

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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The second collection for Creating Community, the third of our archdiocesan collections supporting the pastoral initiatives of Archbishop Mancini, will take place on Nov. 20. The money raised will support a variety of programs and ministries in our Archdiocese such as: Ministry of Care & Companionship to the elderly, ill, and dying; Outreach programs to the poor and needy on a diocesan and parish level; Chaplaincy in the hospitals and universities; Special diocesan liturgies (Chrism Mass, priestly ordinations, Cemetery Masses, etc.); Support our wider Catholic community through the initiatives of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

November Maintenance in our Catholic Cemeteries: As the weather cools we want to prepare our cemetery grounds for the winter weather that will come. During November we ask families who have loved ones buried in any of our cemeteries to please remove flowers and other items that have been on the grave or the headstone over the spring and summer. If you have bushes or flowers planted please trim or take out these as well. Our staff will be removing such items over the coming weeks as the winds of winter blow many of these items around. If you wish to keep the headstone saddles (arrangements) or other items please remove them very soon. Thank you.

Saint Mother Teresa Parish (6032 Normandy Drive North End Halifax) – Annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 12th 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be raffles, a bake table with specialty items, handmade crafts, a cake & cupcake walk, holiday candy, as well as tickets on "Gift Card Tree" with gift cards for a variety of local stores, various children's games and you can place an order for a real Christmas Wreath. Proceeds benefit the various projects sponsored by our church groups and committees throughout the year.

The Friends-of-L'Arche Halifax group will meet for their monthly gathering on Sunday, November 13th from 1:30 to 3:30 in St. Agnes Hall, Mumford Road, Halifax.

All are welcome, especially those with intellectual disabilities, their families and friends, to come for

The Advent Show, November 24—26th, 2016 SPATZ Theatre, Halifax, NS Supporting the homeless and marginalized in our community. The Advent Show's three-fold mission is to **Raise money & awareness** for the poor, homeless, and marginalized, **Promote young local talent**, by showcasing emerging professional performers and established mentoring artists. **Entertain audiences** with a stunning theatrical experience, while telling the Christmas nativity story through song, dance, & more! The beneficiary charities for 2016 are: ARK Outreach, Daily Bread Outreach, Grace Street Mission. For tickets please visit their website www.AdventShow.com. Tickets are \$25/\$35.



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"Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living"

The Sadducees in this week's gospel had one big problem - they could not conceive of heaven beyond what they could see with their naked eyes! Aren't we often like them? We don't recognize spiritual realities because we try to make heaven into an earthly image.

The ultimate proof of the resurrection is Jesus and his victory over death when he rose from the tomb. Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he exclaimed: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25). Jesus asks us the same question. Do you believe in the resurrection and in the promise of eternal life with God?

St. Paul, quoting from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 64:4; 65:17) states: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," (1 Corinthians 2:9-10). The promise of paradise - heavenly bliss and unending life with an all-loving God - is beyond human reckoning so let us ask Jesus to put his hands on our hearts and eyes also, for then we too shall begin to look not at what is seen but at what is not seen. Sometimes we have to believe before we can see.

**God Bless.
Deacon Art**

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Next Sunday November 13, 2016

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Malachi 4.1-2

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19

Parish Financial Information

Oct. 2, 2016	
ENV. 40	\$ 967.00
Loose	197.50
PAR 24	389.23
Total	\$1,553.73

Oct. 9, 2016	
ENV. 37	\$ 845.00
Loose	191.30
PAR 24	389.23
Total	\$1,425.53

Oct. 16, 2016	
ENV. 41	\$887.00
Loose	45.15
PAR 24	\$389.23
Total	\$1,321.38

Oct. 23, 2016	
ENV. 56	\$1,414.00
Loose	98.15
PAR 24	\$ 389.23
Total	\$1,901.38

Oct. 30, 2016	
ENV. 46	\$1003.00
Loose	64.45
PAR 24	\$ 389.23
Total	\$1,456.68

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$16.22.
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$21.80.

