

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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St. Patrick's PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on TODAY 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. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Next weekend—March 5th there will be an Archdiocesan collection to support the pastoral priority of Formation. Money raised will go towards Adult Faith Formation, Catechetical Formation, Staff Development, and Pastoral Personnel (Priest, Deacons and Lay Leaders). For more information, visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org. Please give as you are able and thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb. 26, 2017



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"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

The Season of Lent is approaching quickly and Lent has two major purposes: it recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance and reconciliation. In the Gospel Reading for this week, Christ tells people not to worry. Don't worry about how to get what you need for food, clothing, or shelter. In fact, don't worry about anything having to do with your body. Actually, don't worry about anything having to do with your life.

But why not?

Look at all the bad things that happen to human beings! Children get cancer; people die suddenly of heart attacks; the wage earners of families lose their jobs; homes are destroyed in natural disasters; the pension funds of the elderly are wiped out by fraud or mismanagement. And this is just a small sample. So aren't there plenty of bad things to worry about? Why then, shouldn't people worry? When things get bad enough for a person, she or he can think that God has abandoned them. In the first reading from Isaiah we hear Zion say: "The LORD has forsaken me; my LORD has forgotten me" and that is the worst that can happen to a person. But it is worth seeing that Christ suffered this worst thing, too, together with all the other bad things that he endured in his passion and death. His cry of anguish from the cross is like the words of suffering Zion: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" he says in his agony.

But God's answer to Zion is therefore true: "I will never forget you" and God is saying that same thing to us. He sent His son Emmanuel (God with us), so that even in our worst suffering of feeling abandoned by God, Christ endured that same suffering himself. Even in this, God is with us. While this thought may not take away our suffering and pain, how could it not take away our worry? If God is with us, how could the bad things we suffer not work for our good? 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

Feb. 19, 2017	
Sun. Env. 44	\$1,209.30
Loose	\$ 147.30
PAR 23	\$ 375.38
Total	\$1,731.98

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$16.32.
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$27.48.

Our Celebrant for this week will be Father Francisco Pirisi.

Key Teachings of the Church -

***What is Ordination?* Ordination is the Sacrament of Holy Orders in which a baptized man is consecrated to serve the Church as a Bishop, Priest, or Deacon.**

Catechism or Confirmation classes resume this weekend.

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 info contact the office.

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March 5, 2017—1st Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7++

2nd Reading: Romans 5.12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 3 - Mike Convey Mar. 24

Group 1 - Diane Sullivan Apr. 25

Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto May 19

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.

Meetings this week

Tues., Feb 28 at 7pm, St. Vincent de Paul. The March meeting rescheduled as March 1 is Ash Wednesday.

Thurs., Mar. 2 at 7pm, Pastoral Council Meeting in the Church Hall.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul extends a huge Thank You to everyone who helped to make our Outreach event, a Valentine's Tea at Sunrise Manor, a great success. The residents enjoyed the treats and coffee/tea. it was a lovely way to pass a few hours on a Feb. afternoon.

After Mass next Sunday March 5th

To celebrate our friend the late Dr. Mary Schaefer and her gifts to the parish there will be a display of photographs and a showing of a short film 'Women in Pastoral Office: The story of Santa Prassede, Rome.' After the film a light lunch will be served. A few copies of Mary's book on the subject will be available to purchase for \$60.00. A few religious articles will also be for sale. Proceeds to the Tower Fund as was Mary's wish.

LENT is a time of penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. We begin Lent on **Ash Wednesday, March 1 with Mass at 7pm** Father Francesco Pirisi, celebrant.

Celebrating Irish Week

March 10 —March 19

Flag Raising Ceremony

Friday, March 10, 2017; 12 NOON

Join the Grand Marshal, Mayor Mike Savage at the Irish flag raising Celebration of Saint Patrick's Day. Grand Parade Square, Halifax.

10th Annual Halifax Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Presented by the Charitable Irish Society Sunday, March 12 th.

Parade starts at Pier 20, travels down Lower Water Street ending at Historic Properties.

Parade marshaling 12:30, Terminal Road at Pier 20

Parade starts at 1 pm

Parade ends 1:30 (approx.) at Historic Properties

(Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank will be collecting donations of cash and non-perishable food items along the Parade route)

Sunday, March 12— 2pm St. Patrick's Church
Halifax Concert Band presents a Concert of Celtic Music with Sing-a-long of Traditional Irish Songs.

Friday, March 17—12 Noon St. Patrick's Church
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist. Tours of the church will be available.

Sunday, March 19—St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
Parish hall following Mass at 11:30 am Cost of tickets \$10 per person or \$25 for a family (family is 2 adults and their children) .

Parish Draw—Sunday, March 19, 2017 NOON, as part of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

1st Prize—Hamper of Groceries value \$150.

2nd Prize—Cash of \$50.00

3rd Prize—\$25 Sobey's voucher

Tickets are \$1.00. each, 3 for \$2.00; 7 for \$5.00

Available on Sunday's Feb. 26/March 5/12/19 at the back of the Church.

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

Feb. 19th winner was Heidi Beed \$185.00. The card drawn was the 6 of Hearts.

The next Jackpot will be \$3,762.50 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 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.



2017 Lenten Video Series:

Next week our Lenten journey to Easter begins. We will present the Archdiocesan Lenten video series to

help us prepare for Easter and to continue in our parish pastoral planning process. This year's series will focus on **formation**, one of our three pastoral themes. There are **four videos** that will be presented each Sunday after Mass (11:15 am) in the boardroom of the church hall from the Second Sunday March 12 to the Fifth Sundays of Lent. 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.