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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: 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.

The Halifax Concert Band with conductor David Staples and special guests, The Halifax Trombone Summit will present **A Valentine's Day Concert, Tues., February 14, 2017** at 7:00 pm in The Bella Rose Arts Centre (Inside Halifax West High School, 238 Thomas Raddell Drive). Advance tickets \$10.00 General Seating call 902-457-3239 or online @bellaroseartscentre.com or from Band Members. Tickets will be available at the door for \$12.00 no charge for children 12 and under.

Weekend of Grace for Women - Register now for the 11th Annual Weekend of Grace for Women, with Keynote Speaker Michelle Moran, to be held April 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2017, at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia "... You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses..." - Acts 1:8 Attendance through pre-registration only and registration. Visit www.weekendofgrace.com or call (902) 405-9613 for more information .

62nd Annual Valentine Tea & Sale Turkey-a-la-king luncheon, coffee/tea, sweets. Special plate for children. \$6.00. Saturday, February 11, 2017 Raffles, crafts, fudge table, bake table, white elephant, books/CDs/puzzles, etc. All are welcome to attend.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world."

Have you ever heard the expression: "she/he is the salt of the earth?" Christianity is about salt and light. We live in a world of darkness: alienation, division, separation, oppression of people, attacks on human life and dignity, and a general disrespect for God's creation. So if a Christian is the light of the world, she or he is enabling the world to see something other than the self. Just as Jesus is light to the world, so God's church (us) is to be light in a world of darkness. Light enables the beauty of things to be seen, and we (the church) are called to make the beauty of the world shine. The light we bring to the world should lead in time to an end of the world's darkness.

The image of salt is similar. If a Christian is the salt of the earth, she/he makes something else appeal to the taste of the people of the earth. And that will be God too. The earthly people will savor the goodness of *God* when *Christians* are the salt of the earth.

So to be light and salt let us live our lives in such a way that the earthly people and the worldly people are drawn to "*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*" ([Psalm 34:8](#)).

God Bless.

Deacon Art

Parish Financial Information

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

January 29, 2017	
Sun. Env. 47	\$ 1,120.00
Loose	\$ 119.50
PAR 23	\$ 375.38
Total	\$1,614.88

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$16.32
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$23.83.

Feb. 12 –6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 15.15-20
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37

Archbishop Mancini as our Celebrant today.

Our Celebrant for next week will be Father JJ MacDonald.

Key Teachings of the Church—What is the Our Father? The Lord’s Prayer, or Our Father, is the prayer of all Christians. It is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples and gave to the Church. Praying the Lord’s Prayer brings us closer to God and to his Son, Jesus Christ. It helps us to become like Jesus and to place our trust in God the Father.

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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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.

**Date for Specific Prayers
 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.

2016 Tax Receipts are available for pickup at the entrance to the church this weekend.

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.

'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.'

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.

January 31st, 2017

To the faithful of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth,

It is with great sadness and shock that our country woke up yesterday to the news of the tragedy in Québec City, where members of the Muslim community were struck down for their faith while praying in a mosque. Last night over 1000 people gathered at the Grand Parade in a silent candlelight vigil to express condolences to the victims and their families. The gathering was a moving expression of solidarity, diversity and unity which are the marks of our peaceable country. I was among those who gathered last evening in silent prayer pleading for peace, forgiveness and courage. The occasion raised up the thought that whenever such tragedies occur, not only are lives lost, but all of us lose an important part of ourselves. It is this broken human spirit seeking healing and reconciliation which moved so many to come together in support and solidarity. With this note, I invite all of you to pray for those who have been killed and injured, for their families, for their friends and neighbours. Let us pray for and defend religious freedom in our country, province and all our communities. May the Peace of God, which is central to our respective faiths, reign.

†**Anthony Mancini**
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth

Long to see God, fear losing God, and find joy in whatever leads to God. Do this, and you'll find great peace.

Saint Teresa of Avila

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

Jan. 29 winner was Beverly Miller \$220.00 The card drawn was the 4 of Diamonds (20% of sales).

The next Jackpot will be \$3,080. 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.

Thank you for your support and thanks to all the volunteers who help run the game.

Refugee Committee Update: Volunteers from St. Patrick's Parish, St. George's Anglican Parish, and the University of King's College continue to support the Hussein family as they begin their sixth month in Canada. All have helped with drives to appointments, to grocery stores, and tours of HRM; with settling the children into school; and giving English lessons to the parents. Two committee members from St. Patrick's have offered good skills: Bob Doherty has coordinated phone and TV set-up; medical and dental appointments; transportation schedules; kept us updated; and introduced the family to the "Oval", skating along with the children! Magi Abdul-Masih has proven invaluable with her translation capability and has enrolled the Hussein parents in the ISANS Adult English Language classes. She has been a go-to person for her fellow volunteers. A wonderful outcome is that volunteers and the family have become good friends. This was especially evident last week when Isam and Maryam and their sons presented all of us with a delicious Middle Eastern luncheon at their home! We continue to pray for the safe arrival of our sponsored family, the Al-masalmas, from Syria via Jordan.

Joan Sullivan - St. Patrick's Parish