In your envelope box please note that on November 13th (next weekend) there is a special envelope for “Fuel Collection” to help heat our wonderful church building.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is once again preparing to help families at Christmas. This is a great opportunity for us to share our blessings with people who are less fortunate in our community. We at St. Patrick’s have always responded generously. Again this year, instead of gifts, parents will receive a gift card from the Halifax Shopping Centre for each child in need. We hope this will help the parents we serve to most effectively meet their children’s needs at Christmas. Envelopes for donations will be available on the Giving Tree at the back of the Church. They may be returned in the regular Sunday collection. If you wish to receive a tax receipt for your donation, please put your envelope number, or your name and address on the envelope. We will purchase the gift cards at a discount from the Halifax Shopping Centre. We trust that you will continue to generously support families in need in our area at this most holy time of the year.

Key Teachings of the Church

Sacramentals—These blessings and sacred objects are used in our public worship and personal prayer to help prepare us to receive grace.

Confirmation Preparation starts today after Mass!

All those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will gather today after Mass in the Conference room. Anyone wishing to volunteer please see Sr. Bernadette.

Catechism Class starts today after Mass!

All young people are invited to join us downstairs for Catechism class, where we will learn more about our Catholic Faith. Anyone wishing to volunteer please see Sr. Bernadette

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

Nov. 6—Fr. Francesco Pirisi, FoH
 Nov. 13—Fr. JJ MacDonald
 Nov. 20—Fr. Francesco Pirisi, FoH
 Nov. 27—Fr. J.J. MacDonald

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.

CENSUS SUNDAYS

TODAY & November 13 forms will be available for completion so that we can keep our Parishioner’s and records up to date. Your co-operation is much appreciated. Thank you.

The Liturgy Committee of the parish met on October 26th to begin planning for the Advent and Christmas season and to look ahead for the planning needs for liturgical celebrations for our parish throughout the church year. The schedule for our Advent and Christmas liturgies is below”.

Refugee Committee Update - St. Patrick's Parish volunteers continue to be involved with the St. George's Anglican Refugee Committee, and we are still waiting to welcome the Almasalmas, a family of five from Syria presently in Jordan who are understandably anxious about the delay. Latest news from Immigration and Citizenship is they could possibly arrive in Canada on or before February 2017. We pray for their safe arrival to Canada soon.

In the meantime, the Government has approached St. George's Refugee Committee to act in a support role (non-monetary involvement) with the Husseins (family of four) originally from Iraq who have lived for the past six months in Enfield, N.S. They are moving to Bayers Road in Halifax on Oct. 29/16. Committee volunteers from St. Patrick's and St. George's will welcome the family and assist with school registration; arrange for adult English classes; help cope with transit routes and deal with other needs as they arise. It is a wonderful opportunity to help.

Joan Sullivan – St. Patrick’s Parish Representative

Advent & Christmas Schedule (St. Patrick’s)

Sun., Nov. 27	10 am Mass	(1st Sunday of Advent)
Sun., Dec. 4	10 am Mass	(2nd Sunday of Advent)
Sun. Dec. 11	10 am Mass	(3rd Sunday of Advent)
Wed., Dec. 14	6:30	Confessions;
	7:00 pm	Advent Penitential Service
		Confessions continued after Mass
Sun. Dec. 18	10 am Mass	(4th Sunday of Advent)
Sat., Dec. 24	7:30 pm	Carols in the Church
	8:00 pm	Vigil of the Nativity Mass
Sun., Dec. 25	10 am	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Sun., Jan. 1	10am	The Solemnity of Mary
		the Holy Mother of God & New Year’s
Sun., Jan. 8	10 am	Epiphany of the Lord

Note to Lectors
 The 2017 Workbook for Lectors is available in limited supply in the Sacristy for you to pick up.

For job postings within the Archdiocese of Halifax Yarmouth, please visit there website at www.halifaxyarmouth.org. Currently looking for a **Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator** see there website for further details.