

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society  
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**St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society Board of Directors:** Merlin Nunn (Co-chair), Ken MacInnis (Co-chair), Pat O'Neil (Treasurer), Kay Ross (Secretary), Bryson Wilson, Carol Reiniger, Pat Crowley, Rick Butler and Fr. Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ.

**The Annual Fundraising Dinner** has been rescheduled for Thur. May 26, 2016 being held at the World Trade & Convention Centre. Pat Crowley and Greg Murphy will co-chair the Dinner Committee.

### Making a Case to Support the Restoration of Historic Saint Patrick's Church

The Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society would like to share with you over the next six to eight weeks segments of a case for support that was commissioned by the Society in early Spring of 2015 and prepared by Elizabeth MacDonald of Accapella Communications. The case for support is the central document intended to be used in a potential fundraising campaign. The case for support is entitled *Rising Up Again: The Campaign to Restore Saint Patrick's Church*.



The Campaign to Restore Saint Patrick's Church

For 130 years, Saint Patrick's Church has stood as a cultural, social and spiritual beacon of Old Halifax.

A poem in glass and stone, this Brunswick Street landmark is more than a remarkable piece of architecture.

Every brick, every carving, every stained glass window speaks to the hopes and ambitions of the Irish immigrants who built it from the ground up – and to the generations since who've sought community, social justice and solace within its walls.

But time has not been kind to Saint Patrick's. From its front steps to the tip of its distinctive spire, this once robust building is deteriorating. Rapidly.

Today, after so many years of helping others, Saint Patrick's Church now needs *your* help...to rise up again.

**Segment Two will be published in next Sunday's Bulletin.**

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR 2016 !!!

**Weekend of Grace for Women & Weekend of Grace for Men** Registration has started for more information please see the bulletin board and pamphlets at the entrance to the church or visit [www.weekendofgrace.com](http://www.weekendofgrace.com) or call 902-435-1568.

Thirty –Third Sunday Ordinary Time, November 15, 2015



# St. Patrick's Church



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**Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.**

**Reconciliation by Appointment**

**34nd in OT (Nov. 22, 2015)**

**Read 1:** Daniel 7.13-14

**Read 2** Revelation 1.5-8

**Gospel:** John 18.33b-37

**Jesuit Centre of Spirituality**

**2287 Brunswick St.—902-429-7344:**

The Centre welcomes people of all faiths into their home for day retreats, workshops and programs. Individual spiritual direction is available.

### Programs:

***Waiting for the Lord's coming: The spirituality of Advent. Tuesday, December 1st 7-9 pm. Conducted by Father Trevor Scott, SJ.***

In time before the arrival of Christmas we find ourselves in the midst of the darkest time of the year. Yet during these weeks, the time we call Advent in our liturgical calendar, we begin a journey out of this darkness towards the arrival of the light of Christ in our world. Advent is a time of striving to prepare ourselves for this light of Christ with expectation, anticipation, and longing. This evening gathering will be a reflective time of entering into this spirit of Advent to more deeply receive the true spirit of Christmas in our lives. *Suggested offering is \$25. for the*

**Next Silent Saturday Retreat**, November 21st Gratitude for those who have gone before us. Begins at 9 am with input ends by 5 pm. Lunch, nutritional breaks, Eucharist. *Suggested offering \$35*

**An Irish Prayer**  
**May God give you .....**  
**For every storm, a rainbow,**  
**For every tear, a smile,**  
**For every care, a promise,**  
**A blessing in each trial,**  
**And an answer to each prayer.**

## Parish Financial Information

### Sunday offerings

**November 1, 2015**

ENV 44	\$ 990.00
Loose	287.12
PAR (23)	370.00
SSvdPaul	20.00
Total	\$1,328.90

### Office Re-location

This past week the Parish offices relocated from the Rectory to the Church Hall. There will be some disruption of services over the next several weeks. We ask for your patience.

**Parish—Town Hall Meeting TODAY**

**Sunday, November 15th after Mass in the Church Hall.**

**Lunch will be provided.**

### Hope Cottage Meals

**Parish commitments to the end of 2015**

**December 8 (Tuesday) Group III—under the leadership of Michael Convey**

### Helping Settle a Refugee Family

With all the other things going on in the parish, we are not likely to sponsor and settle a refugee family by ourselves. The Archdiocese is recommending that we cooperate with another parish. An offer came from St. George's, and we have the opportunity to go ecumenical on this. One parishioner is already meeting with their committee, and others would be welcome to share in this. If interested let Cheryl or Fr. Laporte [jmlaporte@jesuits.ca](mailto:jmlaporte@jesuits.ca) know.

