

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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The Annual Fundraising Dinner has been scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2016. The dinner will be held at the World Trade & Convention Centre. Pat Crowley and Greg Murphy will co-chair the Dinner Committee.

The Society is pleased to announce that the Jesuits of Halifax will be honoured at the Dinner. While the Jesuits in 1940 did not come to the Archdiocese through St. Patrick's, they will be leaving from St. Patrick's. They have been a part of our Parish for over 20 years in the capacity of Sacramental Ministry, Priest-in-Charge and the Jesuit Spirituality Centre since 2005. They officially leave at the end of June. Tickets for the Dinner will be available THIS week. \$100 each.

St. Patrick's Hall News

Our Electrical issues will hopefully be resolved soon. The sub-basement has had a full clear-out and various storage corners have been cleaned up. The work continues...

The tidying up of the hall has been started. Anyone wishing to use the hall for any functions is asked to call the office and speak with Cheryl to see if the hall is available for your function and rules regarding its use. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in this matter. Thank you.

Mark your calendar for April 23, 2016

What: A Conversation that could Change Everything for those who live in poverty!

When: From 9am to 3pm on April 23, 2016

Where: St. Agnes Parish Hall, Mumford Rd.

Presenter: Guillermo Campuzano, CM

The WORD among us for March 27 — April 30 is available for your use during Mass or if you would like to take one home to use please feel free to do so.

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 3, 2016



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 10th

Reader 1: Acts 4.13-21

Reader 2: Mark 16.9-15

Gospel: Mark 16.9-15

We are now on Twitter! Please

follow us at: @stpatrickshfx

**Next Silent Saturday Retreat at the Jesuit
Spirituality Centre** April 23rd - Allowing the
Risen Jesus to teach and comfort us.

Jesuit Centre of Spirituality

2287 Brunswick St.—902-429-7344:

The Centre welcomes people of all faiths into their home for day retreats, workshops and programs. Individual spiritual direction is available.

Programs:

Paul's rich experience of Grace:

Signposts for our own spiritual journey

Grace abounded in Paul's personal life and ministry, and in the communities he founded. Out of his experience he struggled to teach his communities. His teaching will help us understand the workings of grace in our lives and in our prayer. Suggested offering \$25 per session, \$60 for all three. Jean-Marc Laporte S.J., **Tues. 7-9 PM on Apr. 12.**

LIVING OUR UNFINISHED SYMPHONY:

Being true to ourselves and to God

We will begin by focusing on change as it reveals itself in our SOUL WORK, i.e. our human quest for meaning. This change is particularly acute at mid-life and again when one decides to retire. At these significant moments in life the self goes through a major transformation which involves liminality (disorientation in the midst of change). Finally we will focus on our unfinished symphony, the challenge and the call to be true to our own selves and to God.

One session, lunch included, suggested offering: \$35. Beverly Musgrave: Saturday Apr 9, 9 AM to 4 PM

Parish Financial Information

March 6, 2016

ENV. 41	\$1,370.00
Loose	108.00
PAR 24	382.31
Total	\$1,860.31

March 13, 2016

ENV. 50	\$1,105.00
Loose	98.00
PAR 24	382.31
Total	\$1,585.31

March 20, 2016

ENV. 50	\$1,625.00
Loose	186.30
PAR 24	382.31
Total	\$2,193.61

March 27, 2016

ENV. 39	\$1,300.00
Loose	20.00
PAR 24	382.31
Holy Thurs.	630.50
Good Friday	
Holy Lands	548.85
Easter Env.	\$2,370.95
Dev & Peace	180.00
Total	\$5,432.61

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93.
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$33.33

Development & Peace Collec-
 tion amount to
 date is \$1005.

P.A.R. Means *Pre Authorized Remittance* and is a recommended method of contributing to our parish. To make regular donations through P.A.R. please pick up an application form on the entry counter in the church or contact the parish office. Thank you.

Key Teachings of the Church:

What are the Sacraments of Christian Initiation?

The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. These three Sacraments are the foundation of every Christian life.

Sacrament of Baptism

The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after Mass today **Layla Lyn Pettipas**. Please welcome Layla, her family and Godparents to the Saint Patrick's Parish Community.

*Every human heart—
 From a teenager watching MTV
 To a cabdriver waiting for a fare —
 Has a spiritual void
 That only Infinite Love can satisfy
 Anonymous*

Update to Parishioners

At the invitation of Archbishop Mancini, on March 30 representatives of the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, and Restoration Society met with the Archbishop, Fr. John Williams: Vicar General, Deacon Bob Britton: Chancellor, and Peter Brown: Administrator Archdiocesan Finances.

Prompted by recent media coverage stemming from the municipal registration of St. Patrick's Church as a heritage building, this meeting addressed our way forward as a parish community. This involves our pastoral plan, the state of our building which requires urgent work, our current finances, and fund-raising prospects and plans.

The meeting was an open and frank review of where all three partners have been over the past decade in trying to restore, maintain and build the Parish.

The Archbishop has requested from us a firm plan to move forward. There are a number of information pieces to be collected and reviewed which we will deal with over the coming weeks. Of crucial importance is a further review on what is urgently required to deal with current and emerging safety issues and to stabilize the front of the church and how much this is likely to cost.

Once we have the requisite information, we will have a meeting with you the parishioners, giving you the fuller information we have gathered and seeking your input. The Archbishop has indicated that he will meet with members of the parish once the picture of our way forward has become clearer.

Concert: Sunday April 10th - 2 pm

The Halifax Concert Band in recent years has always performed an Irish Concert here at St. Patrick's. Last year because of the weather it was cancelled. This year because of our water issue we have had to reschedule. ***The Band will perform, Sunday, April 10. Tickets are \$10. (available at the door this weekend). Proceeds to our Building Fund.***

CHASE THE ACE—Update

Our application to run a Chase the Ace has been submitted. Its approval is pending. The Lottery Commission has suspended approval of new applications until their review of Procedures presently in place are completed.

We thank all of those who have volunteered to date and will keep you updated as events unfold.

Refugee Committee

Father Jean-Marc has received a thank-you card (posted on Bulletin Board) from the Refugee Sponsorship Committee of St. George's. The note thanks parishioners for the generous support in the settlement of one, possibly two Syrian families in Halifax. The Almasalma family should be arriving shortly. It has been a real joy having members of your congregation work with us in this endeavor. Treasurer Refugee Sponsorship Committee, Jacqueline de Mestral

Jesus' friendship with us, his faithfulness and his mercy, are a priceless gift which encourages us to follow him trustingly, notwithstanding our failures, our mistakes, also our betrayals.

Pope Francis.

**Saint Vincent de Paul—
 St. Patrick's Conference:**
 The Society is in need of more volunteers to help the less fortunate in our area, by following up for requests in answering calls and the delivery of food vouchers. If you are interested please contact the office (902-405-3806) for more information. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Meals for Hope Cottage
 Group 1 - Diane Sullivan - April 6
 Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto - May 12
 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 leave you name at the office with Cheryl.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
 On behalf of the Parish of Saint Patrick's I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Katrina Mentink and Michelle Watson for all their hard work and dedication in preparing our young people to receive the sacraments. It was a great blessing for our community to be able to celebrate with the children as they received the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at Easter. May they continue to grow in their faith and commitment, strengthened by the Eucharist. Thanks a bunch! Sister Bernadette