

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.

*Christ The King, November 22, 2015*



## ST. PATRICK'S Church

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

**Reconciliation by Appointment**

**1st Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29, 2015)**

**Read 1:** Jeremiah 33.14-16

**Read 2** 1 Thessalonians 3.124.2

**Gospel:** Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

### Parish Ministries

Children's Liturgy  
Sacramental Preparation  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Hope Cottage Meals  
Food Bank  
Music  
Parish Governance

### 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 session.*

**Silent Saturday Retreats, Dec. 19th  
Leaving Advent, entering Christmas:**

Begins at 9 am with input ends by 5 pm. Lunch, nutritional breaks, Eucharist. *Suggested offering \$35*

**Parish Financial Information**

**Sunday offerings**

<b>Nov. 1, 2015</b>		<b>Nov. 8, 2015</b>		<b>Nov. 15, 2015</b>	
ENV 44	\$ 990.00	ENV 40	\$ 818.00	ENV 45	\$1,360.00
Loose	287.12	Loose	220.85	Loose	246.15
PAR (23)	370.00	PAR	370.00	PAR	370.00
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Total	\$1,328.90	Total	\$1,208.85	Total	\$2,806.15

**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.

**Hope Cottage Meals**  
**Parish commitments to the end of 2015**  
**December 8 (Tuesday)** Group III—under the leadership of Michael Convey

**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.

**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.

**An Ecumenical Climate Justice Vigil will be held at Saint Patrick's Church:** Sunday November 29th at 700P.M. We will be praying for the success of the Climate Conference being held in Paris on the 30th of Nov. You are invited to join with others as we reflect and pray for ways we can help heal our Earth. ***Cider and cookies will be served following the vigil.***

**Commemorating the Halifax Explosion.** This Tuesday November 24, parishioner Blair Beed author of 1917 Halifax Explosion and American Response, will be giving a talk at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Lower Water Street, Halifax at 7 pm. The museum is open for free after 5:30 pm to enjoy all the exhibits. The talk is entitled '3 years of War News, how can it get any worse?' Blair will speak of Halifax daily life prior to December 6, 1917 and how the Explosion did indeed make it worse.

**Fundraising Opportunity for Saint Patrick's Children's Religious Education Fund -** On Sun. Nov. 29th and Dec. 6th after the 10:00 am Mass you will be able to order your Arbonne Holiday Gifts for those on your Christmas list. Just as last year, 100% of the commission earned will be donated to the Children's Religious Education Fund of our parish by Loly Crowley.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to remind parishioners that envelopes for donations are available on **the Giving Tree** at the back of the Church. Donations will be used to provide children in need in our community with gift cards for Christmas. We hope to have all the envelopes returned in the regular collection on or before **Dec 6th. Thank you for your support.**

**RECTORY SOLD**  
 This week the Rectory and parking behind it was sold to Brunswick Street Developments Ltd. The purchaser has commenced work to convert the Rectory to residential units. Later work will see additional units in the back of the Rectory.  
**The purchase price is being paid in 3 stages. 1st Stage:** Immediate payment paid off the Rectory mortgage, closing costs and parish share of work to separate water, sewer and electrical connections. **2nd Stage** will be paid in the Spring. **3rd Stage** when units in back are approved by HRM.  
**KEYS:** There is no more access to the Rectory. Please return any keys to Blair Beed after Mass or the parish office.  
**RAMP:** Due to the need of the purchaser to access the lot for construction needs the ramp had to be removed and a new ramp is being arranged.  
**PARKING:** is now the church lot only for staff and parishioners. Please be kind, if you are able to walk further to allow those who cannot it would be appreciated. A little inconvenience but the sale of Rectory is money in the bank!

**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 NEXT SUNDAY Nov. 29.**

**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

**Saint Thomas More Dartmouth: The Refugee Committee** is pleased to announce that they will be hosting the **Sanctified Brothers in concert at Prince Andrew High at 7:00 pm.** The North Preston Gospel group is known for their powerful vocals and outstanding selection of inspirational selections. Date: Nov. 28th. Tickets will be available at the door, or call (902) 434-4190. Tickets are \$15.

**Salt & Light Publication:** A recent edition of Salt & Light is now available on the table at the back of the church. Articles on the year of Consecration Life, Jubilee of Mercy, Bishop Romero are included. Please take a copy for your reading this week.

**Junior League of Halifax** presents the Homes for the Holidays: November 27-29, 2015 Tickets are \$25. at the door. The money raised goes directly back into our community and helps our volunteers continue to make significant contributions in our community. More information at [homes@juniorleaguofhalifax.org](mailto:homes@juniorleaguofhalifax.org) or [junior-leagueofhalifax.org](http://junior-leagueofhalifax.org)