

# St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society

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## UPCOMING PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**March 14**—St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and other events to celebrate our Patron Saint.

**March 15**—Halifax Concert Band (Irish Sing Along) 2:00 pm \$10 admission at the door. This will take place in the Church.

**April 12**—Titanic Remembered in 3rd class — A catered Roast Beef Dinner with words and music of the Titanic.

**May/June**—Parish Spring Fair – Exact date to be determined!

## Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish

**Lenten Mission** 2015, APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, *EVANGELII GAUDIUM* OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS (The Joy of the Gospel) Speaker: Fr. Jean Marc Laporte, S.J.- Mon. March 9—Wed. March 11, 2015. Details: Mon. March 9th—7:00 pm: Liturgy of the Word, Tues. March 10th—7:00 pm: Penitential Service with Individual Confession and Reflection, and Wed. March 11th—7:00 pm, Mass with Collection & Reception.

**Complementary copies of the Word Among us for all Lenten celebrations** (daily, Sundays and Holy Week) have been placed in the Church pews. You may wish to take them for your own personal use during Lent or just leave them in the pews during our Lenten Season.



1st Sunday of Lent February 22nd , 2015



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Website: www.stpatricks.halifax.ns.ca  
*Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.*  
*Reconciliation by Appointment*

## 2nd Sun. of Lent (March 1 & 2)

Read 1: Genesis 22.1-2,9-13,15-18  
Read 2: Romans 8.31 b-35,37++  
Gospel: Mark 9.2-10



With its invitations to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor (sluggish inactivity). ... Why must we return to God? Because something is not right in us, not right in society, in the Church, and we need to change, to give it a new direction. And this is called needing to convert! Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, always faithful, for he cannot deny himself, he continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always ready to forgive and start afresh. With this filial confidence, let us set out on the journey. *Homily of Pope Francis, Basilica of Santa Sabina, March 5, 2014*

**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.

## Upcoming Events

**Seminar Series:**  
**March 4, 18—April 8, 22 (7 to 9 pm)**

*The Joy of Pope Francis—Gentle breeze and powerful wind.* Father Jean-Marc will lead this 4-part series. 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. This letter bears a careful reading, reflection, prayer and discussion. What does it mean for us in our own context? Suggested offering: \$25 per session; \$75 for all four.

**Tickets Available for St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Festivities:** Tickets are now available at the back of the church for our annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew Lunch to be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$10.00 person or \$20 for a family.

Parish Financial Information			
Feb. 1		Feb. 8 (REVISED)	
49 Env.	\$1395.00	56 Env.	\$1566.10
24 PAR	\$ 375.00	24 PAR	\$ 375.00
Loose	\$122.00	Loose	\$ 195.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1892.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2136.85</b>

**Please take note**  
**(envelope holders and PAR participants)**

**Special Upcoming Collections**

**Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday**  
St. Vincent de Paul—Poor Box

**Feb. 22 - Fuel Collection**  
Please note that the fuel cost for the Church from January 4 to February 4 was approximately \$6,000.

**Mar. 1 - Infirm & Retired Priests**  
Sharing the Care Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests was set up to meet the needs of the diocesan priests who served in the Archdiocese of Halifax. There are currently 51 diocesan priests and 22 (or 43%) are retired.

**2014 Income Tax receipts** are available at the back of the church in the box marked **TAX Receipts**.

**Volunteers and Contributions Requested for St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Festivities:** Many people in our community will generously contribute their time and talent to make this annual event a success. To date we have members of the community who have volunteered to prepare the Irish Stew, bake the soda bread and cupcakes. Other members of the community have already offered to donate the coffee and tea and to provide for decorations and set-up of the hall. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help to date. The largest expense of this event is the cost of preparing the Irish Stew for 200 people. If you would like to make a donation to defray these overhead costs, please place your contribution in an envelope marked St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and place it in the Sunday collection basket. For further info. please see Michele O'Neill.

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

**BULLETIN CHANGE** The Archdiocese has been forwarding to Parishes a *weekly information service* containing news items on various topics. As well a *monthly journal* containing articles aimed at deepening our understanding and knowledge of Catholic traditions will also come to the Parish. Our Parish Bulletin will try to incorporate much of what is forwarded. As a parishioner, you can have the Archdiocese's weekly information service and the monthly journal sent directly to your own e-mail inbox by subscribing. Just go to **[www.halifaxarmouth.org](http://www.halifaxarmouth.org)** and complete the form that is provided.

**Bulletin Change to All committees and groups.** All bulletin submissions are requested to be sent to the Parish office no later than the Wednesday before you would like them placed in the bulletin. This is to ensure all your notices will be in on the dates you require. Thank you for your help.

**2015 Lenten Mission**

This Lent, Archbishop Mancini invites you to a three part study series to break open the content of his 2014 Pastoral Letter "Lord, Where Are You going?" and specifically consider our three Key Themes: Mission, Community and Formation. Each session includes a short video with Archbishop Mancini and a local "Thought leader" discussing the theme, a time of prayer and gospel reading, guided discussion and an individual discernment survey. Our Lenten Mission will take place after our weekend Masses of March 8, 15 and 22. We expect the mission to extend for 1 (one) hour after each Mass. More details to come next week.


**Confirmation Class – 24-hour Retreat for Development and Peace** – Our Confirmandi Christiana Hubley will have taken part in a 24-hour retreat February 20-21, 2015 for Development and Peace to raise awareness of social injustices in the Global South. She will have a pledge sheet at the back of the church this Sunday and next Sunday to help raise funds. Please keep Christiana in your prayers as she continues to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring and please consider offering a pledge in support of the important work that Development and Peace carries out.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**St. Catherine's Church, 6476 Bayers Rd, Halifax.** Will have A Chowder Luncheon (Fish & Corn) each Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) following 12:00 noon Mass. Hosted by the CWL. Price is \$8. Everyone is welcome.

**World Wide Day of Prayer**—This year's Ecumenical service is at Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish on March 6 at 7:00 pm. Bring your families and friends to learn about the culture and heritage of the Bahamas. In gathering we pray and act in solidarity with the Bahamas. Refreshments after the service.

**Caregivers Nova Scotia (for friends and family giving care),** a new support group starting Thurs., Mar. 12, 2015 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Mulgrave Park Baptist Church Hall, 5676 Sebastian St., Halifax for more info. Call Brenda Sangster at 902-421-7390 or visit [www.caregiversNS.org](http://www.caregiversNS.org).

 **Sunday, The First Week in Lent (The Way of Prayer)**

*Keeping a Holy Lent*

*Jesus...went off to a solitary place where he prayed. .. Mark 1:35*

I am reminded today, Lord, that prayer is not a posture; it's a conversation between you and me. Whether I look to the heavens or have my face to the ground, whether in a room full of people or in a closet at home, open my ears that I may hear you. When I follow Jesus in prayer, I simply come to you, Father, wherever I am, and open up my heart. Amen