

**St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society**  
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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** January 16-20, 2017 The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration held every January. By coming together during this week, we join with the people around the world to pray for Christian unity – in worship, reflection, study, and fellowship. This year's theme is "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us," inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. Christians around the world are invited to celebrate God's reconciling grace, recognize the pain of the deep divisions which afflict the Church, and become ambassadors of Christ's message of reconciliation. In Halifax, St. Matthew's United Church will kick off the Week of Prayer on **Sunday, January 15, 1:00-2:00 pm** with a public skate at the **Emera Oval** (5775 Cogswell St, Halifax). They'll bring hot cocoa and WPCU identifying signage around which we can gather. Skates can be rented at the Oval with photo ID. Please join us! **All are welcome at all events throughout the week.**

**Location/time/date**

**St. Paul's Anglican**, 1749 Argyle Street, Halifax, Mon., Jan 16 at 12:15 pm, Rev. Jenny Csinos  
**St. David's Presbyterian**, 1544 Grafton Street, Halifax, Tues. Jan 17 at 12:15 pm, Rev. Rhonda Brittan  
**First Baptist**, 1300 Oxford Street, Halifax, Wed., Jan 18 at 12:15 pm, Rev. Brian MacMillan  
**All Saints Anglican**, 1330 Martello St, Halifax, Thurs. Jan 19 at 12:15 pm, Rev. Kenn Stright

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Wave of the Metro New Horizons** band program will begin with an instrument demonstration and experimentation session **today** Sunday, January 15 from 1:00 until 2:00 above the Long & McQuade store at 124 Main Street in Dartmouth. This beginner band for seniors is open to anyone 50 years of age or older – no experience is necessary.

**Silent Saturday** Do you desire a time apart, a time to focus on your relationship with God? Do you feel drawn to listen and to be heard in an atmosphere of prayer, quiet, and beauty? Try a Silent Saturday program. The first one for Winter/Spring 2017 will be Saturday, January 21 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm; Please bring your own lunch. \$10 suggested donation. Call (902) 456-6112 with questions or to register.

**April 26-May 5: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.** Cost of \$2035 (+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and professional local guide. INFO: Marie Desjardins at [desjardinsmarie@outlook.com](mailto:desjardinsmarie@outlook.com) or (207) 868-5027.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Canadian Martyrs Parish is pleased to offer the Marriage Preparation Course, *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage.*** In 7 sessions couples will explore the profound importance, meaning, purpose, and beauty of the sacrament of matrimony. Couples will tackle various concerns of marriage from dealing with conflict to fostering intimacy. Guest speakers will speak on topics such as: communication, finances, and natural family planning. This course will run for 7 weeks beginning **Mon, Jan. 16 – Mar. 6, 2017, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm** at the St. Thomas Aquinas hall, 6350 Cornwall Street, Halifax. Registration fee is \$100.00. Registration is mandatory: please call our parish office (902) 423-3057. For more info. contact Mary Thérèse MacDonell, Director of Family and Adult Faith Formation: (902) 423-3057 or e-mail [familyministries@stacm.ca](mailto:familyministries@stacm.ca)

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jan. 15, 2017



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**"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."**

**Notice in the gospel reading that John the Baptist says, "the sin of the world" (singular) and not sins "of the world" (plural). We all sin, and we sin in different ways and at different times. We can speak of "sins" (in the plural), but all our sins are just different manifestations of our brokenness as humans. There are two acknowledgements on sinfulness in the Liturgy: "you take away the sin of the world" (Gloria), and "you take away the sins of the world (Lamb of God). These acknowledgements make it clear that we are sinners, plain and simple. Our sinfulness hearkens back to "original sin", the sin of Adam and Eve who optioned to put themselves above God, or at least on an equal footing with God. What was/is the basis for such an option? In essence, it is our very human traits of pride and selfishness that drive us to exercise such an option. The wonder of Christmas is that God once again intervened in our human world and sent us Jesus Christ; and the "wonder" of Jesus is that he takes away both our "sin" and our "sins". He offers us a Spirit of sinlessness and brings us the possibility of reconciliation and love with Him and with each other. God Bless.**

**Deacon Art**

## Parish Financial Information

<b>New Year's Day Offering</b>	
Env. 29	\$695.00
<u>Initial Offering</u>	<u>\$255.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>

<b>January 1, 2017</b>	
Sun. Env. 50	\$ 1,137.00
Loose	\$ 174.95
<u>PAR 23</u>	<u>\$ 375.38</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,687.33</b>

<b>January 8, 2017</b>	
Sun. Env. 16	\$ 251.00
Loose	\$ 82.45
<u>PAR 23</u>	<u>\$ 375.38</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 708.83</b>

<b>Average Weekly PAR contribution</b>	<b>\$16.32</b>
<b>Average Sunday Envelope contribution</b>	<b>\$15.69</b>

### January 22 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 9.1-4  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18

**Please welcome our celebrant for January Father JJ MacDonald.**

### Key Teachings of the Church - Ambry

Holy Oils are kept in a special place in the church called an ambry.

