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Donations for the Restoration Society accepted in Green Box at the back of the Church/Church Hall & by VISA and MASTERCARD, by calling 902-429-4170 or mailing to Saint Patrick's Restoration Society, 2263 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3K 2Y9

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 (CCCCB).

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.

Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Pre-Planning: Pre-need planning is the arrangement of cemetery services prior to need. Many individuals have found that planning in advance of death gives them peace of mind and relieves their family members of the emotional burden of making these arrangements. If you would like to make a plan please contact Cathy Driscoll-Cainen, 429-9800 ext 308. Visit the Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax website www.ccchalifax.com

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 there website www.AdventShow.com. Tickets are \$25/\$35.

“But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.”

“SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE SIGNS.”

Most of us have heard the old axioms: “it is always darkest just before the dawn,” or “things will get worse before they get better”, and as we approach the end of the liturgical year, today’s liturgy paints a rather frightening picture of the end time: nation rising against nation, plagues and famines, fearful omens and great signs, persecutions and trials. The biblical “day of the Lord” will be a time “when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire.”

There is no biblical basis for hope in progress. It is not written in Scripture that things will gradually get better until Christ comes again, and in fact it is closer to Scriptural truth to say that things will get worse before they get better.

Consider, for example, the matter of deaths caused by war: in the 18th century, about 4 million people died in wars; in the 19th century, about 8 million people died in wars; in the 20th century, nearly 100 million people died in wars and God only knows what the 21st century will bring. The psalmist tells us that “the Lord comes to rule the earth with justice”, and as Christians we have to believe that this will be the case, because our God is a loving and just God. The scales will be balanced in the end, but in the meantime we must live out our faith with the knowledge that God’s plans for us are peace and not disaster. If we live as God calls us to live, to love God and neighbor, then “there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.”

God Bless, Deacon Art

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Next Sunday November 20, 2016

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Christ the King

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5.1-3

2nd Reading: Colossians 1.12-20

Gospel: Luke 23.35-43

Parish Financial Information

Nov. 6, 2016	
ENV. 43	\$1,355.00
Loose	125.35
PAR 24	389.23
Total	\$1,869.58

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

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

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind parishioners that envelopes for donations are available on the Giving Tree at the back of the Church. Donations will be used to provide children in need in our community with gift cards for Christmas. We hope to have all of the envelopes returned in the regular collection on or before December 4, 2016. Thank you for your support.

Registration for Steubenville Atlantic 2017 is now open! The conference will be from July 7-9, 2017 at Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS. This year's theme is "Elevate" based on Revelation 21:5 - "Behold I make all things new." God calls us higher and raises us beyond things of this world. He transforms us and makes us new. This is a gradual process, an ongoing journey, in which we are elevated by God's grace and experience continual, deeper conversion. By Christ's passion, death and resurrection, we too are able to rise with Christ. Groups that register by Dec. 31, 2016 receive \$25 off the registration price AND a free pair of limited edition Elevate sunglasses! As well, every registration will earn your group a ballot for a draw for a FREE pizza party on Friday night of the conference. Learn more at www.steubenville.ca

A reporter asked Mother Teresa, "What's wrong with the Church today?"
 Mother Teresa responded, "You and I, Sir, We are what's wrong with the Church, For we are the Church."

Key Teachings of the Church
Morality: Refers to the goodness or evil of human acts. The morality of human acts depends on the object, intention, and circumstances of the action.

Confirmation
 There will be no class this week due to the extra long weekend.
 Classes will resume next week. See you then.

Catechism
 There will be no class this week due to the extra long weekend.
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Please welcome the following who will be celebrating Mass with us:
 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 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.

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.

Refugee Committee Update: To follow up on the report of last week, the Hussein family of four who arrived in Canada in September are now in their apartment in Halifax. Members of our parish have been assisting the family with registration with ISANS (Immigrant Settlement Assoc. of NS) and with settling the two children at their new school which the boys love. Arrangements for English classes and banking are underway. A walking orientation of the neighbourhood including the Mumford Bus Terminal and familiarization with grocery shopping, medical clinic and pharmacy have been completed this week. The Hussein family is in need of a food processor. If anyone can help, please see Bob Doherty or Joan Sullivan of our parish.

Please keep the Almasalmas family in your prayers as we await their expected arrival in Canada sometime between now and February 2017.

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)
Tues., Dec. 13	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