

**St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society**  
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**Greetings from the St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society.** As we return from summer vacations and turn our attention more fully to other responsibilities, we would like to take the opportunity to provide information and an update on the activities of the Society. **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). Fr. Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ is an ex-officio director, representing the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.

**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 Reinger, Lystra Gosine, Pat Crowley, Rick Butler and Fr. Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

**The Annual Fundraising Dinner** has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2016 and will be held at the World Trade & Convention Centre. Pat Crowley and Greg Murphy will co-chair the Dinner Committee and they look forward to the generous support of the parish in the planning of this important fundraising event. Planning details will follow in the weeks ahead.

#### **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. The contract also provides for the services of a structural engineer.
- 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 December 2014, including the Society Treasurer's comprehensive current financial reporting to June 30, 2014 and the Society Chairman's/Director's report to June 30, 2014.
- 8) Annual Fundraising Dinner at the World Trade & Convention Centre in November 2014.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 13, 2015



# St. Patrick's Church



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

*Reconciliation by Appointment*

#### **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OT) Sept. 20th**

**Read 1:** Wisdom 2.12, 17-20

**Read 2** James 3.16-4.3

**Gospel:** Mark 9.30-37

#### **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.

#### **Fall Programs Silent Retreat**

**Saturday, September 26th 9:00 am**  
**Title: *We begin once again, but with new energy.***

Recharge your spiritual batteries in a place of quiet and reverence and find a sense of direction in the complex lives which scatter you in many directions.

***Begins at 9 am at the Spirituality Centre with input, ends by 5 pm. Lunch, nutrition breaks, Eucharist included.***

**Suggested offering \$35.**

#### **Program Series**

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

Tuesdays 7-9 pm, Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Oct. 20  
*Conducted by Father Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ*

\$25.00 per session, \$60. for all three

**Parish Financial Information**  
**Sunday offerings for Sept. 6, 2015**

32 ENV	\$1,135.00
Loose	\$ 108.40
<u>PAR</u>	<u>\$ 370.00</u>
Total	\$1,613.40

**2015 Share the Mission Collection**

Contributions are still being accepted. 20% of your donation is rebated to the Parish. The Collection supports programs and events such as Koinonia, Assembly of the people of God, Steubenville Atlantic and October Leadership Days. Envelope holders have a designated envelope, other envelopes may be found on the back table.

**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.

**Rectory Sale Update:**

The Archdiocese, on the Parish's recommendation, has entered into a Sale & Purchase Agreement with a potential buyer of our Rectory. The individual is doing his due diligence on the property, which expires September 30th at which point the sale will go forward or the offer will be withdrawn.

**September Edition of "The Word Among Us"** has been randomly placed in the pews. These can be left in the pews for future Sundays or taken for your personal use.

**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.

**Pastoral Council Minutes**, of June 2015 are now posted on the bulletin board and in the green binder at the back of the Church.

*A friend is someone who dances with you in the sunlight and walks besides you in the shadows.*  
*Anonymous*

**The City** has advised that Dexter Construction has been awarded a contract for asphalt overlay and sidewalk improvements on Brunswick Street from North Street to Duke Street. Anticipated start date is September 14 with anticipated completion date of October 30, 2015. Some of the work in the area between Cornwallis Street and North Street may be completed in Spring 2016.

**The Fall 2015 Metro New Horizons Beginner Band** will start with an instrument demonstration and experimentation session on Sunday, September 13 at 1:00 p.m. above the Long & McQuade store on Main Street in Dartmouth. So if you're a senior and you've never played an instrument before but are interested in starting or if you played years ago and would to start again you are welcome to attend.

**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

**3rd Annual Archbishop's Dinner and Silent Auction, will be held on** Wed., Oct. 7, 6pm for 7 pm Dinner at Pier 21, Kenneth C. Rowe Hall. *Guest Speaker:* Archbishop Martin Currie, Archbishop of St. John's Newfoundland & Labrador. Tickets are \$125 available by calling 902-429-9800 ext.211 or lhood@halifaxyarmouth.org.

**This week Archbishop Mancini** will gather with his brother bishops from across the country for their annual Plenary Assembly. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) will hold its annual Plenary Assembly from Sept. 14-18, in Cornwall, ON.

*In the Church there are many different gifts. There is room or many different cultures and ways of doing things. But there is no room in the Church for selfishness.*

*Pope John Paul II 1987*

**Nova Scotia Campaign Life Coalition: Life Chain Halifax**, Pro-Life citizens peacefully & prayerfully holding signs for one hour proclaiming the sanctity of human life. Sun. Oct. 4th 2:30-3:30pm Halifax Commons Robie St. between Quinpool & Cunard.

**Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery: Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows:** The annual cemetery Mass in memory of those who have died are buried in Holy Cross Cemetery will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The Mass will take place at 5:15pm in the Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel. The celebrant will be Fr. John Williams, Vicar General of our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend, especially those who have loved one buried at Holy Cross. Please note that this Mass *replaces* the regular 5:15pm Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica on September 15.

**September's Archdiocesan Parish Feast Days**

- Sept.14 Holy Cross Mission (Middle Musquodoboit)
- Sept. 16 St. Cornelius Mission (Streets Ridge)
- Sept. 21 St. Matthew Mission (Elmwood)
- Sept. 26 Canadian Martyrs (Halifax)
- Sept. 27 St. Vincent de Paul (Dartmouth)
- Sept. 29 St. Michael Mission (Tatamagouche)  
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St. Michael (Halifax)  
St-Michel (Wedgeport)
- Sept. 30 St. Jerome (West Caledonia)

**Knight's of Columbus will lead a "Men's Respect for Women Walk"** beginning and ending at Victoria Park in Halifax. Sept. 19th at 10 am. This walk is to promote awareness of the issue of violence against Women through fostering a change of attitude and behaviour by Encouraging Men to talk to Men. While primarily a men talking to men event, women are welcome to join as well.