**Catechism Classes/Confirmation Classes** will resume today Jan. 15th.

### Parish Administration

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### **Meals for Hope Cottage**

Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto	Feb. 23
Group 3 - Mike Convey	Mar. 24
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan	Apr. 25

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.

### **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul News:**

2016 was another busy year for our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, over 700 visits were made to households in our Parish distributing \$40,000 + in food vouchers. Another \$5,000 in special assistance was provided. Over 400 families were helped in some way through our efforts. A request was made for support of the Milk and Breakfast Programs at Joseph Howe Elementary School, Maynard Street, Halifax. Halifax Particular Council responded favorably ensuring the Programs will be funded for the remainder of the School Year.

**Parish Pastoral Council** – The next meeting of Parish Pastoral Council is scheduled for Thurs, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 pm in the Parish Office Boardroom.

**Salt & Light Magazine:** Salt & Light TV have provided complimentary copies of their magazine. There is a listing of their TV schedule as well as articles including 5 Ways to Improve Your Prayer Life, Clarifying a Good Death and even a saintly recipe St. Gianna's Zuppa Inglese (Italian Trifle). Copies of the Magazine are available on the tables at the back of the Church. Please take one for your reading this week.

**Parish Liturgy Committee** – The next meeting of the Liturgy Committee will take place Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Holly Dacey-Joudrey's house. Members of the Liturgy Committee also wish to extend thanks and appreciation to everyone in the community for the generous contribution of gifts – time, talent, and treasure – that helped to prepare our beautiful church and community for our Advent and Christmas liturgies.

**'To mark 100th anniversary of Halifax Explosion this coming fall, Blair Beed is planning an exhibit in the parish hall. Anyone with items of interest to display or family stories to share should contact Blair at 902-455-9977 or during the Chase the Ace game in the hall.'**

**Last Week's Bulletin** is provided as an insert to this week's bulletin. The Archbishop has indicated that he will reschedule his visit to the Parish and Deacon Art will finalize the date shortly.

### **Construction Update**

RAMP installed and useable. Amen to that!!

Dora Construction has now completed the major components of their contract with the Restoration Society dealing with a number of security and safety issues around the Church property.

A new wheelchair accessible ramp completed, removal of pinnacles from Bell Tower/Steeple with storage on site, removal of windows/framing Bell Tower/Steeple and covered to ensure water stays out, rebricking at main entrance door. All gutters reattached, new railing at North side entrance, new railing at Fire Exit Door back of the Hall (Rectory side), the large iron grates protecting the Hall window (in particular the one removed when the new gas furnace was installed) has now been reinstalled, some new drywalling in the Sacristy.

There were two unexpected additional costs. Because soil had to be dug up at the new ramp location (you will remember it was a large/huge pile), there is an environmental requirement to test the soil for contaminants and remove any soil not reused on site. Over 100 tons of soil was removed at a cost in order of \$10,000. On further inspection, it was determined that the granite pinnacle at the south back corner was unstable so it has been removed and stored. Additional cost in the order of \$5 thousand.

While Dora is on site, we have agreed to have them build a new overhang above the Hall Door. This work should be completed over the next week.

We have been very pleased with Dora's work done with minimal disruption. The on-site crew were very respectful of the Church property, friendly and helpful. Many thanks.

Now we turn our attention to securing the funds required to complete the full restoration of the Brunswick Street façade/Bell Tower and Steeple.

### **TODAY Chase the Ace TODAY**

December 18th winner Doug O'Neill \$116.00  
 (20% of sales)

The next Jackpot will be \$2174 plus 30% of that day sales. **Chase the Ace resumes today.** The owner of the winning ticket will get 20% of the days sales plus the chance to pick the card for the jackpot.

**Tickets 1 for \$5; 3 for \$10; 7 for \$20. Tickets for sale in the hall Sunday's 11:00am to 1:00pm. Ticket draw at 1:15pm.**

**You do not have to be present for the draw to still win. However only the winner can pick up the prize.**

*We appreciate all your support.*