

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society

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The 10th Annual Restoration Society Dinner will take place Thursday, May 25 at the World Trade and Convention Centre 6:00 pm for 7:00 pm. Honouring Charitable Irish Society of Halifax. Tickets \$125 or table of ten \$1,250. Tickets are now available at the back of the Church or contact Michael Doherty 902-454-9199. The Silent Auction and the ever popular Shamrock Draw (\$20) will be held again this year.

RESUMES TODAY Chase the Ace, Sunday, April 23rd License No. AGD—107126-16

April 9th winner was Noreen Meade won \$128.00 The card drawn was the 3 of Hearts. The next Jackpot will be \$5448.50 plus 30% of that day sales. 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. The Sunday ticket sale times are 11:00am to 1:00pm with the ticket draw at 1:15pm.

You do not have to be present for the draw to still win, Atlantic Lottery regulations requires that only the winner can pick up the prize.

Knights of Columbus, Halifax Council 1097, invite applications from Catholic students who plan to attend university or community college in the upcoming academic year for the Vincent & Eileen Coy Scholarship. This is a non-renewable scholarship. Application forms are available at the parish office. Deadline for application is by May 15th, 2017. Further information may be obtained by email kofchalifax1097@gmail.com

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 1 - Diane Sullivan Apr. 25
Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto May 19
Group 3 - Mike Convey June 16

Christianity is a battle, not a dream.

Wendell Phillips

Crowning of the statue of Our Lady: Join the Children of Mary Sodality from Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica and Saint Agnes Parishes as they Crown the statue of our Lady, following the 12:15pm Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. The Holy Rosary will be prayed prior to Mass at 11:15am. Reception to follow the crowning in the Parish hall. All are welcome to attend!

The Atlantic Religious Congregations Associate Network (ARCAN) is hosting a conference Fri. June 2 (evening) & Sat. 3rd at Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax. It is open to everyone. You may register for the conference by May 1st Registration fee is \$80 per registrant. contact contact Cora Shebib (cora.shebib@gmail.com or 902-794-4679), Sharon Jacquard (sharonjacquard@hotmail.com) or Mary MacLean (902-569-4308).

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 22, 2017



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“Do not doubt, but believe.”

The disciples are locked in a room, fearful of what might happen to them. They had abandoned Jesus at the time of his death. One of them had turned him over to the authorities. Another had denied he even knew Jesus. The others ran away, apparently in terror of the having seen such a horrific event.

That same terror still gripped the disciples as they gathered behind locked doors. Suddenly, the risen Jesus appears among them, and there is not a word about their betrayal, denial, and abandonment.

Instead he says, “Peace be with you,” as though nothing had ever happened. They look at his wounds, and he repeats his remarkable greeting: “Peace be with you.” Their terror and dread instantly turn to joy!

If only we could follow in the footsteps of Christ and wish peace to everyone! If only we could forgive as he forgave! Would be the wars? Discrimination? Hatred? No, there would not! They would go the way of death itself, conquered by the resurrection.

Jesus assures us that we have received the Holy Spirit. We have the power to release others of their wrongs against us, just as Jesus released us from our wrongs. Our Easter faith that we have “become a new creation” should strengthen our resolve to forgive as Christ forgave.

God Bless.

Deacon Art

Parish Financial Information

April 2, 2017	April 9, 2017	April 17, 2017	Average Weekly PAR contribution \$17.00. Average Sunday Envelope contribution: \$29.26
Sun. Env. 39 \$1,081.25	Sun. Env. 53 \$1,295.00	Sun. Env. 27 \$ 790.00	
Loose \$ 137.15	Loose \$ 332.85	Loose \$ 176.25	
PAR 25 \$ 424.85	PAR 25 \$ 424.85	PAR 25 \$ 424.85	
Total \$1,643.25	Total \$2,052.70	Total \$1,391.10	

All committees and groups are reminded that bulletin notices must be received electronically to the office the Wednesday before you want your item placed in the bulletin. For more information contact the office. Thank you.

Catechism: We will finish the movie Joseph, King of Dreams this week. All are invited to attend.

Key Teachings of the Church:

What is Sacred Scripture?

