

**St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society**  
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**Happy Anniversary Archbishop Anthony Mancini** On November 29, Archbishop Mancini celebrates the 9th anniversary of his installation as archbishop of the Archdiocese of Halifax Yarmouth. He will preside the 12:15 at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica on that day. All are welcome!

**POSITIVE AGING: Exploring Tasks while Integrating the Challenges Sat. Dec. 3, 2016** Dr. Beverly Musgrave, PhD, former professor at Fordham University, will be speaking on **POSITIVE AGING: Exploring Tasks While Integrating the Challenges** from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Barat Spirituality Centre. Please call (902) 456-6112 with questions or to register. \$15 suggested donation.

**Saint Catherine of Siena, Halifax Annual Christmas Bingo Sun. December 04, 2016** Turkeys, hams, baskets and door prizes!! Each game is for a turkey with the final game and four specials being played for baskets filled with lots of Christmas goodies and a ham. Doors open at 12:30 pm. Fun for all ages!!

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, marks the 5th Anniversary of the creation of the Archdiocese of Halifax –Yarmouth. Archbishop Mancini will celebrate the Mass on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 5:15 pm Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax.

**Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Pre-Planning:** Pre-need planning is the arrangement of cemetery services prior to need. Many individuals have found that planning in advance of death gives them peace of mind and relieves their family members of the emotional burden of making these arrangements. If you would like to make a plan please contact Cathy Driscoll-Cainen, 429-9800 ext 308. Visit the Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax website [www.ccchalifax.com](http://www.ccchalifax.com)

**Weekend of Grace for Women - Register now for the 11th Annual Weekend of Grace for Women, with Keynote Speaker Michelle Moran, to be held April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia** "...*You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses...*" - Acts 1:8 Attendance through pre-registration only and registration is now open (\$165 early bird deadline December 31, 2016 or \$185 after Dec 31) Visit [www.weekendofgrace.com](http://www.weekendofgrace.com) or call (902) 405-9613 for more information.



# St. Patrick's Church

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**“Therefore, stay awake!**

**For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”**

“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.” With these words Jesus points to patterns in human conduct. Humans have been both unfaithful and faithful to God’s ways; have not paid attention, and have paid attention to God’s instructions; have not been awake, and have stayed awake to God’s comings. The people in the days of Noah did not know that the flood was coming; Jesus’ hearers did not know when the Son of Man would come. We, however, do know that Jesus has come, has taught us the way of faithfulness, and has brought us salvation. We need only to “stay awake.” Advent is about our coming to God.

In the First Reading this Sunday, Isaiah describes the day when all nations will “climb the Lord’s mountain.” “Mountain” is a metaphor for God’s Presence. Our Advent journey, as in the days of old, is to climb the mountain of the Lord, to come to God.

Advent itself is a metaphor for Christian living. As Advent is a progression toward celebration of the Nativity, so is our daily life a journey toward the fullness of Life to come. We need only to wake up and stay awake! God Bless

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**Today is the  
1st Sunday of  
Advent**

**Next Sunday December 4, 2016**

*2nd Sunday of Advent*

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 11.1-10

**2nd Reading:** Romans 15.4-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 3.1-12

**Please welcome the following who will be celebrating Mass with us:**

Nov. 27—Fr. J.J. MacDonald

December (month) and the Christmas Season

—Fr. Francesco Pirisi, FoH

## Parish Financial Information

### Nov. 6, 2016

ENV. 43	\$1,355.00
Loose	125.35
PAR 24	389.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,869.58</b>

### Nov. 13, 2016

ENV. 42	\$ 919.00
Loose	96.60
PAR 24	389.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,404.83</b>

### Nov. 20, 2016

ENV. 58	\$1,407.25
Loose	88.70
PAR 24	389.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,885.18</b>

**Average Weekly PAR contribution** \$16.22.  
**Average Sunday Envelope contribution** \$24.26.

### Key Teachings of the Church

**Canonization:** The process by which the Pope declares that a deceased member of the faithful lived a life of heroic virtue and is to be honoured as a Saint is canonization.

**Confirmation Classes**—*following Mass, please keep in your prayers those young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

**Catechism Classes**—will be held following Mass.

**“Christmas Fundraising for Religious Education-** Looking for some pure, safe and beneficial gifts this Christmas? Once again, Loly Crowley will donate 100% of the profits from Arbonne gifts purchased from Nov 20-27. These products are free from mineral oils, chemical fragrances, dyes, animal products or by-products and have a 45 day money back guarantee! To order see Loly after Mass Nov 27.”

