

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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Barat Spirituality Centre - 1455 Summer Street, Halifax, NS B3H4L6. Day of Stillness
Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Facilitated by Donna Dolan, RSCJ; This will be a day to be at home with God. Each of us can recognise the experience of being at home. Knowing what it feels like at best, we can recall this as a fruitful way of entering into prayer. The day will include time for private prayer, liturgy, and an opportunity to meet with a spiritual guide. Please bring a bag lunch, beverages provided. Please register by February 12.

Sacred Heart School of Halifax - Saturday, February 25, 2017 Sacred Heart offers entrance scholarships to new Gr.7-12 students valued between \$1,000 and \$3,000. To be considered for an entrance scholarship we ask that application files be completed by February 25th. We will also offer a sitting of the entrance assessment on Saturday, February 25 at 9:00 am. We also offer Financial Assistance through our Bursary Program for families who exhibit financial need. For more information or to RSVP for February 25 please contact Robyn Andrecyk, Admissions Director, at randrecyk@shsh.ca or (902) 422-4459.

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 or (207) 868-5027.

2017 Lenten Series: It's only January, but Lent is on its way! We will once again release a Lenten Series to help us prepare for Easter and to continue in our pastoral planning process. This year's series will focus on formation, one of our three pastoral themes. With the help of feedback and suggestions from all of you across the Archdiocese, this year's four part series features an updated format to make it easier to participate in the series and share the content in small groups.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jan. 22, 2017



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"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Do you know the joy and freedom of the *good news* (Gospel)? John the Baptist's enemies had sought to silence him, but the good news of God's kingdom of salvation cannot be silenced. The Old Testament prophets spoke of God's promise to send a Redeemer who would establish God's rule. That time is now fulfilled in Jesus who brings the light and truth of the Gospel to the world.

Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls his hearers to believe in the good news he has come to deliver. What is the *good news* which Jesus brings? It is the good news of *peace* - the Lord comes to reconcile and restore us to friendship with God. The good news of *hope* - the Lord comes to dwell with us and to give us a home with him in his heavenly kingdom. The good news of *truth* - the Lord Jesus sets us free from the lies and deception of Satan and opens our mind to understand the truth and revelation of God's word (John 8:32).

The Gospel is the power and the wisdom of God - both power to change and transform our lives and wisdom to show us how to live as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord makes it possible for us to receive his word with faith and to act upon it with trust.

If we want to grow in the knowledge of God's love and truth, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew in us the gift of faith, the love of wisdom, and the heart of a disciple who desires to follow the Jesus. Let us pray that Jesus will help us to choose what is pleasing to God; to love our God and love our neighbor as ourselves. God Bless.

Deacon Art

Parish Financial Information

New Year's Day Offering	
Env. 29	\$695.00
Initial Offering	\$255.00
Total	\$950.00

January 1, 2017	
Sun. Env. 50	\$ 1,137.00
Loose	\$ 174.95
PAR 23	\$ 375.38
Total	\$ 1,687.33

January 8, 2017	
Sun. Env. 16	\$ 251.00
Loose	\$ 82.45
PAR 23	\$ 375.38
Total	\$ 708.83

January 8, 2017	
Sun. Env. 62	\$1,968.00
Loose	\$ 125.70
PAR 23	\$ 375.38
Total	\$2,469.08

Ray Rankin will be celebrating his 80th Birthday today. Please help us celebrate with him by joining us for fellowship, cake and refreshments after Mass today in the Parish Hall.

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$16.32
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$31.74.

January 29 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.26-31
Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

Please welcome our celebrant for January Father JJ MacDonald.

Key Teachings of the Church - Apostles
The Apostles were the first twelve leaders of the Church. Jesus chose them to baptize and teach in his name.

Catechism Classes take place in the children's program room in Church Hall following Mass. **Confirmation Classes** will be relocated to the Sacristy effect immediately.

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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.

'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.'

Construction Completed
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.

Dora has completed the construction of a new overhang above the Hall Door. Equipment & Tools used for this project have been removed from the premises so the Hall is back to being full functional.

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.

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

2016 Tax Receipts are available for pickup at the entrance to the church this weekend.

TODAY Chase the Ace TODAY
License No. AGD—107126-16

Jan. 14 winner was Carol Fenton \$198.00 The card drawn was the 2 of diamonds. (20% of sales)

The next Jackpot will be \$2,471.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. Next Saturday, Jan. 28th we will again be selling tickets at the Young Street Superstore starting from 1:00pm to 5:00 pm. **The usual 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. However only the winner can pick up the prize.

We appreciate all your support.

Parish Liturgy Committee – The next meeting of the Liturgy Committee will take place Wednesday, January 25th, 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.