

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.

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.halifaxarmouth.org/assembly and to see a detailed schedule and list of workshop.

There is still time to register for the 6th Regional Catholic Men's "Weekend of Grace for Men" Retreat that will take place from April 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 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.

St. Mary's Daily Bread Outreach experiences a need for more volunteers who can enhance the present teams and/or serve as substitutes. At this time lots of volunteers travel and we need spring and summer replacements. If you wish to check possibilities for yourself please join this rewarding ministry to the poor, contact Brother Grant McLean at br.grant.outreach@gmail.com. Or (902) 229-9494.

4th Sunday of Easter, April 17, 2016



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

4th Sunday of Easter, April 23rd

Reader 1: Acts 14.21b-27

Reader 2: Revelation 21.1-5a

Gospel: John 13.4,31-33a, 34-35

We are now on Twitter! Please

follow us at: @stpatrickshfx

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:

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; Mary Lavers, S.C.,

Next Silent Saturday Retreat at the Jesuit Spirituality Centre April 23rd - Allowing the Risen Jesus to teach and comfort us.

Parish Financial Information

April 3, 2016		April 10, 2016	
ENV.	52 \$1,145.00	ENV.	26 \$ 590.00
Loose	78.10	Loose	103.30
PAR 24	382.31	PAR 24	382.31
Total	\$1,605.41	Total	\$1,075.62

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93.

Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$22.63

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.

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 1st 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.

Key Teachings of the Church

What is Heaven? Heaven is eternal life and communion with the Holy Trinity. It is the happiness of living with God forever, for which he created us.

What is Hell, Hell is the immediate and everlasting separation from God and his Saints.

Annual Parish Spring Fair and Open Doors Halifax

The weekend of June 4th & 5th will be busy for our parish. Our church is on the list for the Annual 2016 Open Doors Halifax. The doors of St. Patrick's Church will be open on Saturday, June 4th (10 am to 4 pm) and Sunday, June 5th (11 am to 4 pm) inviting the public to come and see our beautiful historic church and learn about the building and parish community in the old north end. Our Annual Parish Spring Fair will also take place on Saturday, June 4th (10 am to 2 pm). The planning committee for both events will meet today after Mass (11:15 pm) in the church hall. We are in need of volunteers for both events. Please consider offering a couple of hours of time on June 4th and 5th to be a welcoming ambassador for the visitors who will come to see our church. We also need our usual volunteers to make our annual parish Spring fair another success this year. Join us for our meeting today for more information or sign the sheet at the back of the church indicating if you can help with the Open Doors Event or the Parish Spring Fair. Thank you for your ongoing support – Michele O'Neill

Chase the Ace, has been approved and is coming to St. Patrick's on May 1st!!

A volunteer meeting in the Hall is planned for April 24th after Mass.

The Chase the Ace game starts on May 1st from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Hall. Draw will be at 1:15 pm.

John Murphy, Co-Chair

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 29th. 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.

Hall/Boardroom Use! Anyone wishing to use the hall /boardroom for any functions is asked to call the office and speak with Cheryl for availability and rules regarding useage. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in this matter. Thank

Former Pastor passes away: Rev. Vernon Driscoll, 80, passed away on Sat. Apr. 9 following complications from surgery. He was presently serving as Moderator of the Cumberland County Regional Pastoral Team. Father Driscoll was Pastor of St. Patrick's from 1980-86. During his tenure, in 1984, Pope (Saint) John Paul visited Halifax and the Pontiff offered Mass on the North Commons, within the confines of our Parish boundaries. The Parish offers its prayers for the repose of his soul, and to his surviving family members and to parishioners who have been blessed by his kindnesses over his 55 years of priestly service. *May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

Saint George's Church - YouthNet Program: Fr. Christopher Snook of our neighbouring parish of St. George's will join our next Pastoral Council meeting – Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 pm – to talk about the YouthNet Program that they have been running since 1996. Fr. Christopher has invited St. Patrick's and other churches in the neighbourhood to consider becoming involved with the community program at the Board and volunteer levels. YouthNet runs three main programs in the neighbourhood directed at local youth aged 7-17 years: lunch program, after-school program and teen program. If you are interested in learning more about YouthNet and volunteering your time in one of these programs, please join us on Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 pm in the church hall. For more information, please see Michele O'Neill.

God dwells wherever we let him in.

Ancient Jewish saying