

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 and to see a detailed schedule and list of workshop go to [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly).

**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@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:cdriscoll@halifaxyarmouth.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 29<sup>th</sup>**. Proceeds support the local **St. Vincent De Paul councils and the Sisters of Saint Martha Street Ministry**. To get involved call Michael Hughes at (902) 252-3911 or visit [www.stepupwalk.ca](http://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.

**Ascension of the Lord, May 8, 2016**



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**May 15th—Solemnity: Pentecost Sunday**

**Reader 1:** Acts 2.1-11

**Reader 2:** 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

**Gospel:** John 20.19-23

**Mass time Sunday: 10:00a.m.**

**Reconciliation by Appointment**

Happy Mother's Day to all of the  
Mothers of our Parish!!

**The final Silent Retreat led by the Jesuits is May 28th. Session begins at 9am with input, and end by 5pm. Min. 4 and max 24 participants. Suggested offering is \$35.**

**Jesuit Centre of Spirituality**  
2287 Brunswick St.—902-429-7344

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

**Part III 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>

It would be the height of irresponsibility for us to simply sneak out. Our departure has to be celebrated, albeit in a bittersweet way, and such celebrations are being planned right now. We are grateful to the people of Halifax who welcomed us and our ministry, and we have reason to believe that they are grateful for what we have accomplished here for the better part of a century. Above all we need to ensure a smooth transition. Who will continue the work our staff is currently doing, especially in spiritual direction? Fortunately as we close another religious community in Halifax, the religious of the Sacred Heart, is beginning a spiritual ministry similar to ours. And while we will not have a residence and a centre in Halifax, we will still have responsibilities in the Maritimes, for instance liaison with the CLC and the AASEA, and there are other ministries which we hope can be taken up from time to time in assistance to local church communities as time and availability might permit. The transition in the parish is another matter altogether. There is no guarantee that I will be replaced when the Jesuits leave. We need to come up before June 30 with a sufficient sum to cover emergency stabilization work. We hope that will be quite a bit less than \$1M and that we will find benefactors to help us.

An attempt to close the parish some years ago backfired, and scars still remain. Humanly speaking, a peaceful discernment and resolution of these painful issues will be difficult. The Spirit needs to be especially present and active. It is easy to get rid of a small tree that has existed for just a few years, but the roots the Jesuits have grown over the decades are deep: fast friends of many years, a large residence, formerly a convent, with room for some residential retreatants, a library which began many years ago for the local Jesuits and has grown over the years, especially in the area of spirituality.

.....*more to follow next week*

### Parish Financial Information

#### May 1, 2016

ENV.	52	\$1,341.00
Loose		127.55
PAR	24	389.23
Total		\$ 1,857.78

**Average Weekly  
PAR contribution  
\$16.22.**

**Average Sunday En-  
velope contribution  
\$25.79**

#### 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 Ascension?

The Ascension is the return of the Risen Christ in glory to his Father in Heaven.

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

**Pastoral Council Minutes for April** are available in the Green binder at the back of the church.

Follow us on  
twitter at  
**@stpatrickshfx**

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

**Open Doors Halifax 2016 – St. Patrick's Church** will be participating in this year's event scheduled for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) and Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (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 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> to welcome visitors that would be appreciated. A volunteer sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

**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.

**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.**

**Annual Parish Spring Fair – Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the church hall. Tickets are available TODAY for the Luncheon 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

**Annual Spring Fair Planning Meeting** will take place next Sunday (May 15<sup>th</sup>) after Mass (11:15 am) in the Sacristy to continue our planning for the parish Spring Fair on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Fort McMurray Relief Fund:** Archbishop Mancini has requested that a special collection be taken up for the people of Fort McMurray. With so many displaced people and homes lost, they will require help. The funds collected would be sent to the Diocese of St. Paul in which Fort McMurray is located. The diocese would be able to bring the funds to bear in those places with the most need.

**Saint Vincent de Paul meeting well be held on May 11 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall Conference Room.**

### Chase the Ace

*Lottery license No.: AGD-101936-16*

Last Sunday was the first Chase the Ace and there was a good turnout.

Our first winner of the ticket draw was Greg Delaney with a win of \$244.

The Ace of Spades was not drawn so the jackpot today will be \$3,000 plus 30% of the days 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. Tickets for sale in the hall until 130pm. Ticket draw this week at 145pm. You do not have to be present for the draw to still win.**

*Please join us in the hall after Mass if you have questions, meet friends, play checkers, buy a ticket.*

*Thank you for the support for this important fun/fund raiser.*

**Dying in a Death Defying World:** Sr. Nuala Kenny will be giving the opening keynote address at the first ever **Hayes Symposium** hosted by the Atlantic School of Theology. This keynote address is **open to the public** and will be held, Monday, May 9, at McNally Theatre Auditorium on the Saint Mary's University Campus.

On May 8, we begin the **National Week for Life and the Family** This year's theme is "My family: A school of mercy". Various resources are available from the **Catholic Organization for Life and Family** (COLF) for prayers and activities to celebrate that the vocation of the family more information go to [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)