

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION, NS Our 8th annual MARCH FOR LIFE takes place next Wed. & Thurs., May 13th & 14th. Prayer vigil begins at 8 p.m. on Wed. on the sidewalk at the V.G. hospital site, and the rally, at the steps of the Provincial Legislature, Hollis Street, at 12 noon on Thurs, May 14th.

The Annual Metro New Horizons Bands Spring Concert will be held on Fri., May 15 at 7:30 pm at the Alderney Landing theatre in Dartmouth. Admission price is \$10.00 & tickets are available at the door/contacting Alderney Landing Theatre online or by calling 902-461-8401 – the performing groups are under the direction of Paul Barrett.

The Franciscans of Halifax are pleased to present "*A Touch of Classical,*" *An evening of song, piano, violin, flute and harp.* Saturday, May 16, 7:30 pm St. Catherine of Siena Church, Halifax. Tickets \$20 please call Farris MacPherson 902-430-2486 Proceeds to support our Seminarians and Education Fund.

Scotiabank Bluenose Marathon: will be held on May 16 & May 17 weekend. Runner traffic will be spread out and members will be able to pass safely through gaps in runner traffic. The Halifax police will be available to assist in guiding our church members safely, in order you to attend Mass on this day. Peek times are from 8:00 am to 11:15 am. Thank you for your patience.

2nd Annual Art Show and Sale, by The Daily Bread Outreach Program's (Artists are the guests and volunteers of the program will be held on Sunday, May 24th, 11 am –5pm. St. Mary's Basilica Cathedral Church Hall (church basement-entrance on East side. Corner of Spring Garden and Barrington St.) contact Ron Hazell: 902-852-4283 for further information. Cash or cheques only. All are welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne De Beaupre and Cap-De-la-Madeleine: to join the Nova Scotia group for a pilgrimage trip to the Quebec shrines of the Ste. Anne De Beaupre and Cape-De-la-Madeleine, please call the organizer Helen Pyke @ 902-477-1918. dates are June 14-20, 2015.

How to get the Archdiocese weekly info service and monthly journal: 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.

6th Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 10, 2015



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

7th Sunday Easter (May 17)

Read 1: Acts 1.1-11

Read 2 Ephesians 1..17-23 **Gospel:** Mark 16.15-20

**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.

REMINDER— Meeting date!!

Parish 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 held on Sunday, June 7th at 11:15 am following Mass,** 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 O'Neill.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Retreats and Spiritual Direction

Pentecost:

waiting for the Spirit's outpouring

May 23, 2015

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. **Suggested offering is \$35.**

This will be the last session before the summer.

Parish Financial Information

April 19, 2015		April 26, 2015		May 3, 2015	
49 ENV	\$1,465.00	61 ENV	\$1,686.00	47 ENV	\$ 980.00
Loose	\$ 186.70	Loose	183.65	Loose	\$ 96.85
PAR	\$ 370.00	PAR	370.00	PAR	\$ 370.00
Archdiocese Annual
Appeal Rebate	\$3,318.80
Total	\$5,340.50	Total	\$2,239.65	Total	\$1446.85

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.

Wedding Extravaganza Sale : Come one, come all to Hand in Hand, 440 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield ! From May 11-16, between the hours of 9:30-4:30, we will have wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses, mother of the bride/groom dresses and cocktail dresses for your perusal. We have the best prices in town and are certain you will find something to your liking. Further information

Save the Date: June 5-6! Registration is **now open** for the 2015 Assembly of the People of God! Have you registered yet? This year's Assembly schedule offers lots more opportunity for customization based on your own needs and interests. It's also a great opportunity for us to be visible to the world – all main sessions will be at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Halifax, and we'll walk to the various sessions in nearby venues. This year we're pleased to provide complimentary childcare on Saturday for ages 3-10, sponsored by RCL Benziger Publishing. *Please see the Archdiocese website for more information.*



Hope Cottage Meal

Monday, May 11—Group 2
under the leadership of Pam Gasperatto

St. Vincent de Paul—Quarterly Report.

Total visits	192
Total Adults	244
Total children	114
Total families	68
Total amount spent	\$10,250

Thank you for your continued support!

Other Local News of Interest: Saturday May 2 we had 14 students/instructors of the Masters of Science in Historic Preservation from the Eastern University of Michigan who visited inside Saint Patrick's Church with historian Blair Beed and the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia as part of a tour of Brunswick Street area.

St. Vincent de Paul

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering your time and talent with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please call the office and leave you name/number and a member of the Society will return your call. Thank you.

"STEP UP WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR" Community Walk & Celebration, June 7, 2015

The **Step Up Walk for Your Neighbour** is a charity walk that is jointly sponsored by **Chalice and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul** in the Halifax-Dartmouth area. The money that is raised will support our local neighbors who may be in need or living in poverty by providing help through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This **3KM** walk begins at 2 pm (registration 12-2pm) at Blessed Mother Theresa Parish, 6032 Normandy Dr and ends beside Hope Cottage, there will be a Celebration Grounds, live music, food/refreshments and a kids zone with a bouncy castle etc....a real celebration for the whole family! More info. see St Vincent de Paul volunteers after Mass. Check out the **Step Up For Your Neighbor banner** at the back of the church or their website www.stepupwalk.ca. **Come out and join the fun!**

The Joint CCCB-CCOPD campaign for earthquake victims in Nepal in solidarity with the Canadian Bishops, encourages all parishes to organize special collections for Nepal, with the funds collected to be received by Development and Peace before May 25, 2015, as the Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, all donations made by Canadians to support the victims of the earthquake in Nepal by that date. **Donations should be marked "Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund" and can be deposited in the collection basket this weekend and next (envelopes are available at the back of the church)** or you can send Donations securely via the Development and Peace website: www.devp.org

Parish Spring Fair: Saturday, May 30th 10 am—2 pm.

Tickets will be available mid-May for the Lunch offering of *Chili/Biscuits/Dessert/Tea & Coffee for \$8.00 per person*. Donations are requested for the following venues for the Fair. Please see the convenor listed, if you can offer a donation or please see Michele O'Neill for information. The planning team meeting is today @ 11:15 am in the Sacristy.

Plant table: Shaneus Arsenault

Craft Table: Joan Mara

Bake Table: Penny Doherty

New-to-you Table: Jo-Ann MacNeil

Cake Walk: Loly Crowley

Face-Painting and Children's Games: small prizes needed for games.

We are looking for donations for the "New to You" table at the Spring Fair. If you have household items, dishes, curtains, bedding, small furniture items, appliances, pots and pans, collectables, decorations, toys, games, etc., we welcome your contribution. *Please ensure that your donations are in good condition and/or working order.* Please drop off donations at the Rectory during office hours. **Please, NO books, clothing or electronic items (TV's, phones, computers, etc).**
Jo-Ann MacNeil, Convenor

Local News Blair Beed, was invited to speak at the Titanic Society of Atlantic Canada about the successful Titanic Remembered in Third Class Luncheon at their meeting at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic held on Sunday, May 3rd at 2pm. They were happy to hear the story of the successful luncheon. Plus, the luncheon was mentioned at the Belfast Ireland Convention the weekend it happened and at the British Titanic Society Convention in Southampton the same weekend. This was shared by those who attend those events.