

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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Damage at Mount Olivet Cemetery On the weekend nine headstones at Mount Olivet Cemetery were knocked over by vandals at some point between Friday night and early Saturday morning. This destruction impacts many families who have buried their loved ones and memorialized them with these headstones. We ask visitors to the cemetery to please not attempt to pick up the stones. Doing so may cause more damage to the headstones. Also they are very heavy and could cause personal injury if moved by unqualified persons. Restoration of these stones will happen in the spring when stable ground and favourable weather provide the environment necessary for this work. We are thankful to our neighbours around Mount Olivet Cemetery who notify the Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax when something is amiss on cemetery grounds. If you are family member who has a loved one buried in Mount Olivet and would like more information please contact Cathy Driscoll-Cainen at (902) 429-9800 ext 308 or email: cdriscoll@halifaxyarmouth.org

Barat Spirituality Centre - 1455 Summer Street, Halifax, NS B3H4L6. Day of Stillness Tuesday, Feb.14. 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 Feb. 12.

Registration is now open for Franciscan LEAD! Do you know a young person who is serious about the faith and ready go deeper? Franciscan LEAD is a dynamic Catholic leadership opportunity for teens that are ready to step up to the next level in leadership and evangelization. It is a five-day, Christ-centered, sacrament-soaked, prayer-fueled immersion in Catholic teachings on leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi. LEAD is specially designed for participants of the Steubenville Atlantic conference. It begins the evening of Monday, July 3 and runs until the start of the conference the following Friday, July 7. Participants spend the week at St. Mary's University in Halifax, NS gaining the tools to empower them in their mission as disciples of Jesus. Registration for the week, including accommodations, meals, and materials, is \$265. To learn more or apply online visit www.steubenvilleconferences.com/lead.

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.

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven"

Meditation: What is the good life which God intends for us? Is it not our desire and longing for true *happiness*, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in the beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation - to live a life of the beatitudes. The word *beatitude* literally means "happiness" or "blessedness".

What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution?

Poverty of spirit finds room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples (us) that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they (we) can expect in this world. Jesus never promised us that following Him would be easy; that life would be free from trials and tribulations; but He did promise us that He would be walking with us through good and bad times in our lives. Every person experiences pain and sorrow at some point his/her life so when we stop to reflect on the good times and the painful times in our lives and ask the question, "why me Lord", perhaps we be asking "why not me"? 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 15, 2017	
Sun. Env. 62	\$1,968.00
Loose	\$ 125.70
PAR 23	\$ 375.38
Total	\$2,469.08

January 22, 2017	
Sun. Env. 51	\$ 1,416.00
Loose	\$ 125.70
PAR 23	\$ 375.38
Total	\$1,917.08

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$16.32
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$27.76 .

Feb. 5– 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10++
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16

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.

Free Webinars from Steubenville Fuel Every year at Steubenville Atlantic we have an amazing weekend with hundreds of teens and their chaperones. But one weekend a year of faith formation isn't enough! We're pleased to share some free webinars with you to help keep your faith – and the faith of any teens in your life – strong throughout the year. Steubenville Fuel, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, is providing a series of free webinars for young people and anyone who is interested in helping young people live out their faith in a meaningful way. They cover a variety of topics, from the specifics of working with teens or taking them to a Steubenville conference to general interest topics like prayer and the power of fasting. Take advantage of this great free resource to grow your faith and help you in ministry work, parenting, or both! There is no charge to attend a webinar but advance registration is required. Please visit steubenvillefuel.com/webinars/ to learn more and see a list of available webinars – new webinars are still being added, so keep checking back for more topics!

Please welcome our celebrant for January Father JJ MacDonald.

Archbishop Mancini will be our Celebrant next weekend Feb. 5.

Key Teachings of the Church -What is prayer?

Prayer is conversation with God. It is talking and listening to him, raising our minds and hearts to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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'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 Parish Hall.'

Dates for Specific Prayers

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life Thursday, February 2nd.

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997)

World Day of the Sick, Saturday February 11th.

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

In preparation for Ash Wednesday (March 1st)

We are asking parishioners to bring in their old palms from last year until February 26th. These palms will be burnt and used for the ashes at the Ash Wednesday Service. Thank you for your assistance.

Ticket's will be sold for a Valentine's Day Wreath (containing \$100 cash) at the entrance to the Church this weekend up to and including February 12.

The draw will be held on February 12 at Noon in the Parish Hall. Ticket price are \$2 for 1; \$5. for 3; and \$10 for 7. The fundraising money will go directly to the Restoration Society.

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

Jan. 22 winner was John Beed \$198.00 The card drawn was the 5 of Spades (20% of sales) .

The next Jackpot will be \$2,750.00. 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 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 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

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.

Ralph Waldo Emerson