

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society  
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**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.

As you are all aware through past and recent communications from Parish and Restoration Society leadership, urgent exterior restoration work is required to preserve our beautiful Saint Patrick's Church for a new generation. This urgent exterior work is a result of the effects of Nova Scotia weather and years of deferred maintenance. We would like to share with you the urgent exterior restoration work that is needed:

- **Front Façade + Bell Tower:** Years of water build-up, freezing and expanding have seriously compromised the structural integrity of the building. Wooden doors and rotted window casings and louvers must be replaced. Long-time leaks have washed away mortar, pushed the walls outward, and cracked both the walls and floor of the tower. In fact, the tower is so damaged that we've not been able to ring the church bell since 2005. The brick masonry in both the bell tower and at the front of the church needs extensive repair and restoration. Significant portions of the front façade and the bell tower must be dismantled, taken down and reconstructed, inside and out. New brick is required and the granite must be reset.
- **Spire:** Saint Patrick's distinctive wooden spire is putting stress on the already compromised tower. It also requires serious repair, while the four pinnacles at its base need to be re-set and conserved. Our consultants recommend removing the spire and pinnacles so they can be worked on at ground level.
- **North + South Walls:** While the lower sections of these walls are made of stone, the walls above are brick, protected with a lime-based stucco. This covering is rapidly wearing away. Deep cracks and a thinning of the protective covering are compromising the integrity of the brick walls underneath. The brick needs to be repointed and, in some cases, replaced. One area near the (now-removed) old chimney has deteriorated to the point where it needs rebuilding immediately. The stone sections of both walls need 100% re-pointing and some stones reset.
- **Gutters, Downspouts + Flashing:** The exterior gutter and downspout system requires renewal in order to protect the church walls and foundations from the "freeze-thaw" patterns of Halifax winters. Damaged flashings and decayed wood are also noticeable where the roof abuts the tower on the north-east and south elevations.
- **Lightning Protection:** The current lightning protection system no longer functions and must be repaired, if we are to protect this heritage property from risk of fire.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 11, 2015



# St. Patrick's Church



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

**Reconciliation by Appointment**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OT) Oct. 18th**

**Read 1:** Isaiah 53-10-11

**Read 2** Hebrews 4.14-16

**Gospel:** Mark 10.35-45

**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.

**Loss, Grief, and Mourning: A necessary yet challenging aspect of our lives. This SAT-URDAY** Oct. 17th—9am to 4 pm. Beverly Musgrave, will invite us to focus on loss, grief and mourning. Learning how to explore and identify the psychological and spiritual dimensions of loss-bereavement may make the experience more understandable and livable. Your personal experiences of grief and loss will be integrated into the day. One session, lunch included, suggested offering \$35.

**October 20, Last Session**

**From Violence to Love: The evolving notion of God in the Bible.**

Tuesdays 7-9 pm, Oct. 6, Oct. 20

Conducted by *Father Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ.* \$25.00 per session

**2015 Magis Award**

**from the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality,** Saturday, Oct. 31st 10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church Celebratory Luncheon, Delta Halifax at 12:00 Noon, ticket reservation (\$50.00 each) please email registrar@jesuitspirit.ca. Or call 902-429-7344.

***This year's award recognizes the contribution of the Sisters of Charity.***

## Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Please remember that the Parish & Archdiocesan offices office will be closed on Monday, October 12 for Thanksgiving. We will re-open for regular business hours on Tuesday.

*Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!*

### Parish Financial Information

#### Sunday offerings

**October 4, 2015**

ENV 45	\$1,180.00
Loose	214.25
<u>PAR (23)</u>	<u>370.00</u>
Total	\$1,764.25

**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.

#### **Upcoming Special Envelopes:**

**TODAY—Oct. 11— Poor Box collection for St. Vincent de Paul.** Please consider a donation and remember our Vincentians in your prayers this week. They do exceptional work within our Parish boundaries helping the less fortunate. Thank you for their unselfish efforts over the past years. **Additional envelopes** are at the Poor Box stands at the entrance to the church. If you have forgotten the designated one in your box of envelopes.

#### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Stats to the end of August.

Have assisted 534 adults, 226 children and 160 families in our area with food vouchers totalling \$30,540.00

#### **Hope Cottage Meals Parish commitments to the end of 2015**

**November 9 (Monday)** Group II—under the leadership of Pam Gasparetto

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

#### **TODAY: The Children's Liturgy program**

will resume on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, led by Alex Macleod and Crystal Garrett and John and Andrea Murphy. If you are interested in volunteering, please join us for a session or contact the parish office. It is a very rewarding ministry.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY: Sacramental Preparation:**

reminder to all parents of First Communion/Reconciliation children that classes begin Sunday Oct 18th following Mass and will run every Sunday until Nov 29th.

#### **Welcome.**

If you did not have an opportunity last week, please take a moment to welcome Sister Bernadette who has joined the Parish as our Religious Education Coordinator (part time).

#### **Copies of the Edition of "*the Word among us*"**

have been placed randomly in the pews throughout the Church. Please feel free to take a copy or leave in the pew for use at future Sundays in October.

Happy are they who grieve not for what they have not, but give thanks for what they do have.

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#### **September Minutes of the Pastoral Council**

now posted on our Bulletin Boards at both entrances to the Church and in the green binder at the center aisle table.

#### **Parish Town Hall Meeting**

**St. Patrick's Parish 2020**

**Sunday, October 25 after Mass  
in the Church Hall.**

A fact based presentation with an assessment of the Parish's financial situation, our infrastructure in the Church building, our faith based community and outreach. Facing many challenges, the Parish needs to plot its course for the coming five years. Your participation is essential in guiding our way forward.

***Lunch will be provided as well as baby sitting services.***

**Parish Fall Fair** – Our Parish Fall Fair will take place on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Church Hall. **Tickets** are available today at the back of the church for the Octoberfest Sausage lunch at \$10.00 per person. **The Craft Table** will be convened by Colleen Doucette and Joan Mara. **The Bake Table** will be convened by Donna Meagher-Stewart and Neila MacDonald. **Hall Set-up and Decorations** will be convened by Shaneus Arsenault. **Donations are requested for the Craft and Bake Tables.** If you would like to help with the planning or offer a donation, please see Michele O'Neill.

**Happy 70th Anniversary!** This past week, parishioners Gerald & Margaret McGillivray celebrated their 70th Anniversary of Marriage. We congratulate them and thank them for the many blessings they bring to our Parish Community.



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#### **Christmas Fruit Cakes –**

A joint fundraising project with Fireside Kitchen & Campaign Life Coalition, Nova Scotia. 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 and call Cheryl at the office for further information. Thank you.

#### **Habits and History: The Impact of Women Religious in Atlantic Canada**

—A free public lecture by Dr. Heidi MacDonald, Associate Professor of History, University of Lethbridge, Alberta Tues., Oct. 27, 7:00 pm Halifax Central Library, Lindsay Children's Room. Over the past 200 years, women religious have had a significant influence on the history of Atlantic Canada, providing essential services, influencing social policy, participating in the women's movement, and being in the middle of several local and regional controversies. Dr. Heidi MacDonald is an historian of 20th Century Canada with specializations in Atlantic Canada, the Great Depression, women religious, and youth.

#### **Community Events**

**"The Annual Fall Rally and "*\*Fellowship of the Least Coin*"** service of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax-Metro will be held at Edgewood-Oxford United Church, 3055 Connaught Avenue (corner of Young St. & Connaught Ave) on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00pm. Reception will be held following the service.

**Thru Mercy—Weekend of Renewals—Nov. 6 & 7th St. Elizabeth Seton Church 125 Metropolitan Ave. Lower Sackville.** The sessions will be conducted by Dr. Naula Kenny and Fr. Trevor Scott, SJ Cost: singles \$40. or married couples \$70. Brochures at the back of the church.

**Twin City Amateur Boxing Club—Sat. October 17th Annual Fundraising Auction** hosted by parishioner Bob Tapper at the Fleet Club. Doors open at 5 pm Auction at 6 pm.