

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.

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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18, 2015



St. Patrick's Church



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OT) Oct. 25th

Read 1: Jeremiah 31.7-9

Read 2: Hebrews 5.1-6

Gospel: Mark 10.46-52

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.

October 20, Last Session

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

Tuesdays 7-9 pm, Oct. 20

Conducted by Father Jean-Marc Laporte, S.J. \$25.00 per session

Silent Retreat: Saturday October 24th.

It's Fall outside, but Spring in our hearts 9 am with input and end by 5 pm. Lunch and nutritional breaks & Eucharist.

Suggested offering is \$35.00

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.

Voting Day is Monday, October 19th

Polls are open 8:30 am to 8:30 pm

Please exercise your right!!!

Parish Financial Information

Sunday offerings

October 4, 2015		October 12, 2015	
ENV 45	\$1,180.00	ENV 45	\$1,109.00
Loose	214.25	Loose	191.25
PAR (23)	370.00	PAR	370.00
		SvDP	1,332.70
Total	\$1,764.25	Total	\$3,002.95

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**

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

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

The Parish office will be closed on Wed., Oct. 21st for staff training. Normal hours will resume on Thursday, October 22nd. Thank you.

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.

Parish Fall Fair Planning Meeting to be held after MASS TODAY in the Church Hall (11:15 am) All are welcome!

Children’s Liturgy program resumed last Sunday, 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.

**The 2015 Archbishop’s Appeal
First Collection will be October 25 and
November 22.**

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

Happy 70th Anniversary! Recently, 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.

Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret.

Ambrose Bierce

**NEXT SUNDAY 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.

Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that the LORD is upright.

PSALM 92:13-15

Magnificat Women's Breakfast at St. Agnes Church: The Mary Queen of Peace, Halifax Chapter of the Magnificat Ministry invites women to attend held at St. Agnes Church, Leo Day Auditorium, Halifax, 9:00am - 12:00 noon, guest speaker is Jean Webster.

Mass will be at 8:00am in the church. Come enjoy a beautiful morning of praise and worship, a hot breakfast, and inspiring testimonies.

For tickets, \$15.00, must be purchased prior to the event. Contact your Parish representative, or contact Krista at (902) 461 1349.

Parish Fall Fair – Our Parish Fall Fair will take place on **Saturday, November 7th 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.

Community Events

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.

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.