

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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The 10th Annual Restoration Society Dinner will take place Thursday, May 25 at the World Trade and Convention Centre 6:00 pm for 7:00 pm. Honouring Charitable Irish Society of Halifax. Tickets \$125 or table of ten \$1,250. Tickets are now available at the back of the Church or contact Michael Doherty 902-454-9199. The Silent Auction and the ever popular Shamrock Draw (\$20) will be held again this year. **It is helpful and necessary to know your intention of attending by May 18, 2017.**

**Chase the Ace, Sunday,
License No. AGD—107126-16**

April 23rd winner was Ed Miller won \$145.00 The card drawn was the King of Hearts The next Jackpot will be \$5666.00. 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. The 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, Atlantic Lottery regulations requires that only the winner can pick up the prize.

Saint Paul's Parish in Dartmouth and the Portuguese Social Club are hosting a variety of events to celebrate 100 years of our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome to attend the celebrations. For more information or to RSVP to the Dinner & Dance please send an email fatimacommittee@gmail.com or check the Archdiocese for more detailed information.

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto May 19
Group 3 - Mike Convey June 16
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan July 13

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

Edwin Markham

Crowning of the statue of Our Lady: Join the Children of Mary Sodality from Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica and Saint Agnes Parishes as they Crown the statue of our Lady, following the 12:15pm Mass on Saturday, 06 May 2017 at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. The Holy Rosary will be prayed prior to Mass at 11:15am. Reception to follow the crowning in the Parish hall. All are welcome to

The Atlantic Religious Congregations Associate Network (ARCAN) is hosting a conference Fri. June 2 (evening) & Sat. 3rd at Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax. It is open to everyone. You may register for the conference by May 1st Registration fee is \$80 per registrant. contact Cora Shebib (cora.shebib@gmail.com) or 902-794-4679, Sharon Jacquard sharonjacquard@hotmail.com or Mary MacLean (902-569-4308).

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2017



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"Were not our hearts burning while he was opening the Scriptures to us."

Why was it difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their slowness of heart to believe what the scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them.

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) reflects on the dimness of their perception: "They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind" (Sermon 235.1).

How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us?

Let us pray this week that Jesus Christ will open the eyes of our heart to recognize His presence with us, and to understand the truth of His saving word. May we be nourished with His life-giving word and with the bread of life, so that we may always love one another as God loves us.

**God Bless.
Deacon Art**

Parish Financial Information

April 2, 2017	
Sun. Env. 39	\$1,081.25
Loose	\$ 137.15
PAR 25	\$ 424.85
Total	\$1,643.25

April 9, 2017	
Sun. Env. 53	\$1,295.00
Loose	\$ 332.85
PAR 25	\$ 424.85
Total	\$2,052.70

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$17.00.
Average Sunday Envelope contribution: \$23.56.

Catechism/Confirmation classes will be held after Mass.

Key Teachings of the Church:
Beatitudes – are the sayings or teachings of Jesus that describe real happiness, the happiness that God created people to have.

April 17, 2017	
Sun. Env. 27	\$ 790.00
Loose	\$ 176.25
PAR 25	\$ 424.85
Total	\$1,391.10

April 23, 2017	
Sun. Env. 45	\$1,060.00
Loose	\$ 206.70
PAR 25	\$ 424.85
Total	\$1,691.55

Celebrants for Saint Patrick's Lord's Day Mass

Sunday, Apr. 30th - Father Francesco Pirisi, FoH
Sun., May 7th - Father JJ MacDonald
Sun. May 14th - Father JJ MacDonald
 - Father Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ
Sun. May 21st - Father JJ MacDonald
Sun. May 28th - Father JJ MacDonald

Important Reminder to all Parishioners Regarding Parking in the old Rectory!!

If you park next door at 2267 Brunswick St. you stand a very good chance that your vehicle will be **TICKETED AND TOWED AT YOUR EXPENSE. This is for the tenants of that building only! We do not have any parking spaces there.**

Parish Administration

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God is much more anxious to communicate with us than we are to listen.

Morton Kelsey

Message from Deacon Art

I will be away from May 3rd until June 1st, and with my dear wife Sharon, and will be visiting family and friends in Alberta and Saskatchewan. I will keep in touch via the weekly bulletin reflections and the electronic leash.. Father JJ MacDonald has kindly agreed to look after the sacramental needs of St. Patrick's in conjunction with the leadership team while I'm away, and I promise to pray for all of you during my absence. Father Jean-Marc will be visiting Halifax from May 12th until May 17th and will celebrate Mass on Mother's Day, May 14th. Father JJ will con-celebrate with him so we will be doubly blessed on Mother's day this year. God willing, I will be back for the confirmation celebration on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. Please be gentle with Father JJ and I know you will welcome Father Jean-Marc with open arms. Please pray for our safe return.

God Bless, Deacon Art

Below you will see a brief recap of our revenues and expenses for the first three months of the year. Our deficit is \$17,300 or \$1,300 a week. Most weeks we are close to breaking even but we do need an increase in donations. Our expenses continue every week. We ask that if you are away that you please try to double up when you return or sign up for PAR. PAR forms are available at the back of the Church. Please review your weekly offerings and consider increasing it. Thank you for our dedication and devotion to St. Patrick's.

Revenues	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 23,707
Fundraising	\$ 2,416
Donations	\$ 746
Other	\$ 3,692
Interest	\$ 1,628
Total Income	\$ 32,189
Expenses	
Staff Costs	\$ 14,708
Utilities	\$ 10,390
Building Insurance	\$ 4,615
Office Expenses	\$ 4,282
Church Maintenance	\$ 8,039
Interest on Debt	\$ 3,032
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 3,458
Miscellaneous	\$ 996
Total Expenses	\$ 49,520
Net Loss	\$(17,330)

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society Dinner will be held on May 25th. Tickets are be on sale at the back of the Church after Mass for \$125 each. The dinner will be held at the World Trade and Convention Centre. Thank you.

George P. Leach, SJ Scholarship Applications are available at the Parish Office. This scholarship is to provide financial assistance for students in a university or college diploma this coming Fall. The value is \$1,000.

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, April 30th 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. This year we will be further supporting this annual event by preparing and serving the luncheon to the mothers. If you would like to help with preparing the meal and/or serving the meal, please see Michele O'Neill. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support for this annual event.

Knights of Columbus, Halifax Council 1097, invite applications from Catholic students who plan to attend university or community college in the upcoming academic year for the Vincent & Eileen Coy Scholarship. This is a non-renewable scholarship. Application forms are available at the parish office. Deadline for application is by May 15th, 2017. Further information may be obtained by email kofchalifax1097@gmail.com

Columbarium at Mount Olivet to be Moved A number of years ago, the Columbarium was installed at Mount Olivet Cemetery to provide a final resting place for families seeking a pleasant environment for their much loved family members. Over the years we have noticed a number of safety issues associated with the niches available on the back of the Columbarium. We plan on moving the curved Columbarium forward on the cement pad to increase the space at the back. This will take place in the first week of May, and should take an entire day. To ensure the safety of families visiting the cemetery we are asking that people avoid being in the Cemetery at that time. Be assured the move will result in a safer, more attractive site for our loved ones. If you have any questions please contact Cathy Driscoll-Cainen, (902) 429-9800 ext. 308. www.halifaxyarmouth.org/cemeteries