

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.

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

May 7th winner was Monica McGillivray who won \$179.00. The card drawn was the Queen of Clubs. **The next** Jackpot will be \$6,515.00. 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 3 - Mike Convey June 16
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan July 13
Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto Aug. 23

Making the decision to have a child— it's momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart walk around outside your body.

Elizabeth Stone

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.

6th Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2017



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"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

It should be a great comfort to all of us who share in the pain and suffering of ordinary life, to know that the Spirit of Jesus is with us always. It should be especially comforting to know that Jesus will not leave orphaned all those whom the world casts aside: the poor and homeless, the racial and ethnic minorities, the elderly, and dying, the prisoner and the refugee. God's power forever lies within our world and within our lives, asking for our patience.

We find and experience God's power here on earth, sometimes to our great frustration, through Jesus Christ, through the gentle, merciful, loving person who was never afraid to show his humanity, his vulnerability. The entire Gospels make this clear, from beginning to end. Jesus was born as a baby, powerless, and he died hanging helplessly on a cross with bystanders mocking his powerlessness. Yet both his birth and his death manifest the kind of power upon which we can ultimately build our lives; that is how Christ is always found in our lives just as he was originally found, a helpless baby in the straw who must be picked up and nurtured into maturity. But we are forever wanting something else, namely, a God who would come and clean up the world and satisfy our thirst for justice by showing some raw muscle power and banging some heads. We are impatient with quiet, moral power that demands infinite patience and a long-term perspective. Like the Israelites facing the Philistines, we are reluctant to send a shepherd boy against an ironclad giant. We want divine power as demonstrated by superheroes in iron, muscles, guns, and charisma. But that's not the way intimacy, peace, and God are found. So how are they found?

Do you say yes to Christ's presence in you? Do you touch and receive Jesus on your tongue at Mass and let yourself be merged with Christ today? Do you say "yes," or is there too much "no"? If the latter, read Sunday's readings again. Simple? No. Well, maybe it is simple. Just receive and love.

The powerlessness and vulnerability of a baby touches all of us at a deeper moral place.
God Bless.

Deacon Art

Parish Financial Information

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| May 7, 2017 | |
| Sun. Env. 52 | \$1,703.00 |
| Loose | \$ 91.50 |
| PAR 25 | \$ 424.85 |
| Total | \$2,219.35 |

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$17.00.
Average Sunday Envelope contribution: \$30.80

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| May 14, 2017 | |
| Sun. Env. 44 | \$1,355.00 |
| Loose | \$ 147.30 |
| PAR 25 | \$ 424.85 |
| Total | \$1,927.15 |

Thank you for your continued support.

P.A.R. Means *Pre Authorized Remittance* and is a recommended method of contributing to our parish. To make regular donations through P.A.R. please pick up an application form on the entry counter in the church or contact the parish

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

Conscience – the gift that God gives to every person that helps us to know and judge what is right and what is wrong.

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.

Celebrants for Saint Patrick's Lord's Day Mass

Sun. May 21st - Father JJ MacDonald
Sun. May 28th - Father JJ MacDonald

Equip the Saints Each year, people across the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth experience the Risen Lord through the programs and services supported by the funds raised from archdiocesan collections. Even our own parish benefits from these collections. God calls us to share what we have to help others. Please plan to contribute a gift to the upcoming archdiocesan Mission Collection. Information is being mailed out or you can visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/collections. Thank you for your generosity.

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.*

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.

May 28 11am to 2pm Blair Beed will have a display of photos and maps of his trip to England/Scotland with refreshments in the hall. This will take place during Chase the Ace.

PRAYER for the National Week for Life and the Family May 14 - 21, 2017

O Mary, Mother of us all,
With you we open our hearts to receive the Gift of Divine Love;
With Good St. Joseph, pray that we may be hospitable in receiving and generous in sharing that love;
As you united yourself to the life-giving passion of your Son, Inspire us to give ourselves away in service to those With whom we live;
Through your prayers, obtain that in the receiving and giving of love, We may be transformed into the image of your Beloved Son, Mercy Incarnate, and "Joy of Man's Desiring".
Amen.

Annual Mothers' Day Brunch Parent Resource Centre

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the annual Mother's Day Brunch. The brunch took place on May 12th and through your generous support, members of our parish community were able to prepare and serve a lovely brunch to 30 mothers from our neighbourhood. The mothers were most appreciative of this special event in their honour. At the end of the morning, each mother was presented with a special gift bag.

Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts Open House Friday May 26th 10 am- 8:30 pm

We are extending an invitation to everyone to "come and see" our new Halifax location in the Rockingham Ridge Plaza at the corner of Farnham Gate Rd. and Dunbrack St.: Fri. May 26th from 10 am until 8:30 pm. We are offering refreshments, snacks, in house specials along with live entertainment in the evening. A Veritas calendar will be given to the first 150 people and will have a draw to win your purchase. We encourage anyone who would like to serve in our Apostolate at Veritas to join us by filling out your form at www.veritasbooks.ca or in person. We have much more in store for you!

"What I am telling you in the dark you must repeat in broad daylight, and what you have heard in private you must announce from the housetops."

Matthew 10:27

HAPPY VICTORIA DAY