

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 6:00pm for 7:00 pm.

Sunday Chase the Ace
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March 26th winner was Mike Doherty won \$157.50. The card drawn was the 8 of Hearts. **The next** Jackpot will be \$5,073.50 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.

CONCERT AT ST. PATRICK'S: The Vesuvius Chamber Choir performs in Holy Week: On **Tuesday April 11th at 8 PM** the HMC returns to Saint Patrick's Church to present early music masterworks. The Lamentations of Jeremiah by the French Baroque composer Jean Gillis and the Tenebrae Responsories by Tomás Luis de Victoria will soar through the rafters of Saint Patrick's. Accompanied by John Overton and the Vesuvius Consort, this new Vesuvius Chamber Choir will pierce your heart with the beauty of this music in preparation for the darkest time of the church year. Join us as we look forward into the darkness towards rebirth on Easter morning. **Tickets can be bought at the church office for \$10.00.** They will be \$15.00 (student/senior/underemployed) and \$20.00 at the door. Tickets are also available online at thehmc.ca.

April 9, 2017 6th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7
2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11
Gospel: Passion (Matthew 26.14-66)

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 1 - Diane Sullivan	Apr. 25
Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto	May 19
Group 3 - Mike Convey	June 16

The faithful are invited to gather with the priests of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth for this year's Mass of Chrism on **Apr. 11 at 12:00 noon** at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax. The Chrism Mass is celebrated during Holy Week in every Catholic diocese. During this Mass, the priests, deacons, and representatives of the entire diocesan community gather around their bishop, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year. These oils are: Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, and Sacred Chrism.

5th Sunday of Lent April 2, 2017



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“Jesus began to weep.”

The Gospel for Sunday declares that “Jesus loved Martha and Mary her sister and their brother Lazarus.” This is a golden statement. It tells us so much about the love of Jesus and his personal friendships. But it also emphasizes how very odd it was that, while Lazarus was sick unto death, Jesus camped out a fairly short distance away and did not go to heal his friend.

Life is something you can have only because you are rooted in love.

When Lazarus did die, and had been in the tomb for four days, Jesus finally decided to go down to Bethany. Martha ran to him there and she quietly went back for Mary, who was so grieved that she would not leave home! Each in her turn cried out, “If you had been here, my brother would not have died!”

When Jesus saw Mary's tears and those of the friends who had gathered, we behold a touching revelation. The famous words that came next are unlike any others in the Gospels:

Jesus began to weep.

His tears make Mary and Martha's question even more poignant. “You love us and you loved him; why did you not come and cure him before he died?” I think many of us ask God that very question when a loved one dies. “God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Not only life but even death and even sorrow *are given within God's gentle love.* They are like flowers pushing up from the earth. The ground from which they push is God's kind and deep care. Even life gets its being from God's love. Even death gets its life from God's love.

It is as if Jesus says to us, you always think of love as what you have because you have life. But the opposite is true. *Life is something you can have only because you are rooted in love.* Death does not end life; it changes life. Death does not erase love, it brings you more deeply back into it, to the place you came from—the rich soil of love.

Pray about it, Jesus says, because that is the reason I delayed going to Bethany.

God Bless.
Deacon Art



Parish Financial Information

March 5, 2017	
Sun. 54 Env.	\$1,566.60
Loose	\$ 159.00
PAR 25	\$ 424.85
Total	\$2,150.45

March 12, 2017	
Sun. 49 Env.	\$1,510.00
Loose	\$ 208.00
PAR 25	\$ 424.85
Total	\$2,142.85

March 19, 2017	
Sun. 46 Env.	\$1,010.00
Loose	\$ 97.65
PAR 25	\$ 424.85
Total	\$1,533.50

March 26, 2017	
Sun. 48 Env.	\$1,402.28
Loose	\$ 153.75
PAR 25	\$ 424.85
Total	\$1,980.88

Our Celebrant for this week will be Father JJ MacDonald.

Stations of the Cross - The Way of the Cross is a devotion that is practiced most commonly during Lent. The devotion consists of meditating on 14 events which form the 14 Stations of the Cross. The purpose of this devotion is to focus on the Passion of Jesus Christ. Saint Patrick's Parish has beautiful Stations of the Cross. They were designed by Mayer & Co. of Munich and New York (the same company that designed our beautiful stained glass windows) and installed in the church sometime around 1910. During Lent, you are invited to take time either before or after Mass to silently meditate on each of the stations as a part of your Lenten practice. **Copies of *The Way of the Cross* are at the back of the church.**

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Average Weekly PAR contribution \$17.00.
Average Sunday Envelope contribution: \$29.21

Key Teachings of the Church: Natural Law—It is the foundation of moral life for everyone. It enables us by human reason to know what is good and what is evil.

