

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society

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Donations for the Restoration Society accepted in **Green Box** at the back of the Church & by VISA and MASTERCARD, by calling 902-429-4170 or mailing to Saint Patrick's Restoration Society, 2263 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3K 2Y9

UPCOMING PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

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 30—Parish Spring Fair

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.

The 5th Regional Catholic Men's "Weekend of Grace for Men" Retreat will take place from April 24-26th 2015 at Bayside Camp at 1503 Ketch Harbour Road, Sambro Head, NS. Guest speaker will be Deacon Ralph Poyo, <http://www.deaconralphpoyo.com/> from the USA and founder of New Evangelization Ministries: <http://newevangelizationministries.org/> with Fr. Rob Arsenault and Fr. Mark Cherry as Retreat Chaplains!

Registration fee includes 2 night's accommodation and 5 delicious meals. Come join us for an enjoyable weekend of prayer, great teaching, music and fellowship. For further information or a registration form, please visit www.weekendofgrace.com or call Marcel at 902-449-7613 or Tony at (902) 435-1568.

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 take them for your own personal use during Lent or just leave them in the pews during our Lenten Season.



4th Sunday of Lent March 15, 2015



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

5th Sun. of Lent (March 22)

Read 1: Jeremiah 31.31-34++

Read 2 Hebrews 5.7-9 **Gospel:** John 12.20-33

**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 18—April 8, 22 (7 to 9 pm)

The Joy of Pope Francis—Gentle breeze and powerful wind.

Father Jean-Marc will lead this 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.

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 19 and 26, 7 pm to 9 pm. Workbook \$15, and a freewill offering for the session.

Parish Financial Information

Mar. 1, 2015

57 Env. \$ 1790.00	49 ENV \$2280.00
24 PAR \$ 375.00	23 PAR \$ 370.00
Loose \$ 265.20	Loose \$ 191.50
Total \$ 2430.20	Total \$2841.50

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.

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



The Lord saves us by His love; not with a letter, nor with a decree, but with his love," a love so great that it led him to send his Son, who, "became one of us, walked with us," and this saves us.

So what is your job? Name some ways (other than preaching with your words) that you can tell the world about his love. Might you run into difficulties at times? When this happens can you remember that you are not alone and that you will always receive the grace you need?

Anne Osdieck

Mass on St. Patrick's Day

12:30 pm

**Collection for the
Restoration Society Efforts**

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 Hall.**

Tickets are \$50.00 per person, advance purchase required. A portion of the price will be a receipted donation to the parish.

The meal will feature Roast Beef dinner as served to the 3rd Class passengers on *Titanic*. The Irish formed a large group in 3rd Class. Others were from Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Hear of some of their stories of on the journey. Music and words to remember the 103rd anniversary of the voyage of the 'unsinkable' ship. There will be displays and dress of the period is optional.

Please Note 2015 Lenten Mission TODAY's Session deals with COMMUNITY

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. Today's session includes a short video with Archbishop Mancini interview Sister Nuala Kenny" discussing the theme, a time of prayer and gospel reading, guided discussion and an individual discernment survey. Sister Kenny is a Halifax member of the Sisters of Charity and a retired pediatrician, medical expert and lecturer in bioethics. Our Lenten Mission with the theme Formation concludes after Mass next Sunday **March 22**. We expect the mission to extend for 1 (one) hour after Mass.

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.



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

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Mark 6:34

As I read the verse that directly precedes the feeding of the 5000, the first thing I need to remember, Jesus, is that I am that sheep. You had compassion on me. You gathered me into your arms, guided me, protected me, fed me. You saved me. Lord, help me to know that I only have the capacity to love one another when I first remember that you have loved me. Thank you for that love. Amen. By Susan Senechal

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. www.halifaxymouth.org and complete the form that is provided.

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.

2nd Anniversary of Pope Francis' election took place on Friday, March 13. Let us take a moment to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the way in which Pope Francis witnesses God's love so genuinely with Catholics and non-Catholics around the world. May the Lord continue to bless and guide his leadership of our Church.

April 7th at 12:15 pm. Archbishop Mancini will celebrate Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica in **honour of Archbishop Emeritus Hayes celebrating his 50th anniversary** of being a Bishop. A reception will follow.

The National Catholic Mission 2015, "Beware the Holy Spirit!" will be broadcast on VISION TV on Monday, March 30 (Pt. 1) and Tuesday, March 31 (Pt. 2) at 7:00 pm and repeated at 11:00 pm. It will be hosted by F. Pat Fitzpatrick and feature Spiritan Fr. Anthony Gittins.