

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!

Committee Meetings (Rectory) for the week of March 2 to 6, 2015

- St. Vincent de Paul** Wednesday March 4th at 7:00 pm
Pastoral Council Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 pm

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.



2nd Sunday of Lent March 1, 2015



St. Patrick's Church



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

2nd Sun. of Lent (March 8)

Read 1: Exodus 20.1-17

Read 2 1 Cor.1.18,22-25++ **Gospel:** John 2.13-25

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.

Living with Limits, Living Well!

The care of our endangered planet offered by the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality in conjunction with Development and Peace, Halifax-Yarmouth. Video presentations, group conversation, use of a workbook published by the Canadian Catholic Bishops' Conference. Unbridled economic growth, increased inequality, spoiling our planet: How can we maintain our growth and still hand over a beautiful world to future generations: Thurs. March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 7 to 9 pm. Workbook \$15, and a freewill offering for the session.

Parish Financial Information

Feb. 8 (REVISED)	Feb. 22
56 Env. \$1566.10	37 Env. \$1215.00
24 PAR \$ 375.00	24 PAR \$375.00
Loose \$ 195.75	Loose \$166.40
Total \$2136.85	Total \$1756.40

Share the Care Collection

This weekend we invite the faithful to Share the Care! The Sharing the Care Collection helps us as a Catholic community to care for our retired and infirmed priest. Currently there are 51 Diocesan Priests of that number 22 or 43% are retired.

Though your generosity to the 2014 Collection, \$88,000 was raised in Parish collections and additional \$70,000 was raised through other services and the Archdiocese found it necessary to direct an additional \$205,000 from general revenue to provide much needed support to meet the living requirements of our older priests. Please consider a donation.

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



Pope Francis speaks about the Transfiguration. We need to go to a place of retreat, to climb the mountain and go to a place of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. We cannot stay there, however. The encounter with God in prayer again pushes us to come down from the mountain and back down into the plain, where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, injustice, and both material and spiritual poverty." *Angelus talk on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2014. Anne Osdieck*

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.

Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax: Due to the recent weather challenges, the following information may be helpful: **Mount Olivet Cemetery** we would request you delay your visit for a week or so as the roads are very slippery for cars and for walking, and we are closed to burials for a short time. **Gate of Heaven Cemetery** is open, but care should be taken for your own safety. **Holy Cross Cemetery**, access is limited to the main road entry only.

Easter Flowers:

Would you like to make a donation towards Easter 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. Beginning at the Easter Vigil, the names of your loved one (s) will be posted in the Church entry.

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 14th, 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$10.00 person or \$20 for a family.**

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.



Sunday, The Second Week in Lent (The Way of Prayer)

After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples feet. John 13:5

My feet are stinky, dirty and calloused, Lord, just like my heart: hardened by sin, to serve me, to save me, not because of how righteous and clean I am, but simply because you love me. I know that unless you wash me, I have no part with you. Thank you that because of your way of servanthood I have been washed head to toe, inside and out. Amen.

**NEXT HOPE COTTAGE MEAL —
March 13—Group III - to be announced**

The Archdiocesan Bulletin: is no longer published. Parishes now receive 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 email box by subscribing. Go to **www.halifaxarmouth.org** and complete the form that is provided.

This week there is an extensive Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Mancini on **Christian Witness in Politics.** The letter tackles the question: How does a Catholic engaged in civic life give authentic and credible witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and support Church teaching in the present secular environment?

The next issue of **Discipleship** the Archdiocesan Journal will be released this Sunday and will be available on the Archdiocese's website.

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.

Remember next Sunday, March 8th clocks go forward an hour at 2:00am.

