

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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The 10th Annual Restoration Society Dinner will take place Thursday, May 25 at the World Trade and Convention Centre 6:00 pm for 7:00 pm. Honouring Charitable Irish Society of Halifax. Tickets \$125 or table of ten \$1,250. Tickets are now available at the back of the Church or contact Michael Doherty 902-454-9199. The Silent Auction and the ever popular Shamrock Draw (\$20) will be held again this year. **It is helpful and necessary to know your intention of attending by May 18, 2017.**

**Chase the Ace, Sunday,
License No. AGD—107126-16**

**May 7th winner was Bryson Wilson won \$185.00. . The card drawn was the 5 of clubs
The next Jackpot will be 6246.50. 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, Atlantic Lottery regulations requires that only the winner can pick up the prize.

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto May 19
Group 3 - Mike Convey June 16
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan July 13

We want to give our children what we didn't have; but let's make sure we give them what we did have: our faith. Anonymous

On Tuesday, May 16 the Nova New Horizons Band program will present it's annual Metro based end of term concert at the Sea King Club on CFB Shearwater in Dartmouth starting at 7:30 p.m. The admission price is \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 for young children.

The Grammy Award winning Atlanta Boy Choir will present a concert at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, June 17th at 7 P.M. The choir was recently honored to appear in Poland honoring the Sainthood of John Paul II. The Atlanta Boy Choir will be joined by the famous American Opera Star, Indra Thomas, and Robert Henry, internationally recognized pianist. Seating is free and open to the public. Freewill offering appreciated!

Oct 25-Nov 3: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Cost of \$3634 includes airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Maritimes, transfers, superior tourist hotels based on double occupation, daily buffet breakfast & dinner, all tours by deluxe motor coach, English speaking professional guides and all entrance fees to places of interest. INFO: Marie Desjardins at mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com or (207) 868-5027.

5th Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2017



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"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

In our second reading this Sunday St. Peter tells us that we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own." He asks us: do you therefore "announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light"? When we reflect on this reading do we consider ourselves a chosen race and a royal priesthood? By virtue of our baptism we are called to be priests, prophets and kings. We become members of the body of Christ; we in fact, do become a royal priesthood and a holy nation; we become children of God. As God's children how do we interact with our fellow humans in our modern world. How do we treat sick and elderly people, or migrants fleeing oppressors, or homeless people, and those who can't find jobs; those who are on the fringes of society and can only see how to survive from day to day? Do we use words, do we perform good deeds; do we do it regularly or when it is convenient for us? Those are some of the questions we must constantly ask ourselves.

Christ always meets us on our journey just as he meets those less fortunate members in our society. Like he touched the hearts of the disciples on the road to Emmaus who were so disillusioned by his crucifixion, he touches our hearts. He opens up the scriptures and explains the need for his crucifixion to us; that we must look beyond the crucifixion to the resurrection and eternal life. He leads us back from our disillusionment with the world and sends us back, back to our abandoned discipleship. Once there, it all makes sense again. Listen to what the gospel tells us:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

May you continue to proclaim the good news in word and deed by how you live your lives; be assured that Jesus goes before you, and that God our Father will continue to pour out his love on you. God Bless.

Deacon Art

Parish Financial Information

May 7, 2017	Average Weekly PAR contribution \$17.00.
Sun. Env. 52 \$1,703.00	Average Sunday Envelope contribution: \$32.75.
Loose \$ 91.50	
PAR 25 \$ 424.85	
Total \$2,219.35	

Celebrants for Saint Patrick's Lord's Day Mass

Sun. May 14th - Father JJ MacDonald
- Father Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ
Sun. May 21st - Father JJ MacDonald
Sun. May 28th - Father JJ MacDonald

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.

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Catechism/Confirmation classes will be held after Mass.

Key Teachings of the Church

Compassion – A person who has compassion feels the suffering someone else is having and reaches out to help that person.

Please pray for our Confirmation students who will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Please keep these catechists and their families in your prayers. Thank you.

George P. Leach, SJ Scholarship Applications are available at the Parish Office. This scholarship is to provide financial assistance for students in a university or college diploma this coming Fall. The value is \$1,000.

