

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
2263 Brunswick St. 902-429-4170
givesaintpatrickahand@ns.aliantzinc.ca

2017 Lenten Series: Lent is on its way! We will once again release a Lenten Series to help us prepare for Easter and to continue in our pastoral planning process. This year's series will focus on formation, one of our three pastoral themes. With the help of feedback and suggestions from all of you across the Archdiocese, this year's four part series features an updated format to make it easier to participate in the series and share the content in small groups.

Saint Catherine of Siena Halifax A Chowder Luncheon (Fish & Corn) will be held each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) following the 12:00 noon Mass. Price of \$8 includes homemade tea biscuits and dessert. Everyone is welcome.

Weekend of Grace for Women - Register now for the 11th Annual Weekend of Grace for Women, with Keynote Speaker Michelle Moran, to be held April 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2017, at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia "...You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses..." - Acts 1:8 Attendance through pre-registration only and registration. Visit www.weekendofgrace.com or call (902) 405-9613 for more information.

Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts offer Free Shipping and Next Day Delivery We are pleased to offer a convenient way to get "New Releases", and "Best Selling" books from our wide selection; as well great devotional gifts including Rosaries, Crucifixes, Statues Sacramental gifts and more when you visit: www.veritasbookstore.ca. Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts is offering customers in Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford, Sackville, Eastern Passage, Cole Harbour and Fall River, **Free Shipping with Next Day Delivery** for orders over \$60. We are adding new products each week and if you wish to join our Apostolate click on join us!

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb. 19, 2017



St. Patrick's Church

2263 Brunswick St. ♦ Halifax DS ♦ B3K 2Y9
902-429-1300 ♦ st.pats@ns.sympatico.ca

Website: www.stpatrickshalifax.ns.ca

twitter at [@stpatrickshfx](https://twitter.com/stpatrickshfx)



**"For he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good,
and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust."**

I often heard my grandmother say: "there is good in the worst of us, and bad in the best of us", and as I reflect back through the years her words ring true. In this Sunday's gospel Jesus issues the ultimate challenge to our humanity. He tells us to "love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us." How is this possible? How can we love those who oppose us, spread lies about us, threaten us, steal from us and yes, even hate us? To be a disciple of Jesus means that at some point we will be hated. But while Jesus issued the challenge he also left us the ultimate example of how we need to respond to our enemies. He absorbed it and loved as God loves, without conditions. Jesus' great act of love, as Kierkegaard once said, is meant to be imitated not just admired. But how do we do this?

While we preach it as an ideal and naively think we practice it, simply put, we don't. We aren't very loving and forgiving in the face of opposition! The first step in imitating Jesus is to recognize that we cannot love as He loves. Let's start, all of us, from this humble place of admittance: "We aren't very much like Jesus in the face of opposition." Alone we haven't the strength to love those who hate us. We need grace and community, God's power and others' support, to walk within a steady strength that enables us to remain warm, gracious, forgiving, joyful and loving in the face of misunderstanding, jealousy, opposition, bitterness, threat, and yes, perhaps even the threat of death.

How do we really love and forgive as Jesus did? He did it by recognizing that this was, singularly, the most important challenge of his life and mission, and, under the weight of that imperative, by falling on his knees to ask for the help of His Father in heaven. Likewise for us, we can only do it by asking our God, our Father in heaven, to do in us what we can't do for ourselves. God Bless.

Deacon Art

Parish Financial Information

Feb. 5, 2017
Sun. Env. 52 \$1,366.00
Loose \$ 245.90
PAR 23 \$ 375.38
Total \$1,987.28

Feb. 12, 2017
Sun. Env. 44 \$1,137.00
Loose \$ 207.75
PAR 23 \$ 375.38
Total \$1,720.13

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$16.32
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$25.84.

Feb. 26, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 49.14-15
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4.1-5
Gospel: Mathew 6.24-34

Our Celebrant for this week will be Father JJ MacDonald.

Key Teachings of the Church

What is Morality?

Morality refers to the goodness or evil of human acts. The morality of human acts depends on the object, intention, and circumstances of the action.

There will be no Catechism or Confirmation classes this weekend February 19.

Parish Administration

Deacon Art Mitchell,
Parochial Administrator
Phone: cell 902-410-3031
office: 902- 420-1330
Email: deaconartstpats@gmail.com
Cheryl Delaney, Secretary
Mon-Fri. 9 am to 1 pm
phone 902-429-1300
email st.pats@ns.sympatico.ca
Michele O'Neill, Assistant for the New Evangelization and Parish Council Chair
Email: micheleoneill@ns.sympatico.ca
David O'Connor, Assistant for Financial Affairs
Sr. Bernadette Cool, FoH.
Religious Education Coordinator *PT*
email: qubertcool@gmail.com

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto Feb. 23
Group 3 - Mike Convey Mar. 24
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan Apr. 25

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 contact Cheryl at the office.

2016 Tax Receipts are available for pickup at the entrance to the church this weekend.

The lucky winner of the Valentine's Day Wreath and \$100. cash prize was Ray Rankin. Congratulations!!

St. Mary's student is looking for a room to let from now until the end of April. Please contact Ray Rankin 902-800-0931 if you have one available.

The Pancake supper organizers are in need of another griddle for the Pancake breakfast. If you have one you could loan them for the morning, please contact the Parish Office.

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm.

We are asking parishioners to bring in their old palms from last year until February 26th. These palms will be burnt and used for the ashes at the Ash Wednesday Service. Thank you for your assistance.

"Mark your calendars for Sunday March 5th after Mass to view a display in the hall on our late friend Mary Schaefer, view a short film called "Women in Pastoral Office: The story of Santa Prassede, Rome. It is the story of second century Roman women who were early leaders in the Roman Church. Light lunch will be served after the film."

St. Patrick's PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, February 26 from 11:00-1:00pm. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or \$15 per family. All proceeds will go to St. Patrick's Parish. Tickets are available before and after Mass this weekend. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Each year in Ottawa there is a international summit titled, The New Evangelization Summit (NES). This year the NES will be held **HERE in Nova Scotia** in the Annapolis Valley (in Berwick) on **Friday May 12- Saturday May 13** **Take part in the event for only \$45** (this includes lunch on the Saturday)!

This two day conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful – will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. Through the summit approximately 5000 like minded Catholics from across the continent will be united in one goal – to be formed as evangelists and be part of a network of Catholic evangelists. Please see the Archdiocese website for a list of this year's speakers.

TODAY Chase the Ace TODAY License No. AGD—107126-16

Feb. 12th winner was Bonnie Beed \$151.00. The card drawn was the 9 of Spades (20% of sales).

The next Jackpot will be \$3,485.00. 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 usual **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. However only the winner can pick up the prize.

Thank you for your support and thanks to all the volunteers who help run the game.

Schedule Update—the Big Lift

"Replacing deck segments on the Halifax side span over DND property is more complicated and is greatly affected by high winds. As a result, while it is difficult to provide firm timelines, ABCC expects to complete deck segment replacement by the end of February. At the end of January, 40 of the 46 segments have been replaced. The sidewalk and bike lane should reopen approximately four weeks after all deck segments are complete—the end of March. The HHB shuttle service will continue until the sidewalk and bike lane reopens. After completion of the deck segment replacement, overnight closures 7:00pm—5:30 am Sunday-Thursday will continue until the project is complete. There will also be about four weekend closures during the May to July timeframe." Please see the bulletin boards for further information or their community report available at hdhc.ca/community-report.