Catechism & Confirmation classes today.



2017 Lenten Video Series - Equip the Saints. TODAY - Part 3 of 4 of the series will resume today at 11:15 am in the parish boardroom. These video presentations will help us prepare for Easter and to continue in our parish pastoral planning process. The four-part series focuses on **formation**, one of the three pastoral themes of the New Evangelization and the presenter is our Bishop Anthony Mancini. Date for the 4th video is April 23rd. Please consider joining us for these presentations on **formation** as a part of your Lenten preparation for Easter. For more information, please see Michele O'Neill.

Easter Flowers: Would you like to make a donation towards Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones? In an envelope marked "Flowers" on the outside, please list your name and mailing address, the name (s) of your loved one (s) and your donation. Then place the envelop in the collection basket. the names of your loved one (s) will be posted in the Easter Bulletin.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the St. Patrick's Day luncheon on March 19th. To the cooks, cleaners, servers, set up people, ticket sellers, bar staff and entertainers, we appreciate your time and expertise! It was a great event.
Jo-Ann & Harold MacNeil
 coordinators

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet on April 5th at 7pm in the Hall Boardroom.

Parish Council meeting will Thurs. April 6th from 7-9pm in the Hall Boardroom.

The Development & Peace Collection will be taken TODAY, **Sunday, April 2, 2017.** Various items, prayer cards, informational brochures are available at the table by the pieta at the rear of the Church outlining the 2017 Campaign. Please take one.

Annual Palm Sunday Procession The procession begins at 9:30am at Saint George's Round Church proceeds to the Little Dutch Church, Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, Brunswick Street United Church (which is rejoining the procession this year), and then to Saint Patrick's Catholic Church. The procession should be finished by 10:30am with our Palm Sunday Mass following. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Atlantic Religious Congregations Associate Network (ARCAN) is hosting a conference **Fri. June 2 (evening) & Sat. 3rd at Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax. It is open to everyone.** The theme of the conference is "Greening Our Hearts" and the key note speaker is Dolores Hall D.Min. The conference will explore creation spirituality as an integral dimension of Christian spirituality. If you are interested in exploring becoming an associate, or if this topic is of interest, we warmly welcome you! In other words, one need not be an Associate of any religious congregation to attend. You may register for the conference by May 1st online (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kiYAvw1akS2v4V2TxqFcTYIE-tbL8AMSzWC_3APhU/edit or contact Cora Shebib (cora.shebib@gmail.com Registration fee is \$80 per registrant.

Parish Lay Ministry Workshop
Saturday, April 29th, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Liturgy is what happens when Christians gather to celebrate the mystery of Christ – when they gather as Church to worship. This communal worship requires the "full, active and conscious participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium 14) of all member of the worshipping community.

Advancing the mission of our parish community and building a strong foundation for the future requires the generous and active participation of the people of St. Patrick's in the many ministries that make up our parish life. We are indeed blessed with generous parishioners who serve our parish in many ways and we are thankful for your service and contribution. During Lent you are invited to pray and reflect how you may be called to serve our parish community according to your particular gifts, talents and time available. To help with your prayer and reflection, descriptions of the various ministries of our parish will be presented in the Sunday bulletins. This time of discernment will be a preparation for a parish lay ministries workshop to be held on Saturday, April 29th. The workshop will be a morning of prayer, presentation on Christian service and formation, along with ministry workshops and an opportunity to discuss the various ministries of our parish with current lay ministers. At any time in the weeks ahead, if you have questions, please see Michele O'Neill.

Last week we presented the first part of the Liturgical ministries of our parish. We continue to present this week the Liturgical ministries of our parish.

Reader (Lector): Readers proclaim the Word of God, our sacred scripture, to the gathered assembly for public worship: at Sunday Mass, Services of the Word, and Morning and Evening Prayers.

Prayer of the Faithful: Readers of the Prayer of the Faithful compose and read prayers which reflect the needs of our church and world.

Communion: The ordinary minister of the Eucharist is the priest who presides at the celebration. The lay minister of communion is an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist who assists the priest in the distribution of communion as Mass and takes the Eucharist to the sick and seniors in our manors.

Children's Liturgy: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Mt 19:14). Children's Liturgy offers the children of the parish an opportunity to hear, celebrate and understand the Sunday scripture readings at their own level.