Knights of Columbus, Halifax Council 1097, invite applications from Catholic students who plan to attend university or community college in the upcoming academic year for the Vincent & Eileen Coy Scholarship. This is a non-renewable scholarship. Application forms are available at the parish office. Deadline for application is by May 15th, 2017. Further information may be obtained by email kofchalifax1097@gmail.com

Important Reminder to all Parishioners Regarding Parking in the old Rectory!!

If you park next door at 2267 Brunswick St. you stand a very good chance that your vehicle will be **TICKETED AND TOWED AT YOUR EXPENSE. This is for the tenants of that building only! We do not have any parking spaces there.**

Happy
Mother's
Day

DOORS OPEN HALIFAX 2017 St. Patrick's Parish will participate in this year's Doors Open Halifax scheduled for June 3rd and 4th. Our church will be open to the public on Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Sunday, June 4th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors and showcase our beautiful church to the public. Volunteers are needed on both days. If you can offer a few hours on June 3rd or 4th that would be appreciated. A volunteer sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. For further information, please see Michele O'Neill.

Blue Nose Marathon will be held NEXT Weekend (May 21st). There will be some street closures, expect delays but hopefully all will arrive safely. Thank you for your patience. **Even with the Bluenose Marathon the Chase the Ace will go on, refreshments served, wear your running shoes if you like.**

**Welcome back to Father Jean-March!!
So good to have you with us again!**

Parish Pastoral Council - Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18th at 7pm in the Boardroom of the Church Hall.

Archbishop Mancini wants to equip the saints and needs you to help him! Our bishop invites you join him as he launches **Equip the Saints**, our Archdiocesan pastoral plan. A webinar for parish leadership, is planned for **Thursday, May 18 at 7:00pm.** This is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and information about the pastoral plan. Who should take part in this webinar? **If you are a member of parish ministry staff, pastoral council, finance council, or your parish's pastoral planning team please save the date and plan on attending.** Since this is being offered by webinar, you are able to join from anywhere you can access the internet. To join me and some of my collaborators for the webinar please register at the following link: <https://zoom.us/webinar/>

....from the office of the Archbishop
May 2017. Priests, Deacons and Faithful, I am pleased to announce the following pastoral changes within our Archdiocese. The effective date of each appointment is noted.
Fr. Keith Billard is appointed Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Sheet Harbour and its missions of St. Martin, Tangier and St. Michael, Quoddy, as well as St. Denis Parish, East Ship Harbour This appointment is effective June 1st, 2017. Fr. Craig Christenson is appointed Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Amherst as well as Moderator of the Cumberland County parishes and missions, namely: St. Brigid's, Parrsboro; St. John the Baptist, Springhill & its mission of St. Cornelius Streets Ridge; St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert; St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins; St. Thomas More, Pugwash. This appointment is effective June 1st, 2017. Fr. Jose Thomas is appointed Administrator of St. Augustine Parish, Chester and its missions of St. Anthony, Hubbards and St. Patrick, New Ross. This appointment is effective June 1st, 2017. For an interim period, the oversight of the faith communities of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Indian Brook and Saint Bridget, Shubenacadie has been entrusted to the Episcopal Vicar, Fr. Duncan MacMaster. Fr. Simon Lobo, CC, is appointed Pastor of Saint Benedict Parish, Halifax. This appointment is effective July 1st, 2017. Fr. Jim O'Connor is appointed Associate Pastor at Saint Benedict Parish, Halifax. This appointment is effective August 15th, 2017. The Companions of the Cross have advised that Fr. Marc Syrenne, CC, is being assigned to a new posting outside our Archdiocese. We thank Fr. Marc for his dedication and service to the faithful who were entrusted to his care and to wish him well in his new assignment. Therefore, Fr. Jamie Utronkie, CC, is now appointed Pastor of the Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit which is comprised of the parishes of Saint John Vianney and Saint Elizabeth Seton, both in Lower Sackville and Saint Francis of Assisi, Mount Uniacke. This appointment is effective July 1st, 2017. I am also pleased to accept the assignment of Fr. Bryan Sabourin, CC, by the Companions of the Cross for ministry in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Fr. Bryan is appointed Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit effective July 1st, 2017.
†Anthony Mancini
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth