

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.halifaxymouth.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.

Holy Cross Cemetery needs your help! Men and women of all ages are invited to volunteer. Your work will make a difference for many families who have loved ones in Holy Cross, and visitors who enjoy the tranquility and history of this sacred space. No experience is required and all are welcome. This group works every Saturday morning during the summer. Those who would like to participate can gather at Holy Cross Cemetery beginning May 7 at 8:30am. Meet at the Chapel. Please wear work clothes and boots. You will be provided with work gloves and equipment as needed. Coffee is provided at 10:30am. If this opportunity interests you please contact: Cathy Driscoll-Cainen by email cdriscoll@halifaxymouth.org or phone 902-429-9800 ext. 308.

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.

6th Sunday of Easter, May 1, 2016



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May 8th—Solemnity:

The Ascension of the Lord

Reader 1: Acts 1.1-11

Reader 2: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel: Luke 24.46-53

Mass time Sunday: 10:00a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

May 1st is International Workers Day and is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

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

Part II 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>

From 1980 onwards the Jesuits of Halifax began a more formal spiritual ministry to the people of Halifax and of the Maritimes. They operated out of Daniel Centre in the 90s, and when the Jesuits left their residence near the University, the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality began near St. Patrick's Parish in 2005. Throughout this entire period there have been two to four Jesuits assigned to this ministry, assisted by a number of trained spiritual directors. Our ministry has involved formal liaison with the Atlantic Association for Spiritual Exercises Ministry (AASEA) and with various CLC communities in the Maritimes.

From the 60s to now the Jesuit presence in Halifax has dwindled from some 30 men to the current 2.

What does moving after 76 years entail?

We are well established in Halifax, with strong connections from both previous and current ministries.

Our presence here is taken for granted by many friends and University alumni, and we keep on dealing with the shock of those who are hearing for the first time about our departure. The standard explanations – there are fewer Jesuits and we have to retrench – are not usually convincing. Why close Halifax? Could the Jesuits not retrench elsewhere? We are asked. To that question we have no answer. Others ask broader questions about where the Jesuits world-wide are headed**more to follow next week**

Parish Financial Information

April 3, 2016

ENV. 52 \$1,145.00
Loose 78.10
PAR 24 382.31
Total \$1,605.41

April 10, 2016

ENV. 26 \$ 590.00
Loose 103.30
PAR 24 382.31
Total \$1,075.61

April 17, 2016

ENV. 50 \$1,271.00
Loose 127.85
PAR 24 382.31
Total \$1,781.16

April 24, 2016

ENV. 53 \$1,365.00
Loose 165.90
PAR 24 382.31
Total \$1,913.91

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93.

Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$34.42

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 **last day is TODAY** 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.

April 29, 1945 at Saint Patrick's for the first time in the history of the parish on April 29, votive candle stands were introduced to the church.

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 the Immaculate Conception?

The Immaculate conception is the unique grace given to Mary that totally preserved her from the stain of all sin from the very first moment of her existence, and throughout her life.

Hall/Boardroom Use! Please contact the office for availability.

Today, Sunday May 1st is the **Battle of the Atlantic**, remembering those lost at sea during World War II including the men of our parish lost on the SS Frederick S. Fales off the coast of Ireland.

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

Change in date: 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, June 9th 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, June 9th at 7:00 pm in the church hall. For more information, please see Michele O’Neill.

Chase the Ace

Chase the Ace starts today in the Hall at 11:30 am for ticket sales. Sales close at 1:30 pm. Winning ticket will be drawn at 1:45 pm for 20% of the days sales. Then the winner gets to pick from the deck of cards. If you pick the Ace of Spades you receive the jackpot that starts on May 1 with \$3,000.

This will raise money for the work needed on our Historic Church. If you or friends are wanting to take a chance please plan to attend on Sundays starting May 1.

If not a person to take a chance, donations are always welcome directed to the building restoration fund.

Come for a visit anyway.

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

Misplaced tool box

With numerous storerooms could the last person to use the church tool box with hooks, measuring tapes, screwdrivers, hammer etc. Please tell Cheryl its location. Thank you.

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**Bluenose Marathon
weekend
May 21 & 22nd.**

Reminder: Pastoral Council meeting this Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 pm in the Hall