River. She will start at St. Patrick's on Monday, January 26.

Our thanks to retired Betty Vaughan for ensuring a smooth transition. Betty has continued to do the bulletins as well as providing assistance in finalizing all the administrative/financial reporting required for 2014, including tax receipts which should be available before the end of January.

### **Financial Information \$**

<u>Jan 04 Collection</u>		<u>Jan 11 Collection</u>	
17 env	\$ 370.00	52 env	\$ 1920.00
24 PAR	\$ 375.00	24 PAR	\$ 375.00
Loose	\$ 99.30	Loose	\$ 229.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 844.30</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2524.85</b>

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Jan19-Mar 2 (6:30-9:00 pm)** STACM Parish is pleased to offer a *Marriage Preparation Course* called “God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage” to run for 7 weeks at Saint Thomas Aquinas hall. Registration is \$80.00. Please call Tracy at the parish office (902) 423-3057 to register.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Are you up to charity work and ministry in a hospital setting at the Camp Hill Veterans' Building in Halifax. They are seeking volunteers as Eucharistic ministers to bring Holy Communion to the veterans and as escorts to bring the veterans to the Chapel for Mass on Sunday mornings and weekdays. Contact Fr. Bruno Schema, chaplain (902) 473-2401, or e-mail [bruno.schema@cdha.nshealth.ca](mailto:bruno.schema@cdha.nshealth.ca)