

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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Annual General meeting of Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society will take place Sunday, March 26, at 2pm in the Church Hall.

The 10th Annual Restoration Society Dinner will take place Thursday, May 25 at the World Trade and Convention Centre 6:00pm for 7:00 pm.

Sunday Chase the Ace
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March 12th winner was Erica Berwing won \$208. The card drawn was the Ace of Clubs.

The next Jackpot will be \$4688. 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. However only the winner can pick up the prize.

The Vesuvius Chamber Choir performs in Holy Week: On Tuesday April 11th at 8 PM the HMC returns to Saint Patrick's Church to present early music masterworks. The Lamentations of Jeremiah by the French Baroque composer Jean Gillis and the Tenebrae Responsories by Tomás Luis de Victoria will soar through the rafters of Saint Patrick's. Accompanied by John Overton and the Vesuvius Consort, this new Vesuvius Chamber Choir will pierce your heart with the beauty of this music in preparation for the darkest time of the church year. Join us as we look forward into the darkness towards rebirth on Easter morning. Tickets can be bought at the church office for \$10.00. They will be \$15.00 (student/senior/underemployed) and \$20.00 at the door. Tickets are also available online at thehmc.ca.

March 26 2017— 4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel: John 9.1-41

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 3 - Mike Convey Mar. 24

Group 1 - Diane Sullivan Apr. 25

Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto May 19

The faithful are invited to gather with the priests of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth for this year's Mass of Chrism on Apr. 11 at 12:00 noon at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax. The Chrism Mass is celebrated during Holy Week in every Catholic diocese. During this Mass, the priests, deacons, and representatives of the entire diocesan community gather around their bishop, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year. These oils are: Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, and Sacred Chrism.

Veritas Catholic Books & Gifts is having Moving Sale @ 1546 Barrington St. Come and Save up to 60% off wonderful books and amazing religious gifts. Our moving sale is for the Barrington St. location only! We are moving in early April to Rockingham Ridge Plaza two lights from St. Benedict's Church at the corner of Dunbrack St. and Farnham Gate on the same side. Shop early for the best selection! Our Sale began Mar. 13th and ends Mar. 31st. Check our website for store hours Mon. to Sat.

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3rd Sunday of Lent March 19, 2017



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“He would have given you living water.”

The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it. "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water" was also a symbol for the Jews of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. Through baptism, the life that the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Jesus broke through the barriers of prejudice, hostility, and tradition, to bring the good news of peace and reconciliation to Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles. He demonstrated the universality of the gospel in word and deed. No one is barred from the love of God and the good news of salvation. There is only one thing that can keep us from God and his redeeming love - our stubborn pride and willful rebellion. God never separates Himself from us; rather it is we who separate ourselves from God. Through the willingness of Jesus to take on our sins and die for us we can always come back to our God who is all-merciful. There we will find forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace of mind and heart. That is what Easter brings, resurrection and restoration to a new life where all we are asked to do is to love God and love our neighbor. God Bless.

Deacon Art



Parish Financial Information

March 5, 2017

Sun. 54 Env.	\$1,566.60
Loose	\$ 159.00
PAR 25	\$ 424.85
Total	\$2,150.45

March 12, 2017

Sun. 49 Env.	\$1,510.00
Loose	\$ 208.00
PAR 25	\$ 424.85
Total	\$2,142.85

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$17.00.
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$30.82

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.

All committees and groups are reminded that bulletin notices must be received electronically to the office the Wednesday before you want your item placed in the bulletin. For more information contact the office. Thank you

Our Celebrant for this week will be Father Francisco Pirisi.

Stations of the Cross - The Way of the Cross is a devotion that is practiced most commonly during Lent. The devotion consists of meditating on 14 events which form the 14 Stations of the Cross. The purpose of this devotion is to focus on the Passion of Jesus Christ. Saint Patrick's Parish has beautiful Stations of the Cross. They were designed by Mayer & Co. of Munich and New York (the same company that designed our beautiful stained glass windows) and installed in the church sometime around 1910. During Lent, you are invited to take time either before or after Mass to silently meditate on each of the stations as a part of your Lenten practice. **Copies of *The Way of the Cross* are at the back of the church.**

Key Teachings of the Church: What is the Kingdom of God? The Kingdom of God, or Kingdom of Heaven, is the image used by Jesus to describe all people living in harmony with God. The Kingdom of God will be fully realized when Christ comes again in glory at the end of time.

