

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 Society** currently has 67 members. These members elected the directors at the Annual General Meeting in December 2014, to manage the Society for the ensuing year (until the 2015 AGM). **Mark Your Calendar:** **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.

**Work Accomplished in 2014-2015:** **The Society board members** have been very busy behind the scenes over the past months. We would like to share with you some of our accomplishments. 1) New agreements were formulated and approved between the Society and Parish, and the Society and Archdiocese. 2) A contract was established between the Society and architect Graham Duffus of G.F. Duffus Co. Ltd. for preparing construction tender documents for Phase I of the Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Project. 3) A contract was established with communications consultant respecting a prospective capital campaign. 4) Publication of a Case for Support for a capital campaign. 5) Completion of a six week intensive study (including arranging, administering and conducting one-on-one and focus group sessions) on the feasibility for a capital campaign. 6) Publication of a capital campaign feasibility report – Campaign Readiness Findings, June 2015. 7) The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in Dec. 2014. 8) Annual Fundraising Dinner at the World Trade & Convention Centre in Nov. 2014. **Current Restoration Society Work:** An updated contact list is currently being prepared with an anticipated communication by mail planned for this fall updating donors on the activities and plans of the Restoration Society

#### Community Event

**"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.

**School Supplies:** The Parish has received a card of thanks from Mr. Hutchins, Principal, Joseph Howe School for the Parish's donation of school supplies. The card is posted on the Bulletin board North entrance of the Church.

#### Federal Election—Upcoming Event (TONIGHT)

**All Candidates Forum:** you are invited to join in an all candidate forum on Sun., Oct. 4 at 7:00pm at St. Andrew's United Church, 6036 Coburg Rd. in downtown Halifax. Nine churches of different denominations in peninsular Halifax, have jointly sponsored this event to encourage dialogue between the candidates and people of faith. Please see the poster at the entrance to the Church for further info.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 4, 2015



# St. Patrick's Church



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

**Reconciliation by Appointment**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OT) Oct. 11th**

**Read 1:** Wisdom 7.7-11

**Read 2** Hebrews 4.12-13

**Gospel:** Mark 10.17-30

#### Welcome

**Parish Religious Education Coordinator (part-time)**

Please welcome Sr. Bernadette Cool, FoH, who joins us today as our new part-time Religious Education Coordinator for the children and youth of our parish. Sr. Bernadette belongs to the religious community of sisters and brothers of the Franciscans of Halifax. We look forward to your presence among us.

**Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** – An information meeting of parents and children will take place today after Mass (11:15 am) in the church hall. Katrina Mentink will be leading weekly classes for sacramental preparation beginning next Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. A class schedule and resources will be available.

**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.

***This Week October 6th***

**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

**Loss, Grief, and Mourning: A necessary yet challenging aspect of our lives. DATE CHANGE** 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.

**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.***

**Parish Financial Information**

Sunday offerings

| Sept. 6, 2015      | Sept. 13, 2015     | Sept. 20, 2015     | Sept. 27, 2015     |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ENV. 32 \$1,135.00 | ENV. 47 \$1,105.00 | ENV. 43 \$1,083.00 | ENV. 43 \$1,845.00 |
| Loose \$ 108.40    | Loose \$ 225.70    | Loose 266.30       | Loose 179.40       |
| PAR (23)\$ 370.00  | PAR (23) \$ 370.00 | PAR(23) 370.00     | PAR (23) 370.00    |
| Total \$1,613.40   | Total \$1700.70    | Total \$1,719.30   | Total \$2,394.40   |

**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.

**Meetings this week**

**Society Saint Vincent de Paul - Wed. Oct 7 @ 7:00pm** in the Rectory.

**Hope Cottage Meals**

**Parish commitments to the end of 2015**

**Oct. 7 (Wednesday)** Group I—under the leadership of Diane Sullivan

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

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

**St. Vincent de Paul:** If you are interested in learning more or volunteering your time and talent with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please call the Parish office and leave your name/number and a member of the Society will return your call. Answering calls Mon./Wed./Fri. and/or doing visits to clients on the same days are the immediate areas of need. Thank you.

**Upcoming Special Envelopes:**

Next Sunday—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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.*



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**Christmas Fruit Cakes –**

A joint fundraising project with Fireside Kitchen & Campaign Life Coalition, Nova Scotia. Fireside Kitchen is a vocational training and work experience center for intellectually challenged adults. These rich dark fruit-cakes are made at the center from scratch, soaked in sherry, covered with almonds, walnuts and cherries and are full of fruit. They make wonderful gifts for Christmas giving. 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.

**Keep an eye out for your October edition of our monthly journal *Discipleship*** Archdiocesan Website <http://www.halifaxymouth.org>

In this issue you will find an article on the Synod on the Family, a biography of Archbishop Martin Currie – guest speaker at this year’s Archbishop’s Dinner, and a review of the plan for the upcoming pastoral year.

**This Sunday, Church leadership from all over the world will gather with Pope Francis for the Synod on the Family.** At this gathering the Holy Father, his brother bishops, and synod delegates will gather in order to discuss and pray about the pastoral challenges of family life. From October 4 to 25 synod participants will discuss the theme: **“the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and modern world”** at the Vatican.

**Prayer to the Holy Family**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendour of true love,  
to you we turn with trust.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic Churches.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again  
experience violence, rejection and division:  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
find ready comfort and healing.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may the approaching Synod of Bishops  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability of the  
family,  
and its beauty in God’s plan.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
graciously hear our prayer  
Amen