

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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Rising Up Again
The Campaign to Restore Saint Patrick's Church

Donations for the Restoration Society accepted in **Green Box** at the back of the Church & by VISA and MASTER-CARD, by calling 902-429-4170 or mailing to Saint Patrick's Restoration Society, 2263 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3K 2Y9

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

Today we share with you *Segment Two* 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*. If you missed *Segment One*, you can access it in the November 15, 2015 parish bulletin located on the parish website: www.stpatrickshalifax.ns.ca.

Resurgo*: The campaign to restore Saint Patrick's Church

* To rise up again

One of Nova Scotia's most beautiful historic churches, Saint Patrick's Church on Brunswick Street sits in the heart of Old Halifax. Recognizable by its tall, slender spire, this 130-year old landmark offers a breathtaking and inspirational interior, worthy of any Old World church.

Perhaps you're a parishioner or friend? You know Saint Patrick's as a welcoming place of peace and beauty – an aesthetic experience nourishing the human spirit, regardless of belief.

Maybe you simply love Halifax? Our neo-Gothic structure is registered as a provincial heritage site. With its rich acoustics, frescoes and rare architectural features, Saint Patrick's is one of the city's finest cultural gems – and a prized performance space.

To those of Irish descent whose forebears built this church – and much of Halifax itself – Saint Patrick's stands as a testament to immigrant courage and tenacity in the face of prejudice.

Perhaps most importantly, Saint Patrick's is a place of purpose.

We're a caring community of individuals engaged and inspired to serve the many needs of Halifax's inner city. Just as it has for so many years, Saint Patrick's connects our city to a rich past while helping create stronger communities and better lives.

And as this neighbourhood evolves and revives, Saint Patrick's has a new role to play: bringing two different communities – one new, one long-established; one affluent, the other economically challenged – together in understanding and mutual respect.

As long as Saint Patrick's doors remain open.

That's because time, Nova Scotia weather and years of deferred maintenance – so typical of churches everywhere - have taken their toll. Saint Patrick's needs \$2.5 million of restoration work, both inside and out. Of this, \$1.5 million represents urgent structural work, without which this heritage site may be forced to close. It's that simple. That's why we're turning to you. As a long-time friend and someone who cherishes all that Saint Patrick's represents, you understand the need to preserve this living monument today, for tomorrow. In this spirit of *resurgo*, let's ensure this magnificent link to our shared past rises up...one more time

Segment Three will be published in next Sunday's Bulletin.

1st Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2015



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

2nd Sunday of Advent (Dec. 6 2015)

Read 1: Jeremiah 33.14-16

Read 2 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2

Gospel: Luke 21.25-28,34-36

An Ecumenical Climate Justice Vigil will be held at Saint Patrick's Church: Sunday Nov. 29th (TONIGHT) 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.**

Masses this week at Jesuit Centre

Wed. Dec 2 @ 7:00 pm—St. Francis Xavier

Fri. Dec. 4th @ 7:00pm

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

Nov. 1, 2015		Nov. 8, 2015		Nov. 15, 2015		Nov. 22, 2015	
ENV 44	\$ 990.00	ENV 40	\$ 818.00	ENV 45	\$1,360.00	ENV 42	1,360.00
Loose	287.12	Loose	220.85	Loose	246.15	Loose	256.15
PAR (23)	370.00	PAR	370.00	PAR	370.00	PAR	370.00
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SSvdPaul	20.00	<hr/>		<hr/>		<hr/>	
Total	\$1,328.90	Total	\$1,208.85	Total	\$2,806.15	Total	\$1,986.15

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.

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

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

If you are interested in joining any of the ministries above, please contact the parish office.

Christmas Flowers: Would you like to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones? In an envelope marked “Flowers” on the outside, please list your name and mailing address, the name (s) of your loved one (s) and your donation. Then place the envelop in the collection basket. On Christmas Eve, the names of your loved one (s) will be posted in the Church entry.

Religious Education News!!

The children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be receiving this next week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Did you know?

Your Archbishop’s Annual Appeal gift helps our parish directly. A portion of every contribution from our parish will be rebated for our use. As we approach the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy let us help one another to show mercy to our neighbours. Together we can make real the corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

Make your donation made by December 31, 2015 to receive a tax receipt for the 2015 tax year.

Thank you for your generous support of the mission of the Church!

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.**

Steubenville Atlantic

Are you between the ages of 14-18 or have children who are?

Have you heard about Steubenville Atlantic?

Steubenville Atlantic is one of only two Steubenville Youth Conferences in Canada, and this summer we will be celebrating 10 years of sharing the gospel. These conferences are high energy events featuring inspiring talks, dynamic worship, and profound encounters with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We will be having an information session in the hall after Mass this weekend for those who would like to hear more about this amazing conference and how they can be a part of it.

Confessions in the Year of Mercy

St. Catherine’s Church, Franciscans of Halifax Priests available to hear Confessions 5pm to 8 pm. Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning Nov. 30. Also, Tuesday and Thursday morning at **St. Theresa’s Church** 8 am to 8:45 am

The Annual General Meeting for the Saint Patrick’s Church Restoration Society will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 2:30 pm in church hall. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend - **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**

Christmas Fruit Cakes – An order sheet is placed on the table at the back of the church, if you are interested. **Please contact Cheryl in the parish office for payment arrangements. Deadline date is TODAY SUNDAY Nov. 29.**

Community Events

**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 or call 902-435-1568.

St. Agnes Church, Thurs. Dec 3—Mass 7 pm Feast of St. Francis Xavier hosted by St. FX Alumni. Reception to follow

St. Michael’s Parish, Spryfield Fri. Dec. 4 Christmas Concert 7pm Nova Voce Provincial Men’s Choir/Halifax Boys Honour Choir Tickets \$15/\$12 for Seniors, students, veterans. Tickets contact Harold Gaudet (902) 479-3081

St. Agnes Church, Leo Day Auditorium: Sat. Dec. 5, 5:15 pm, Fundraiser for Refugee family 150 tickets available, prepaid or reserved only contact Marlene 902-454-8200

St. Catherine’s (Bayers Road) Christmas Bingo Sun. Dec. 6 at 2:00 pm. Doors open at 12:30. Regular games, cost is \$5. per book, for turkeys and specials played for great Christmas baskets.