

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society

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UPCOMING PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Spring Fair—date to be announced . Under the leadership of Michele O'Neill.

TODAY April 12— *Titanic* remembered in 3rd class. A catered Roast Beef Dinner with words and music of the RMS *Titanic* A fundraiser for Saint Patrick's at 11 30 am in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, available at the door. A portion of the price will be a receipted donation to **The Tower Fund.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

6th Annual Leadership Breakfast, St. Agnes Church, Msgr. Leo Day Auditorium. Fri., April 17, 2015 at 8 a.m., Guest Speaker: Mike Savage. Tickets are \$25. each or table of 10 for \$250. for reservations please call 902-4548200 ext. 3

The 5th Regional Catholic Men's "Weekend of Grace for Men" Retreat will take place from Apr 24-26 at Bayside Camp at 1503 Ketch Harbour Road, Sambro Head, NS. For further info. or to register, please visit www.weekendofgrace.com or call Marcel at 902-449-7613 or Tony at (902) 435-1568.

May 1-3, 2015. Weekend of Grace for Women - *The 9th annual Weekend of Grace for Women*, with keynote speaker Dr. Mary Healy, will be held May 1, 2 and 3 at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax. . Attendance through pre-registration only. For more information visit www.weekendofgrace.com

Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne De Beaupre and Cap-De-la-Madeleine: to join the Nova Scotia group for a pilgrimage trip to the Quebec shrines of the Ste. Anne De Beaupre and Cape-De-la-Madeleine, please call the organizer Helen Pyke @ 902-477-1918. dates are June 14-20, 2015.

How to get the Archdiocese weekly info service and monthly journal: As a parishioner you can have the Archdiocese's weekly information service and the monthly journal sent directly to your own email box by subscribing. www.halifaxarmouth.org and complete the form that is provided.

2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday April 12,



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

3rd Sunday Easter (April 18)

Read 1: Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Read 2 1 John 2:1-5a Gospel: Luke 24.35-48

Reflection 2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

Faith development for the first disciples was a community affair. Although today's Gospel highlights "Doubting" Thomas, certainly the other disciples wrestled with the meaning of the Lord's Resurrection as well. They were behind locked doors, huddled in fear, but they were facing the future together. It is good for us to remember that the gift of faith is not a solitary affair; it grows and matures when we celebrate the Lord's presence with other Christians. Divine mercy gathers us together, proclaims to us the gift of peace, and challenges us to support one another along the way.

Taken from Sunday prayer for Catholics 2015

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

The Parish is blessed to have the Jesuit Centre just down the street. Under the direction of Father Jean-Marc Laporte, S.J. who is also Priest-in-Charge of our Parish, the Centre welcomes people of all faiths into their home for day retreats, residential retreats, workshops and programs. The Centre is also supported by Father Trevor Scott, S.J. and a number of staff associates who are available to give individual spiritual direction.

April 22 (7 to 9 pm) *The Joy of Pope Francis—Gentle breeze and powerful wind.*

Father Jean-Marc will lead this final session. Pope Francis' first apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, invites all of us to bring the Gospel to others, as he does, with joy. Suggested offering: \$25

Next Silent Retreat—April 25

Easter: a more abundant life

Recharge your spiritual batteries. We begin at 9 am with input, and end by 5 pm lunch, nutrition breaks, Eucharist are included. Suggested offering \$35.

Parish Financial Information

March 29, 2015

49 ENV	\$1,220.00
loose	\$ 166.15
PAR	\$ <u>370.00</u>
Total	\$1,756.15

April 5, 2015

81 ENV	\$2,813.00
Loose	\$ 644.85
PAR	\$ 370.00
21 Other Sun ENV.	\$ <u>835.00</u>
Total	\$4,662.85

Designated Collection For the Holy Lands Good Friday

32 Env.	\$610.00
Loose	\$ <u>315.95</u>
Total	\$925.95

Pastoral Council's March minutes are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church and in the green binder.

P.A.R. Means *Pre Authorized Remittance* and is a strongly 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 office. Thank you.



The funeral Mass for Mrs. Kathleen (Kay) Devlin was held Friday, April 10 here at Saint Patrick's. Mrs. Devlin, age 96, was a life-long parishioner of this Parish, a devout Catholic with strong belief in the power of prayer. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Prayers are also requested for the late Mary Catherine MacMaster mother of Father Duncan MacMaster who passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

Next Sunday—April 19 after Mass Session Three—Lenten Series— FORMATION

Dr. David Deane in conversation with Archbishop Mancini. Dr. Deane is an Associate Professor at the Atlantic School of Theology and Director of the M.A. program. Dr. Deane talks about needing a personal relationship with Christ in order to share the faith.

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation

Parents are asked to fill out a registration form for children age 7 or older who are ready to prepare for receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation/First Communion in the Spring of 2016. Preparation will begin in September 2015 and continue through to the Spring of 2016. Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Please return completed forms to Michele O'Neill. A meeting of parents of children in the parish will be organized in April to present and discuss the *Be My Disciples* teaching resource and the format for sacramental preparation that will be used. If you have any questions, please see Michele.

Notice of Public Hearing Deregistration of Heritage Property 2267 Brunswick Street, Halifax

Regional Council gives notice of its intention to consider and, if deemed advisable, deregister the Rectory property located at 2267 Brunswick Street, Halifax (PID # 00148544), in accordance with Section 16 of the Nova Scotia Heritage Property Act. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Halifax City Hall (Council Chamber), 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax, NS.

Atlantic Episcopal Assembly Gathered this week in Halifax :

This week Bishops from the 10 dioceses in Atlantic Canada gathered in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth for their annual spring meeting. They discussed matters important to our Church nationally as well as locally for each of their dioceses.

Please keep the bishops in your prayers as they pray, reflect and discuss the leadership of the local church in Atlantic Canada. May the Holy Spirit guide their work and make it fruitful in the coming year.

John Paul II Day in Canada

A new documentary on St. John Paul II and his impact on the American continent will air on April 12 on national television networks. Salt & Light Television will broadcast the Saint John Paul II documentary. For specific times see www.saltandlighttv.org

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen Alleluia!

In John's Gospel Mary Magdalene says, "I have seen the Lord!" She exclaims this to the Apostles after she runs from the tomb having encountered the Risen Christ outside the tomb. May we feel that same joy and excitement in encountering Jesus and knowing through him the Father's great love for us. Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by that love and may we share it with all we meet! Easter blessings to one and all!

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who participate in any way in making our Easter Celebrations so joyous. Altar Servers, Lectors, Ministers of Eucharist, Adult Choir led by Jed Blackmore, Alan Hemphill and Holly Dacey Joudrey, those who prepared the Church for the liturgical celebrations, those who kept the Church tidy especially with the larger numbers of congregants. Also, thank you to Fr. Jean-Marc for celebrating with us and you the parishioners for attending this most Holy week.

Looking for a partner—male or female to work with me on the English Pastoral Team at Our Lady of the Cape Shrine in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec for the pilgrimage season May 15—Oct. 15.. Preferably someone with no dependents, retired, or not working in the summer as I was when I was working for the school board. French language not required but a good asset. For 2 weeks a month whatever one is able. Please call Juanita Bates 902-466-0625 or email juanitabates1987@gmail.com.