

25 JANUARY, 2015—3rd 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: **Cheryl Delaney** (9 am to 1 pm)  
**Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Reconciliation by Appointment**



Being a disciple takes courage. Imagine leaving everything behind—your family, your possessions, and your livelihood—to follow an itinerant preacher with no home. This is exactly the kind of courage exemplified by the apostles in the Gospels. They gave

up everything to follow Christ and the promise of the kingdom of God. When Jesus calls us to the mission, do we have the courage to answer the call and follow Christ, regardless of the cost? In the presence of the poor or sick among us, do we drop what we are doing and follow, or do we ask questions first? Do we give ourselves without reservation, or do we place conditions upon our participation in the mission to which Christ invites us?.

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 1)

Read 1: Deuteronomy 18.15-20  
Read 2: 1 Corinthians 7.32-35  
Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

**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.

Next Sunday, February 1st, **Aimé Michel Labelle**, son of Sue Leblanc and Sebastien Labelle will be baptized.

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

**BULLETIN CHANGE** As explained on the outside of today's Sunday Bulletin, after 51 years the Archdiocesan portion of the Bulletin will no longer be produced. The Bulletin for February 1st will be solely produced by the Parish. In that regard, we will experiment for a few weeks until we are comfortable with the format and content. Please be patient with us!

The Archdiocese will be forwarding to Parishes a *weekly information service* containing news items on various topics as outlined on the outside of this Bulletin. As well a *monthly journal* containing articles aimed at deepening our understanding and knowledge of Catholic traditions will also come to the Parish. Our Parish Bulletin will try to incorporate much of what is forwarded but, until we actually see the final product from the Archdiocese, it is difficult to know how the information will be conveyed through our Bulletin.

As a parishioner, you can have the Archdiocese's weekly information service and the monthly journal sent directly to your own e-mail inbox by subscribing. Just go to [www.halifaxymouth.org](http://www.halifaxymouth.org) and complete the form that is provided.

**NEW SECRETARY :** Tomorrow, January 26, our new Secretary will begin her employment at St. Patrick's. Cheryl Delaney comes to us via St. Rose of Lima Parish in Fall River where she was their Parish Secretary. We welcome Cheryl and commit to making her work experience here at St. Patrick's a rewarding one. In the coming weeks, there be opportunities to meet Cheryl. As always, your welcoming hand and voice to Cheryl will be much appreciated.

### **Parish Financial Information \$**

Jan 11 Collection		Jan 18 Collection	
52 env	\$ 1920.00	57 env	\$ 1464.00
24 PAR	\$ 375.00	24 PAR	\$ 375.00
Loose	\$ 229.85	Loose	\$ 225.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2524.85</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2064.25</b>

**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.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, February 16**—A time aside: Mini Retreat Day : *The Triune God*—10 am to 2:30 pm. Suggested Offering \$25. Grow in knowing God more personally; input from Ignatius Loyola and the Scriptures. Private prayer. Lunch provided.

**Saturday, February 21st**—Silent Retreat:

*Lent: Repent and believe the good news.*

Begins at 9 am and ends by 5 pm. Luncheon, nutrition breaks and Eucharist. Suggested offering: \$35.

**Seminar Series:** March 4, 18—April 8, 22 (7 to 9 pm) *The Joy of Pope Francis—Gentle breeze and powerful wind.* Father Jean-Marc will lead this 4-part series.

Pope Francis' first apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, invites all of us to bring the Gospel to others, as he does, with joy. This letter bears a careful reading, reflection, prayer and discussion. What does it mean for us in our own context? Suggested offering: \$25 per session; \$75 for all four.

### **ANNIVERSARIES WORTH NOTING**

**Today, January 25th**—Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R. of the Diocese of Grouard-McLennan, Alberta celebrates the 8th Anniversary of his Episcopate (Jan 25, 2007). Archbishop Pettipas, a native of Nova Scotia, has celebrated Mass here at St. Patrick's on a number of occasions and his sister, Joanne, is the cook at the Jesuit Spirituality Centre.

**Sat., January 31st** —Archbishop Martin Currie will celebrate his initial Episcopal Ordination (Jan. 31, 2001) as Bishop of Grand Falls, Newfoundland. He was later installed (Nov 30, 2007) as Archbishop of St. John's where he presently serves. Archbishop Currie is well known in our Diocese, having served as Assistant at St. Patrick's.

Congratulations and Prayers for their continued good health and service to the Church. Also, our.....

**Sympathies/Prayers are extended to the families of:**  
- Marg Peters, former Parish Secretary in the 1970's/80's.  
- Dr. Jim Webb (Montreal) brother of Patricia Holland.

## 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

### **HOPE COTTAGE—A DILEMMA UPDATE**

Thank you for the great response to our plea last week to re-establish a third group to prepare a meal four times a year for Hope Cottage (**March 13; June 8; September 8; and December 8**) and thus honour our yearly commitment. **Six** (6) parishioners have said YES to our call; however, we need at least **two** more volunteers. If you can help, please leave your name and number at the Parish Office (902-429-1300). Those that came forward will be contacted directly by the Parish in the next few weeks.

### **NEXT HOPE COTTAGE MEAL —February 12.**

(Group II under the leadership of Pam Gasperatto)

### **PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

Fundraising represents another revenue stream for the Parish to assist in paying our operating expenses for the Church, Hall and Rectory. Last year, over \$11,000 was raised, helped along considerably by the sale of the Rectory furnishings. This coming year, we have set the goal of **\$12,000** and we won't have furnishings to sell !! Plans are underway for the following:

**March 14**—St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and other events to celebrate our patron saint.

**April 12**— Titanic Remembered in 3rd class — Roast Beef Dinner with words and music of the Titanic.

### **May/June—Luncheon and Spring Fair —**

Our parish will host two social/fundraising events this spring: our **Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Parish Spring Fair**. A planning meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:15 am following Mass in the Church. If you can help with the planning for these important parish events your talent and time would be appreciated. These events are important fundraising efforts for our parish but equally important they are events that serve to build our community life. For further information please see Michele O'Neill.