

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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Making a Case to Support the Restoration of Historic Saint Patrick's Church

Today we share with you *Segment Two* of a case for support that was commissioned by the Society in early Spring of 2015 and prepared by Elizabeth MacDonald of Accapella Communications. The case for support is the central document intended to be used in a potential fundraising campaign. The case for support is entitled *Rising Up Again: The Campaign to Restore Saint Patrick's Church*. If you missed *Segment One*, you can access it in the November 15, 2015 parish bulletin located on the parish website: www.stpatricks.halifax.ns.ca.



Resurgo*: The campaign to restore Saint Patrick's Church

* To rise up again

One of Nova Scotia's most beautiful historic churches, Saint Patrick's Church on Brunswick Street sits in the heart of Old Halifax. Recognizable by its tall, slender spire, this 130-year old landmark offers a breathtaking and inspirational interior, worthy of any Old World church. Perhaps you're a parishioner or friend? You know Saint Patrick's as a welcoming place of peace and beauty – an aesthetic experience nourishing the human spirit, regardless of belief. Maybe you simply love Halifax? Our neo-Gothic structure is registered as a provincial heritage site. With its rich acoustics, frescoes and rare architectural features, Saint Patrick's is one of the city's finest cultural gems – and a prized performance space. To those of Irish descent whose forebears built this church – and much of Halifax itself – Saint Patrick's stands as a testament to immigrant courage and tenacity in the face of prejudice.

Perhaps most importantly, Saint Patrick's is a place of purpose.

We're a caring community of individuals engaged and inspired to serve the many needs of Halifax's inner city. Just as it has for so many years, Saint Patrick's connects our city to a rich past while helping create stronger communities and better lives. And as this neighbourhood evolves and revives, Saint Patrick's has a new role to play: bringing two different communities – one new, one long-established; one affluent, the other economically challenged – together in understanding and mutual respect.

As long as Saint Patrick's doors remain open.

That's because time, Nova Scotia weather and years of deferred maintenance – so typical of churches everywhere - have taken their toll. Saint Patrick's needs \$2.5 million of restoration work, both inside and out. Of this, \$1.5 million represents urgent structural work, without which this heritage site may be forced to close.

It's that simple.

That's why we're turning to you. As a long-time friend and someone who cherishes all that Saint Patrick's represents, you understand the need to preserve this living monument today, for tomorrow.

In this spirit of *resurgo*, let's ensure this magnificent link to our shared past rises up...one more time

Segment Three will be published in next Sunday's Bulletin.

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2015



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Reconciliation by Appointment

3rd Sunday of Advent (Dec. 13 2015)

Read 1: Zephaniah 3.14-18a

Read 2: Philippians 4.4-7



2ND SUN
Advent

Masses at Jesuit Centre

Wed. Dec 8th @ 7:00 pm

Fri. Dec. 10th @ 7:00pm

**We remember Today: on Dec. 6, 1917
at 9:05am two ships collided in our
harbour. Nearly 2,000 people died,
another 9,000 maimed or blinded and
more than 25,000 were left without
adequate shelter.**

Jesuit Centre of Spirituality

2287 Brunswick St.—902-429-7344:

The Centre welcomes people of all faiths into their home for day retreats, workshops and programs. Individual spiritual direction is available.

Programs:

St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment: How to Make Wise and Prayerful Decisions

So often we are faced with big and seemingly impossible decisions to make in our lives. How do we make such decisions in our lives: St. Ignatius reminds us that all created things are to help us, by living meaningful & fulfilling lives, to pursue the end for which we were created. To do this we need to make a sound prayerful decisions in our lives. These two evenings of meditation upon St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment will reveal the spiritual gift he gave to us in helping us make prayerful decisions that are in harmony with God's will for us. Suggested offering \$25 per session, \$40. for both sessions. Thursday, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4 7-9pm Trevor Scott, S.J.

Silent Saturday Retreats, Saturday, Dec.

