

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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Donations for the Restoration Society accepted in Green Box at the back of the Church & by VISA and MASTERCARD, by calling 902-429-4170 or mailing to Saint Patrick's Restoration Society, 2263 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3K 2Y9

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

Vincent & Eileen Coy Scholarships, The Knights of Columbus Halifax Council 1097 invite applications from Catholic students who are planning to attend university or community college this upcoming year. Applications are available in the Parish office. Further info. Contact Brian Maloney 902-492-1746, Frederick Pellerine 902-445-3393 or 902-497-6635. Deadline for applications May 15, 2016. This is a non-renewable scholarship.

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).

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.** get involved call Michael Hughes at (902) 252-3911 or visit www.stepupwalk.ca.

The **WORD among us** for May 2016 is available for your use during Mass or if you would like to take one home to use please feel free to do so.

5th Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2016



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*Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Reconciliation by Appointment*

6th Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2016

Reader 1: Acts 15.1-2, 22-29

Reader 2: Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14.23-29

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"Our Lady of Smooth Landings, pray for us."

Here is an excerpt of a blog written by Fr. Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ on the Jesuit Province website. For the full version please go to <http://blog.jesuits.ca/index.cfm/2016/4/14>

This is an appropriate invocation when a flight is on course for an emergency landing. But it is just as appropriate for us as we face a challenging three

months in Halifax. The Jesuit Centre of Spirituality will close on June 30, and the two Jesuits currently assigned here, Trevor Scott and myself, are being reassigned. In addition the parish of which I am the priest-in-charge, St. Patrick's, is facing an uncertain future, with a discernment which may lead to either closure or a move to another location, should the money for urgent restoration work not be available.

The Jesuits will have been in Halifax from 1940 to 2016. The recent Jesuits in Canada series, two volumes out and one to come, offers greater detail. But in brief what have the Jesuits done in Halifax from 1940 to 2016? From the outset in 1940 the intended ministry of Jesuits in Halifax was primarily academic. We took over Saint Mary's College in that year. Its high school section was closed in 1963. By the time the Jesuits relinquished control in 1970, this college was well on the way to becoming a major Maritime university. From 1940 to now Jesuits in Halifax have assisted in the ministry of the local Church.

In 1952 we founded Canadian Martyrs' Parish in the prosperous south end, on the campus of the University, and staffed it until 2005. In 1995 we began involvement in St. Patrick's parish, in the poorer north end, and in 2010 took charge of that parish. Over the years we have been involved in many other parishes as well. And we have played a significant role in Koinonia, the archdiocese's training programme for lay ministry.

.....more to follow next week.....

Parish Financial Information

April 3, 2016

ENV.	52	\$1,145.00
Loose		78.10
PAR 24		382.31
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$1,605.41</u>

April 10, 2016

ENV.	26	\$ 590.00
Loose		103.30
PAR 24		382.31
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$1,075.62</u>

April 17, 2016

ENV.	50	\$1,271.00
Loose		127.85
PAR 24		382.31
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$1,780.62</u>

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93.
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$34.42

**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.

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.

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 usage. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in this matter. Thank you.

To love the world is not big chore. It's that miserable person next door who is the problem.
Anonymous

Open Doors Halifax 2016 – St. Patrick's Church will be participating in this year's event scheduled for Saturday, June 4th (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) and Sunday, June 5th (11:00 am to 4:00 pm). Our church doors will be open to the public and this will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors and showcase our beautiful historic church. If you can volunteer a couple of hours on either June 4th or 5th to welcome visitors that would be appreciated. A volunteer sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

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.

Annual Parish Spring Fair – Saturday, June 4th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the church hall. Tickets will be available early May for the Lunch offering of Soup/Sandwich/Dessert/Tea & Coffee for \$10.00 per person. Volunteers are needed for all venues. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet at the back of the church.

Donations are requested to help defray the cost of the lunch and for the following venues for the Fair. Please see the convenor listed below, if you can offer a donation, or please see Michele O'Neill for information.

Lunch (Shirley MacPherson) – volunteers needed for lunch service and clean-up

Plant Table (Shaneus Arsenault) - A variety of annuals will be available for sale. Perennials from your garden would be appreciated.

Bake Table (Marian Chisholm)

Craft Table (Sr. Cecilia & Diane Sullivan)

Book Table – Good quality books only (no magazines, text books, or encyclopedias)

Children's Events – small toys for game prizes

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.

**Chase the Ace, is here—
Starting on
May 1, 2016. 11:30—1 pm.**

The game will run every Sunday until the Ace of Spades is won.

Tickets are purchased in the Hall.

Ticket drawn at 1:15 pm for 20 % of the day's sales.

Tickets are \$5.00 for one, \$10.00 for 3, \$20 for \$7.00

Ticket draw winner has a chance to pick the Ace of Spades the opening pot total is \$3,000.00

Please tell your friends.

John Murphy Co-Chair

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A volunteer meeting will be held at 11:15am today, April 24 after Mass to review procedures for the May 1st start date.

We are currently looking for photos taken of the lower church that was in the Hall. Anyone with picture please give Cheryl a call. We would like to scan or copy them to share in the history of our wonderful Parish with others.