

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.

The 6th Regional Catholic Men's "Weekend of Grace for Men" Retreat will take place from Apr 29 to May 1, 2016 at Bayside Camp at 1503 Ketch Harbour Road, Sambro Head, NS. Guest speaker will be Deacon Ralph Poyo. For further information or to register, please visit [www.weekendofgrace.com](http://www.weekendofgrace.com) or call Tony at (902) 435-1568.

#### 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

#### St. Agnes Annual Mother's Day Lobster Dinner May 8th 2016 from 11:30am—1pm

In The Leo Day Auditorium. Take Out Available Come on out and enjoy a fully cooked Lobster, Potato salad, Cole Slaw, roll and Apple Pie—or better yet - Take home this meal to Mom, where she can sit and enjoy it in her own home. (Limited Alternate choice Baked Ham ).

Tickets \$25.00. to purchase or reserve your tickets, please call 902-454-8200 #2 or 902-454-8281.

**The April edition of Discipleship** If you are not receiving this Journal you can request it by following the following link. <http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/>

**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



## St. Patrick's Church

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**Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.**

**Reconciliation by Appointment**

**4th Sunday of Easter, April 17th**

**Reader 1: Acts 13.14, 43-52**

**Reader 2: Revelation 7.9, 14b-17**

**Gospel: John 10.27-30**

*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.**

#### **ADVANCING YEARS: GIFT OR BURDEN? The last major transition in life**

With a reduction in physical energy, old age brings time for reflection, growth in wisdom, opportunities to let go and to let God. It may seem as a time of decline, and in some ways it is, but in reality it ushers in the final stage in our human maturation. How might the life and prayer of older people be shaped by this experience?

Three sessions, suggested offering: \$25 per session; \$60 for all three

Mary Lavers, S.C., Mondays 1.30- 3.30 PM:  
April 4, 11, 18

## Parish Financial Information

**April 3, 2016**

ENV.	52	\$1,145.00
Loose		78.10
PAR	24	382.31
Total		\$1,605.41

**Average Weekly  
PAR contribution  
\$15.93.**

**Average Sunday  
Envelope contribu-  
tion \$22.02**

### **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 2 - Pam Gasparetto - May 12

Group 3—Mike Convey June 7

Group 1 - Diane Sullivan - July 7

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 your name at the office with Cheryl.

**The world  
and everything in it that people desire  
is passing away;  
but he who does the will of God  
lives forever. 1 John 2:17**

**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 is the New Testament?**

The New Testament is the second main part of the Bible, the twenty-seven books are inspired by the Holy Spirit and written during the times of the Apostles. These books center on Jesus Christ and his saving work among us.

## **St. Patrick's Hall News**

**Electrical issues** a new 400 amp service has been installed to provide power to the church. A new fire-proof electrical room has been constructed in the hall. All plugs and outlets in the kitchen are in working order. A new hot water heater has been installed in the sub-basement. The former one was old and had developed a leak.

**Clutter clean-up**—A work in progress! We have tried to place supplies, items etc. in their logical location in the building—janitorial in the janitor room, liturgy material in sacristy, kitchen related in the kitchen etc. please be patient as we continue with this task.

**Hall/Boardroom Use!** Anyone wishing to use the hall /boardroom for any functions is asked to call the office and speak with Cheryl to see if either is available for your function and rules regarding their use. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in this matter. Thank you.

**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, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Please see Michele O'Neill if you have any questions. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support for this annual event.

## **Step Up Walk**

**Step Up with Chalice to fight poverty in your neighborhood.** The Catholic sponsorship organization is holding its second annual Step Up Walk at the Emera Oval on the North Halifax Common **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.** **Proceeds support the local St. Vincent De Paul councils and the Sisters of Saint Martha Street Ministry.** Donation sheets and volunteer signup forms will be available at the back of the church after mass on April 17, 2016. Michael Hughes, Step Up Walk Coordinator, will present on Step Up Walk at Mass on April 17. To get involved call Michael Hughes at (902) 252-3911 or visit [www.stepupwalk.ca](http://www.stepupwalk.ca).

## **Concert: TODAY 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, TODAY Tickets are \$10. and are available at the door. 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.

*All that we send into the lives of others,  
Comes back into our own. Edwin Markham*

## **2016 Assembly of the People: Becoming**

**an Oasis of Mercy** Registration is now open for our 5th annual Assembly of the People of God from **May 13-14** at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica and various downtown venues. Registration cost is \$25. The Assembly is open to everyone in the diocese. **Gather as a community of missionary disciples!** Key parish ministry leaders, clergy, and engaged parishioners will experience inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops. To register [www.halifaxvarmouth.org/assembly](http://www.halifaxvarmouth.org/assembly) and to see a detailed schedule and list of workshop.