Catechism & Confirmation NO classes this weekend.



2017 Lenten Video Series - Equip the Saints.

Part 2 of 4 of the series will resume on Sunday, March 26th, 11:15 am in the parish boardroom. These video presentations will help us prepare for Easter and to continue in our parish pastoral planning process. The four-part series focuses on **formation**, one of the three pastoral themes of the New Evangelization and the presenter is our Bishop Anthony Mancini. Dates for the 3rd and 4th videos are: April 2nd and April 23rd. Please consider joining us for these presentations on **formation** as a part of your Lenten preparation for Easter. For more information, please see Michele O'Neill.

Share Lent 2017: For the last 50 years, Canadian Catholics have faithfully responded to the cry of the poor by giving generously to Development & Peace—Caritas Canada. We walked side by side with the women, men and children who experience the injustice of poverty, no matter where they may be. This Lent, Development & Peace will be joining its voice with that of Pope Francis who invited us to pray with him "that in all countries of the world, women may be honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society" The Development & Peace Collection will be taken up on **Sunday, April 2, 2017**. Various items, prayer cards, informational brochures are available at the table by the pieta at the rear of the Church outlining the 2017 Campaign. Please take one.

Parish Lay Ministry Workshop Saturday, April 29th, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. (Matthew 25:35-36 NRSV).

Advancing the mission of our parish community and building a strong foundation for the future requires the generous and active participation of the people of St. Patrick's in the many ministries that make up our parish life. We are indeed blessed with generous parishioners who serve our parish in many ways and we are thankful for your service and contribution. During Lent you are invited to pray and reflect how you may be called to serve our parish community according to your particular gifts, talents and time available. To help with your prayer and reflection, descriptions of the various ministries of our parish will be presented in the Sunday bulletins. This time of discernment will be a preparation for a parish lay ministries workshop to be held on Saturday, April 29th. The workshop will be a morning of prayer, presentation on Christian service and formation, along with ministry workshops and an opportunity to discuss the various ministries of our parish with current lay ministers. At any time in the weeks ahead, if you have questions, please see Michele O'Neill.

Last week we presented the Administrative ministries of our parish. This week we present ministries of Outreach.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Saint Patrick's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul was established in December 1867. The mission of St. Vincent de Paul "seeks in a spirit of justice and charity and by person to person involvement of its members, to help those who are suffering." This mission is carried out through home visits and the gift of food and other basic necessities. The current president is Neila MacDonald. New volunteers are always needed.

This week we present ministries of Outreach. (continued)

Refugee Committee: Over the years successive refugee committees have welcomed and supported refugee families from Vietnam, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, and Liberia. The parish is currently collaborating with our neighboring parish of St. George's to support Syrian refugees. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please see Joan Sullivan.

Hope Cottage Supper Group: Hope Cottage provides a mid-day and supper meal for the homeless and poor from Monday to Friday. The Saint Patrick's Hope Cottage Supper Group consists of volunteers who assist Hope Cottage in providing evening meals. All food is donated by parishioners and friends of Saint Patrick's. If you are interested in joining one of the supper groups, each member preparing a meal approximately four times a year, please contact the parish office.

Development and Peace: Representatives of Saint Patrick's Church participate in the work of the Development and Peace Committee for the Archdiocese of Halifax. Sr. Cecilia MacNeil is our parish representative. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please see Sr. Cecilia.

Pastoral Care of Seniors and the Sick: Parishioners engage in pastoral care on a continuous basis both within and beyond the Church boundaries. This service includes ministry to seniors at Gordon B. Isnor Manor and Sunrise Manor.

TODAY—St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
Annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon of Irish stew, Irish soda bread, dessert, tea and coffee will be held on Sunday, March 19 following Mass from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 each (or \$25 for a family - 2 adults and their children) and are available downstairs.

TODAY Parish Draw—Sunday, March 19, 2017
Draw at NOON, as part of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.
1st Prize—Hamper of Groceries value \$150.
2nd Prize—Cash of \$50.00
3rd Prize—\$25 Sobeys's voucher
Tickets are \$1.00. each, 3 for \$2.00; 7 for \$5.00 Available on Sunday's March 19 at the back of the Church.

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