

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Parish Mission—St. Ignatius Parish, Bedford, Tues. May 19, Wed. May 20 and Thurs. May 21st 7:00—8:30 pm with Father John Fletcher, Companions of the Cross.

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.

St. Genevieve Annual Lobster Supper, East Chezzetcook, Sunday, May 31st 3:30—6:00 pm; Shelled lobster with potato salad, homemade pies, sweets and rolls. Cost \$20., 1/2 plate \$10. **Ham plates** are available for \$14, 1/2 plate \$7.00.

Saint Clement Parish, 16 Gaston Road, Dartmouth—Book & Plant Sale—Sat. June 6th at 10 am onward. Event hosted by the Parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE. (Sept 25-Oct 5) **11-day Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE** with *Spiritual Director, FR. ULYSSE LEBLANC*. Cost is \$1995 (+ airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges \$675) and includes return airfare from Moncton/Halifax, transfers, accommodations, daily breakfast & dinner, and services of a professional local guide. **SAVE \$250! Pay in Full by May 20.** Limited to first 7 pilgrims only. **Info:** Hector & Cécile Caissie (506) 857-2295 or hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca

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.

7th Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 17, 2015



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

Pentecost Sunday, (May 24)

Read 1: Acts 2.1-11

Read 2 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20.19-23

REMINDER

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.

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.

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 26, 2015		May 3, 2015		May 10, 2015	
61 ENV	\$1,686.00	47 ENV	\$ 980.00	46 ENV	\$1,105.00
Loose	183.65	Loose	\$ 96.85	Loose	\$ 174.30
<u>PAR</u>	<u>370.00</u>	<u>PAR</u>	<u>\$ 370.00</u>	<u>PAR</u>	<u>\$ 370.00</u>
Total	\$2,239.65	Total	\$1446.85	Total	\$1,649.30

Other Revenue Sources (January to April 2015)

Votive Candles \$528.25 (designated to Parish operations)
St. Vincent de Paul Society (parishioner contributions) \$970.00 (designated to SVDP)
Poor Boxes \$443.25 (designated to SVDP)
Hope Cottage (parishioners contributions) \$450.00 (cheque forwarded to Hope Cottage)
Restoration Society (parishioners contributions) \$1,020.00 (cheque forwarded to Restoration Society)

Special Collection— June 7

Envelope holders have an envelope marked Diocesan Mission Projects. This collection is being renamed “Share the Mission Collection“ Contributions to the Share the Mission Collection will be used in the Calendar year they are collected and will help provide the strong foundation for leadership formation that will encourage the faith to flourish in the Archdiocese. 20% of the total RAISED by the Parish will be returned to the Parish. **Parishioners will have until September 7th to contribute to this Archdiocesan initiative.** Additional information in the coming weeks.

I want to say a sincere thank you to all who gave so generously to the Development and Peace campaign this year. Your financial gift will aid many programs in the third world countries. To date \$627. has been collected and envelopes are the back of the church should you wish to make further contributions. May you all be blessed abundantly. *Sister Cecilia Mac Neil*

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.

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.

To all Ministry Coordinators & volunteers

Currently we are updating our Ministry lists to ensure we have correct email addresses for all. Please forward your name and email address to Cheryl Delaney at st.pats@ns.sympatico.ca. Thank you for your assistance.

Spring Fair:

If you can donate any perennials from your garden for the plant table, please see Shaneus Arsenault or Michele O’Neill. Also, **grocery bags** are needed for packaging plants and new-to-you items. If you have extra bags at home, please bring them in and place them in the basket marked “grocery bags for Spring Fair” at the back of the church

"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 (envelopes are available at the back of the church)** or you can send Donations securely via the Development and Peace website: www.devp.org

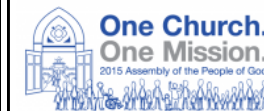
Parish Spring Fair: Saturday, May 30th 10 am—2 pm.

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.

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: Chrystal Garrett; small prizes needed for games.
Spirituality Table: Linda Longmire

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



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, & walk to various sessions in nearby venues for others. Complimentary childcare on Saturday for ages 3-10, sponsored by RCL Benziger Publishing. *Please see the Archdiocese website*