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to remind parishioners that envelopes for donations are available on the Giving Tree at the back of the Church. Donations will be used to provide children in need in our community with gift cards for Christmas. We hope to have all of the envelopes returned in the regular collection on or before December 4, 2016. Thank you for your support.

**The Next Parish Council meeting** will take place on Dec. 1st from 6pm to 9 pm in the Parish Hall.

**2017 Parish Envelopes:** are on the table at the back of the Church. Please pick them up.

### Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 3 - Mike Convey - December 1  
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan - Jan. 13  
Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto - February 23  
Volunteers are always welcomed. The commitment is for 4 meals a year based on a set recipe which is provided. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Cheryl at the office.

**Parish Event Planning Group:** A meeting of the event planning group will take place on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> after Mass in the church hall. The agenda will be a brief meeting to discuss future parish events. It will also be a gathering to help with the decoration of wreaths for our Christmas church decorations. All are welcome. Please see Michele O’Neill if you have any questions.

**2017 Missals:** The new Liturgical Year begins November 27 with the 1st Sunday of Advent. A limited supply of Saint Joseph Sunday Missals are available, at the back of the Church. The Parish purchase price was \$4.15 each. Donations accepted!

**Christmas Flowers:** Would you like to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones? In an envelope marked “Flowers” on the outside, please list your name, mailing address, the name (s) of your loved one (s) and your donation. Then place the envelope in the collection basket. The names of our loved ones will be posted in the church entranceway or in the Church bulletin on Christmas Eve.

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.. Marie Curie

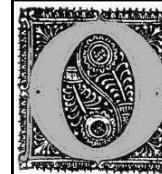
**With Grateful Appreciation,** The Sisters of Charity have been part of the Halifax community since 1849. They have had a physical presence on Brunswick St. for over 100 years. At the end of November the Convent will change hands. The new owner happens to be the owner of our former Rectory.

During the disposal of items in the Convent, the Sisters gave St. Patrick’s an opportunity to consider what if any furniture, equipment etc. we might like. We have chosen various items including altar linens, kneelers, crucifix (s) church supplies etc. Of particular note and most visible is the Altar that has been in the Convent for the past 50 plus years. It was felt that the Altar represented such an important part of Convent life and indeed our Parish’s life that it would be appropriate for it to be housed here at St Patrick’s. We are pleased to be the ongoing custodians of parts of the Sisters history in our Parish. We thank them for their donations, their services over the years to our Community of St. Patrick’s. We pray for them in thanksgiving and welcome them always to our place of worship.

**What is the Jesse Tree?** The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus’ birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: “A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

This year the children of the Parish will put ornaments on our Jesse Tree, located in the Sanctuary, starting next week.

**Notice of Public Information Meeting** HRM Planning Staff will be holding a public information meeting this Wed. Nov 30 beginning at 7:00 pm at the Saint Josephs Alexander McKay Elementary School Gymnasium, 5389 Russell St. Halifax, to discuss Case 20417. Application by StudioWorks to enter into a development agreement to allow a 13 storey, 49 unit building as an addition to the existing rectory at 2267 Brunswick St, Halifax. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend to seek info about the proposal and/or express any comments which they may have.



### O Antiphons during Advent

Today begins the season of Advent, the four weeks leading to and preparing for Christmas. As we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ, each Sunday of Advent we will begin our Mass with a member of the choir singing the traditional O Antiphons.

Antiphons are short psalm verses or sentences from Holy Scripture. The O Antiphons are the seven antiphons traditionally chanted during Evening Prayer. In the Roman tradition they are sung from December 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each O Antiphon begins with a name of Christ taken from Scripture. They express the Church’s longing and expectation for the coming Messiah.

O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

O Adonai (O Lord)

O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

O Clavis David (O Key of David)

O Oriens (O Rising Sun)

O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) and

O Emmanuel (God is with us).

The ordering of these antiphons is purposeful. Starting with the last O Antiphon and taking the first letter of each, the Latin words *ero cras* are formed meaning **Tomorrow I will be there.** This is the Good News of the Advent Season. The O Antiphons remind us of the joyful conclusion of our Advent preparation.

**Chase the Ace:** We have applied for our Second Chase the Ace license. We are hoping to restart next Sunday, December 4th with sales from 11 am—1pm draw at 1:15pm. Starting jackpot of \$2,000.

*Co-chairs are John Murphy and Blair*

Self-sacrifice is never entirely unselfish, for the giver never fails to receive. Delores McGuire