The words Sacred Scripture come from two Latin words meaning "holy writings." Sacred Scripture is the collection of all the writings God has inspired authors to write in his name.

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St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society Dinner tickets will be on sale at the back of the Church after Mass. The tickets cost \$125 each. The dinner will be held on May 25th at the World Trade and Convention Centre. Thank you.



2017 Lenten Video Series - Equip the Saints. Thank you to all who have attended the first three of the Lenten videos that have focused on **Formation.**

These video presentations have helped us prepare for Easter and to continue in our parish pastoral planning process. **Date for the 4th and final video is TODAY, Sunday, April 23rd, 11:15 am** after Mass in the parish board room. Please consider joining us. For more information, please see Michele O'Neill.

Minutes of March meeting of the Pastoral Council are posted on the Bulletin Board and Green Binders at the back of the Church.

If seeds in the black earth can turn into such beautiful roses, what might the heart of a person become in its long journey to the stars?

Gilbert K. Chesterton.

Sacrament of Baptism, The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after Mass today Lucy James Bona and Scarlett Marie Pamela Gore. Please welcome them and their family and Godparents to the Saint Patrick's Parish Community.

Parish Lay Ministry Formation Workshop THIS Saturday, April 29th, 9:00 am– 1:00 pm Church Hall

Who should attend?

- All parishioners currently serving in a lay ministry (some may be discerning a new ministry)
- All parishioners who are discerning a parish ministry for the first time
- Anyone in the parish who would like to come and enjoy a morning of prayer, learning and fellowship.

Agenda for the morning:

9:00 am **Gathering** (coffee/tea/muffins)
9:30 am **Opening Remarks**
9:40 am **Morning Prayer**
10:00 am **Presentation** on the theme of Christian Formation by John Stevens, Pastoral Life & New Evangelization Manager, Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth
11:00 am **Workshops** (Lectors, Prayer of the Faithful, Music/Choir, Ministers of the Eucharist, Children/Youth Programs)
Representatives of parish ministries will be available to provide information and share their experience of service
12:00noon **Concluding Remarks** Blessing
12:15 pm **Lunch**

A registration sheet is at the back of the church and it would be appreciated if you would confirm your attendance for planning purposes (numbers for photocopying and lunch) by Sunday, April 23rd. A detailed program for the morning is available at the back of the church, along with a list of all parish ministries. Questions can be directed to Michele O'Neill.

Annual Mothers' Day Luncheon - Parent Resource Centre Each year we support the Parent Resource Centre in their annual Mothers' Day Luncheon event by providing a collection of personal items to be placed in a gift bag and presented to the mothers at the luncheon. In preparation for this wonderful afternoon for the mothers of the neighbourhood, a basket will be placed at the back of the church until Sunday, April 30th to collect personal items (hand lotions, shampoos, bubble bath, sweets, etc.) for the gift bags. If you prefer to make a money donation, please place it in an envelope marked "Mothers' Day Luncheon" and place in the collection basket. This year we will be further supporting this annual event by preparing and serving the luncheon to the mothers. If you would like to help with preparing the meal and/or serving the meal, please see Michele O'Neill. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support for this annual event.



A Memorial donation was received for Easter Flowers in memory of Veronica Doucette. Mrs. Doucette's name was inadvertently missed in last week bulletin.

New Pastoral Assignmentsfrom the office of the Archbishop April 11, 2017

Dear Priests and Deacons,
This past weekend, in a letter to the parishioners of Saint Benedict, I announced that I had asked Fr. James Mallon to accept a position of Episcopal Vicar for Parish Renewal and Leadership Support, which he has accepted. In this capacity, Fr. James is being asked to bring his experience and understanding to the implementation of our Archdiocesan pastoral plan, by assisting our pastors, parochial administrators and parish leaders in the transformation of our Archdiocesan Church to meet the challenge of evangelization, in our present circumstances. More information will be provided at a later date. This appointment will become effective July 1, 2017. I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Fr. Simon Lobo, CC, as pastor of Saint Benedict, effective July 1, 2017. Fr. Lobo will continue the work, spirit and ministry which have been established at Saint Benedict in these past years.

†Anthony Mancini
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth