

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society

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UPCOMING PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Spring Fair—May 30 . Under the leadership of Michele O'Neill.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 info. call Marcel at 902-449-7613.

Spring Fair, Saint Catherine of Siena Halifax, Sat. April 25th 10:00– 1:00 pm. see Archdiocese events page.

Fr. Joe MacKinnon will celebrate his 40th year of ministry on April 26th, 7:00 -09:00 pm at Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, Hammonds Plain. Please see Archdiocese event page for further info.

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

18th Annual Battle of the Atlantic Memorial Concert featuring the Stadacona Band, Spatz Theatre at Citadel high School, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 28, tickets \$10 can be purchased at the door. This is an evening of wartime and contemporary music commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the War at Sea. *General Admission tickets at Ticket Atlantic, & participating Atlantic Superstores (handling fee extra).* **This is in support of Canada's Naval Memorial - HMCS Sackville**

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.

3rd Sunday of Easter, Sunday, April 19 2015



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

4th Sunday Easter (April 26)

Read 1: Acts 4:7-12

Read 2 1 John 3.1-2 **Gospel:** John 10:11-18

Easter: a more abundant life. Sat., April 25

The signs of new life surround us, with warmer days, melting snow, and this year's cycle of vegetation ready to emerge. These signs of new life remind us that the Lord's resurrection brings to our hearts and our communities new hope and life in abundance.

We begin at 9 AM with input and end by 5 PM. Lunch, nutrition breaks, Eucharist are included. The rest of the day is spent in silent prayer, using the suggestions in the input or following your own path. Staff members are available for confession or for conversation. If this is a new experience for you, and you wish to touch base with a staff member before the retreat, let us know. The suggested offering is \$35.

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 per session.

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

Parish Financial Information

April 5, 2015	April 12, 2015
81 ENV \$ 2,813.00	42 ENV \$1,075.00
Loose \$ 644.85	Loose \$ 125.00
PAR \$ 370.00	PAR \$ 370.00
Total \$1,200.00	Total \$1,570.00

Rectory Update:

At a meeting of Halifax Regional Council on Tuesday, April 14 a vote was taken that granted the deregistration of the Rectory that had been registered in error as a heritage church.

The deregistration allows for the sale of the Rectory to a purchaser who intends to create 9 residential units in the existing house. This work will happen in the next few months and will mean some changes on the street. Water and electrical work will be undertaken to separate services currently shared by the house and church. The tunnel between the buildings will be demolished. The wheelchair ramp will be relocated. In the coming months the parking spaces at the Rectory would no longer be available for parish parking. Further details will appear in the Sunday bulletins to keep you up to date on this process.

Blair Beed, Rectory Project

Sacrament of Baptism:

The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today **Lily Amora Wells Bowden**. Please welcome Lily, her family and God parents to the Saint Patrick's Parish Community.

Today 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.

Archbishop Mancini is pleased to announce the upcoming Presbyteral Ordinations in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica:

May 9, 2015 at 11:00am – Br. Pio Libby, FoH

August 15, 2015 at 10:30am – Rev. Mr. E. James O'Connor

All are welcome to attend the ordinations, and we ask that you keep both of these men in your prayers as they prepare for their ordinations.

Death of His Eminence

Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte:

Cardinal Turcotte died on April 8, 2014 at the age of 78. The late Cardinal was a priest for 56 years and Bishop for 33 years. He served as the ninth Archbishop of Montreal from 1990-2012. He was made Cardinal by Saint John Paul II in Nov. 1994.

Archbishop Mancini, who attended the Cardinal's funeral on Friday described him as "a homeboy, not a Rome boy" which speaks to the importance that the late Cardinal placed on his ministry to the faithful of the Diocese of Montreal.

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.

Parish Spring Fair - Mark your calendars and plan to attend our Parish Spring Fair on Saturday, May 30th. Planning is now underway and details will be shared with the community in the coming weeks. The success of our events depend on the generous support of members of the parish. Our first planning session will be held on **Sunday, April 26th, following Mass in the Sacristy**. Please consider joining the planning group and making this community event a big success. For more information, please see Michele O'Neill.

Collection for the Annual Parent Resource Centre Mother's Day Brunch.

The Mother's Day Brunch organized by the Parent's Resource Centre will be held on Saturday, May 9th. Our parishioners have been long-time supporters of this annual event donating personal items (lotions, shampoos, sweets, etc.) that go into individual gift bags that are presented to the mothers of the neighbourhood. A basket to collect donations is located at the back of the church until Sunday, May 3rd. If you would prefer to make a financial contribution instead of a donation of personal items, please see Michele O'Neill. Thank you for your continued generosity and support for this annual event.

New Altar Linens - We are blessed to have such a beautiful church. Our sanctuary is looking even more beautiful this Easter Season with the new altar linens designed and prepared by Jo-Ann MacNeil of our parish community. So far, Jo-Ann has designed linens for Advent/Lent, Christmas, Easter and Ordinary time. If you have not already done so, take a closer look at the beautiful Easter linens that adorn our altar table and ambo. Thank you Jo-Ann for your creative talents and the contribution you make towards enhancing our sacred space.

The Titanic Remembered Dinner in 3rd Class was a great success. Money raised will go into the church tower fund. Thanks to Father Laporte for the remembrance prayer for those lost on Titanic. Al Hemphill and Ged Blackmore who played music of the period; Sister Cecilia and Susan Leblanc who read stories of passengers on Titanic; Janice Coyle who made the passenger identity cards; Patrick Murphy, Matthew Battiste and Margaret MacDonald who supplied the pub; John Murphy who supplied the Mother Parkers tea and coffee. Rick, Keri, Heidi, Krystyne, Frank, Michelle, Allan, Vineeth, Deric, who stepped in to help with a variety of chores.

Tim Webber and his crew from Reel Catering prepared an excellent menu from the Titanic.

Thank you to all the people attended the event. Photos will be posted at a later date.

Blair Beed, Dinner Convenor.

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.