**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.

### The 2015 Archbishop's Appeal

2nd collection will be **next weekend** November 22.

**TODAY Sacramental Preparation:** reminder to all parents of First Communion/ Reconciliation children that classes are held following Mass and will run every Sun. until Nov 29th.

**Lectors/Readers:** The Workbook for the Lectors, gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word will be available for pick up in the Sacristy this weekend Nov. 15 for 2016.

**Parish Fall Fair** – Thank you to everyone who supported our parish Fall Fair. It was a beautiful day and a successful event. Minus our expenses, we raised \$2075. in support of our parish community. Special thanks go out to our convenors: Shirley MacPherson (Luncheon and Kitchen Team); Shaneus Arsenault (Hall Decorations & Set-up); Donna Meagher-Stewart (Bake Table); Colleen Doucette (Craft Table); Michael Doherty (Cook Book & Print Sale); Cecilia Fry (Ticket Sales); John Murphy & Dan O'Neill (Children's Venues); Bob Doherty & Paul Anderson (Money Managers). These events would not be possible without the committed support of our volunteer group. Many thanks to each one of you. A brief meeting of the planning team will be held next Sunday after Mass in the Church Hall to review the Fall Fair and look ahead to our next event.

**Pastoral Assignments:** Archbishop Mancini wishes to advise that the following pastoral changes will take place effective the 1st Sunday of Advent 2015:

**Fr. Phil Thibodeau** will be retiring as Pastor of the parishes St. John the Baptist, Springhill, St. Brigid, Parrsboro, St. Paul's, River Hebert, St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins and St. Thomas More Pugwash.

**Fr. David MacDonald**, who has been assisting Fr. Phil Thibodeau with the administration of the parishes assigned to him, will also be retiring.

**Fr. Vernon Driscoll**, Administrator of Holy Family Parish, Amherst, will become the Moderator of the Cumberland County Regional Pastoral Team which will oversee the pastoral care of the parishes of Cumberland County. The remaining members of the team have yet to be appointed.

**Fr. Jose Thomas** has been appointed to join the priests who have been entrusted with the care of the people in the faith communities of St. Rose of Lima, St. Bernard's and its mission of Holy Cross, St. Kateri and St. Bridget. In this shared ministry, Fr. Jose will be preparing to carry on with the ministry to our native people as **Fr. Tom Kurudepan, OMI**, is being reassigned by his order in the 2016. The pastoral care of the faith communities of Middleton, Annapolis and Bridgetown has been entrusted to Fr. John MacPherson, Episcopal Vicar for the area.

**Fr. Henry Ahorlu**, currently serving at the parishes of St. Michael's, Spryfield and St. Peter and St. Paul's, Herring Cove/Ketch Harbour, is appointed as Administrator of the St. Peter's Parish, Sheet Harbour and its missions of St. Michael's, and St. Martin's and St. Denis Parish, East Ship Harbour. **Fr. Francis Vog-Enga** will be returning to his home diocese in Ghana.

Also, **Bro. Paul MacIntosh, FoH**, who was ordained to the Diaconate on November 7th, will continue to work with Fr. Andrew Rembarczyk at Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish, effective immediately.

## Community Events

**Christmas Fruit Cakes** – An order sheet is placed on the table at the back of the church, if you are interested please place your name on the form & call the parish office. **Deadline date is Nov. 27.**

**Christmas Cards available at Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts** Consider purchasing your Christmas cards from Veritas this year. Share the Good News and grace of Jesus' birth with family, friends and acquaintances this Christmas season. Wide selection of individual cards and boxed sets at their downtown location: 1546 Barrington St., Halifax, at the corner of Blowers St. (902) 429-7216

**Good luck to Hope Blooms** that celebrated solar panels on their new green house. St Pat's was happy to give them a place for their first greenhouse in the church parking. That area will be cleaned up and used for snow pile when the parking lot is cleared giving more spaces than last year.

**Our parishioner Susan LeBlanc** was noted as Silver choice in Best Female Theatre Actor in the annual Coast "Best of Halifax" issue. Congratulations Susan!

**Our parishioner Elizabeth Samson invites us to join in the 14th Annual Tea and Sale at Prescott Group**, 3430 Prescott Street, Halifax November 21st from 10 am to 2 pm. Funds raised goes to help individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities with work training.

**Our parishioner Lois Beed** turns 90 on the 17th of November if you would like to sign the poster card at church today. She is now a resident of Camphill Veterans Memorial building having served in the Canadian Women's Army Corps in World War II.