19th Leaving Advent, entering Christmas:

Begins at 9 am with input ends by 5 pm. Lunch, nutritional breaks, Eucharist. *Suggested offering \$35*

Parish Financial Information

Sunday offerings

<u>Nov. 1, 2015</u>	<u>Nov. 8, 2015</u>	<u>Nov. 15, 2015</u>	<u>Nov. 22, 2015</u>
ENV 44 \$ 990.00	ENV 40 \$ 818.00	ENV 45 \$1,360.00	ENV 42 \$1,360.00
Loose 287.12	Loose 220.85	Loose 246.15	Loose 256.15
PAR (23) 370.00	PAR 370.00	PAR 370.00	PAR 370.00
Total \$1,647.12	Total \$1,408.85	Total \$1,976.15	Total \$1,986.15

Nov. 30, 2015 Other Collections in of Nov.

ENV 51 \$1,670.00	Fuel \$1,100.00
Loose 204.55	SvdPaul \$2,067.00 (Giving tree)
<u>PAR 370.00</u>	
Total \$2,244.00	

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

Hope Cottage Meals

Parish commitments to the end of 2015

December 8 (Tuesday) Group III—under the leadership of Michael Convey

The October minutes of Parish Council are now posted at the entrance ways of the Church and in the green binder at the rear of the Church.

Discipleship—Monthly Archdiocesan Journal now available by logging into www.halifaxymouth.or. Articles on the Family Summit in Philadelphia and the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Christmas Fruit Cakes – for those who have ordered them they can be picked up at the back of the church this weekend.

Fundraising Opportunity for Saint Patrick's Children's Religious Education Fund - On Sun. TODAY Dec. 6th after the 10:00 am Mass you will be able to order your Arbonne Holiday Gifts for those on your Christmas list. Just as last year, 100% of the commission earned will be donated to the Children's Religious Education Fund of our parish by Loly Crowley.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind parishioners that envelopes for donations are available on **the Giving Tree** at the back of the Church. Donations will be used to provide children in need in our community with gift cards for Christmas. We hope to have all the envelopes returned in **(TODAY) Thank you for your support.**

Also this week, St. Vincent de Paul volunteers will be hosting a Christmas Tea for residents of Gordon B. Isnor Manor on Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 2-4 pm.

Message from Fr. Jean-Marc

As we continue our discernment of the path for the future of our beloved parish, I will occasionally present a few points for us to ponder as we pray and reflect together on our options.

As I have said many times, more basic than the church building we want to use is the community we want to be. Let us draw from the vision of parish life which Pope Francis puts before us: “I dream of a “missionary option”, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation... The parish is not an outdated institution...if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptively, it continues to be “the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters”. This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. (Evangelii Gaudium 27-28)

In brief, what is at work in our discernment? We are pulled in different directions. These two impulses are likely at work: the temptation towards self-preservation and maintaining the status quo, but also the God-given impulse towards evangelization and renewal. How do these warring impulses affect us as we pray and reflect on our future?

The Annual General Meeting for the Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 2:30 pm in church hall. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend - NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

Christmas Flowers: Would you like to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones? *In an envelope marked “Flowers” on the outside, please list your name and mailing address, the name (s) of your loved one (s) and your donation.* Then place the envelop in the collection basket. *On Christmas Eve, the names of your loved one (s) will be posted in the Church entry.*

Did you know?

The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal helps our parish directly. A portion of every contribution from our parish will be rebated for our use. As we approach the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy let us help one another to show mercy to our neighbours. Make your donation by December 31, 2015 to receive a tax receipt for the 2015 tax year. The Parish target is \$4,900. Returns have been very slow and low only \$300 to date!! Please give some further prayerful thought to the Archbishop's Appeal.

Today—St. Catherine's (Bayers Road) Christmas Bingo. 2pm doors open 12:30 turkey, Baskets and cash games.

Friday, Dec. 11—Saint Michael's Church Hall 6:30 for 7:00 pm. Cash Bingo—14 St. Michael's Ave. Spryfield