

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

CANCELLED March 22—*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.deaconralphoyo.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.



5th Sunday of Lent March 22, 2015



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

Palm Sunday (March 29)

Read 1: Isaiah 50.4-7

Read 2 Philippians 2.6-11 **Gospel:** Mark 14.1-15.47

**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 25—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.

**Passion: lift high the Cross
March 28, 2015**

Silent Saturday Retreats

Recharge your spiritual batteries in a place of quiet and reverence, and find a sense of direction in the complex lives which scatter you in many directions. We begin at 9 am with input, and end by 5 pm. Lunch, nutrition breaks, Eucharist are included. The suggested offering is \$35.

Parish Financial Information

Mar. 8, 2015	March 15, 2015
49 ENV \$2280.00	5 ENV \$155.00
23 PAR \$ 370.00	23 PAR \$370.00
Loose \$ 191.50	_____
Total \$2841.50	Total \$525.00

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 office. Thank you.

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



That is why we tell everyone: *"Come and see!"* In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a *testimony to unconditional and faithful love*: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast ... *"Come and see"*: Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness." Pope Francis, Easter Sunday, Urbi et Orbi message, April 22, 2014

Anne Osdieck

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 Formation

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 today, **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 Fifth Week in Lent
(The Way of Prayer)**
Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature god, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing. Phillippians 2:5-7

I have name-dropped and status-sought in an effort to climb the social ladder and make a bigger name for myself. But you, Jesus, have shown me that the way to true life is the way of humility. As I follow you and take hold of you, I remember that the only status that matters is the one that says I am a child of God. 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.halifaxarmouth.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.

Bridge Construction notice

Overnight bridge closures began on March 1st, Sunday to Thursday from 7:00 pm to 5:30 am. Most of the time, the sidewalk and bike lane will not be affected from March until the end of June. Sidewalk and bike lane removed and shuttle service begins on June 29, 2015 more info contact www.thebiglift.ca

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.