

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

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, 6476 Bayers Road, 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.

5th Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 3, 2015



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

6th Sunday Easter (May 10)

Read 1: Acts 10-25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Read 2 1 John 4.7-10 **Gospel:** John 15.9-17

**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

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 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 O'Neill.

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.*

Parish Financial Information

April 12, 2015		April 19, 2015		April 26, 2015	
42 ENV	\$1,075.00	49 ENV	\$1,465.00	61 ENV	\$1,686.00
Loose	\$ 125.00	Loose	\$ 186.70	Loose	183.65
PAR	\$ 370.00	PAR	\$ 370.00	PAR	370.00
..... Archdiocese Annual		
..... Appeal Rebate		\$3,318.80		
Total	\$1,570.00	Total	\$5,340.50	Total	\$2,239.65

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.

Meetings—held in the Rectory
SVDP—7:00 pm Wed. May 6th
Pastoral Council—May meeting to be rescheduled.

Archbishop Mancini is pleased to announce the upcoming Presbyteral Ordination in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth at **St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica:**
May 9th at 11:00am – Br. Pio Libby, FoH.
Reception to follow in Church Hall
 All are welcome to attend the ordination, and we ask that you Bro. Pio Libby, FoH in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination.

Holy Cross Cemetery was established in 1843 and is located at the corner of South and South Park Streets and is the burial grounds for many Irish Catholic immigrants. Holy Cross is still a working cemetery with burials happening every year. This year they are looking for additional volunteers. There are many tasks that going in to taking care of the cemetery. There is light work, such as painting and raking, and more physically demanding work like landscaping, moving wheelbarrows and gravel, and adjusting headstones to ensure they have a stable foundation. This group works every Saturday morning during the summer. Those who would like to participate can gather at Holy Cross Cemetery beginning May 9 at 8:30am. Please wear work clothes and boots. You will be provided with work gloves and equipment as needed. Coffee is provided at 10:30am. If this opportunity interests you please contact: Cathy Driscoll-Cainen by phone (902) 429-9800 ext. 308. or email cdriscoll@halifaxyarmouth.org

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

Parish Confirmandi Christiana Hubley: Christiana has been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with the Confirmation Group at St. Agnes Parish since Sept. 2014; she will be confirmed at St. Agnes Parish on Sun., May 24th, along with the group that she has been preparing with. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as this important celebration draws closer. Members of the parish community are invited to attend Mass at St. Agnes on Sun., May 24th in support and celebration of Christiana's confirmation. Our parish will celebrate with Christiana in our own Church on a suitable Sunday following her Confirmation.

Collection for the Annual Parent Resource Centre Mother's Day Brunch.
Today is the deadline to receive donations of cash and donations for The Mother's Day Brunch organized by the Parent's Resource Centre that will be held on Sat., May 9th. Thank you for your support.


Employment Opportunities Employment opportunities in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth are listed on the Human Resources page of the archdiocesan website. Click Human Resources which can be found under the Archdiocesan Office tab. Job postings are updated on a regular basis.

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 please call 902-477-7744.

Parish Spring Fair: The first planning meeting was held last Sunday with great attendance and enthusiasm. Many of our parishioners have volunteered to help make this event a big success for our parish. **Please book your calendars for Saturday, May 30th.** 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 contact the convenor listed, if you can offer a donation or please see Michele O'Neill for information. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 10th @ 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:** *Convenor needed* along with small prizes for games.

Save the Date:
June 5-6!



The 2015 Assembly of the People of God is quickly approaching! This year's Assembly is **June 5 & 6, 2015**, and will focus on the first of our three diocesan pastoral themes. More details to follow in the coming weeks.