

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.

Urgent Exterior Restoration Work Required To Preserve Our Beautiful Saint Patrick's Church

- **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 louvres 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 northeast 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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 25, 2015



St. Patrick's Church



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

All Saints Day Nov 1st (Sunday)

Read 1: Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14

Read 2: 1 John 3.1-3

Gospel: Mathew 5.112a

All Souls' Day Nov. 2 (Monday) 7:30 pm

Read 1: Isaiah 25.6-9

Read II: Revelation 14.13

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

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.*

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*

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*

Parish Financial Information

Sunday offerings

October 4, 2015		October 12, 2015		October 18, 2015	
ENV 45	\$1,180.00	ENV 45	\$1,109.00	ENV 41	\$1,215.00
Loose	214.25	Loose	191.25	Loose	193.85
PAR (23)	370.00	PAR	370.00	PAR	370.00
		SvDP	1,332.70	SvDP	199.95
Total	\$1,764.25	Total	\$3,002.95	Total	\$1,978.80

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.

TODAY Parish Town Hall Meeting, St. Patrick's Parish 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.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) Mon. Nov. 2 at 7:30 pm. Special Mass in honour of all the deceased Parishioners who were buried from St. Patrick's this past year. Their names will be read during the Intercessions and for those who would like to have additional family members remembered. Please contact Cheryl at the office before Thurs., Oct. 29th.

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

**The 2015 Archbishop's Appeal
First Collection will be TODAY October 25** and 2nd collection will be November 22.

Did you know???

Your Archbishop's Annual Appeal gift helps our parish directly. A portion (20%) of every contribution from our parish will be rebated for our use and will provide resources for the Year of Mercy! Additional envelopes have been placed at the table centre aisle. The Parish goal is \$4,500 of which \$900 will be returned to the Parish.

Ordination To The Diaconate of Brother Paul MacIntosh, FoH. Archbishop Mancini is pleased to announce that he will ordain Bro. Paul MacIntosh, FoH, as a transitional deacon on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 11:00am at Saint Catherine Siena Church, 6476 Bayers Rd, Halifax. All are welcomed.

Archdiocesan News

The Third Annual Archbishop's Dinner & Silent Auction raised just over \$30,000 this year!

We would like to offer our thanks to the committee members who worked behind the scenes collecting items for the silent auction and selling tickets. We would also like to thank parishes and vendors for donating items to the silent auction. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their efforts in selling tickets. The event was sold out with 440 people in attendance.

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 Oktoberfest Sausage Lunch at \$10. per person.

Luncheon will be convened by Shirley MacPherson.

Craft Table will be convened by Colleen Doucette and Joan Mara.

Bake Table will be convened by Donna Meagher-Stewart and Neila MacDonald.

Hot Dogs and Smoothie Station convened by Dan O'Neill and John Murphy and family

Hall Set-up and Decorations will be convened by Shaneus Arsenault.

Donations are requested for the Craft, Bake Table and small toys for children's games.

If you would like to help with the planning or offer a donation, please see one of the convenors or Michele O'Neill. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

Community Events

Saint Michael's Parish (Halifax) is hosting *The Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame Classic Country Show*, featuring Joyce Seamone, Floyd Spicer, Jo-Ann Newman Spicer, Matt Balsor, Gordie Giles and Bev Cheverie. Date: November 1st Time: 2:00pm Cost \$7 per person/at the door plus 50/50 and canteen.

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.

Blessed Mother Teresa Parish Fall Fair will be held on Saturday, November 14th —10:00 am —1:00pm. All are welcome to attend.



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.