

**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.

**Upcoming Restoration Society meetings this month:**

September 18th - Society Executive meets  
September 21st - Society Executive meets parish Finance Committee  
September 25th - Society Executive meets parish and Archdiocesan officials

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20, 2015



# St. Patrick's Church



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

*Reconciliation by Appointment*

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OT) Sept. 27th**

**Read 1:** Numbers 11.25-29

**Read 2** James 5.1-6

**Gospel:** Mark 9.38-43,45,47-48

**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.*

**Congratulations to the Most Reverend Anthony Mancini** our Archbishop who was elected for his 2nd term as co-treasurer (English Sector) and member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton was elected President.

**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 coming SATURDAY the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality is offering a 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 Starts on Tuesday!**

**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			
Sept. 6, 2015		Sept. 13, 2015	
32 ENV.	\$1,135.00	ENV. 47	\$1,105.00
Loose	\$ 108.40	loose	\$ 225.70
PAR	\$ 370.00	PAR	\$ 370.00
Total	\$1,613.40	Total	\$1700.70

**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.

**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.

**Upcoming Special Envelopes:**  
Next Sun., Sept. 27. Needs of the Canadian Church  
Oct. 11— Poor Box St. Vincent de Paul

**Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:** Why is there such a collection? The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), the Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, has described this Collection as “an opportunity to all the faithful to help their dioceses collaborate in financing the regional episcopal assemblies (the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, & the West) and also the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). These associations support the Bishops in their local ministry and in working together on issues of common concern.” Any additional revenues raised help the diocese support its own diocesan pastoral programs and other activities. The CCCB is the national assembly of the Catholic Bishops in Canada, and includes the Bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches. The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held next Sunday.

**In July, a beloved and long serving member of St. Patrick's Parish, Mrs. Peggy Dacey passed away.** Mrs. Dacey was a woman of enormous faith. Over the years, Mrs. Dacey had collected various religious mementoes—pictures, small statues, books, scapulars etc. Her daughter, Holly will be making these items available free next Sun. Sept. 27 before and after Mass. A table will be set up at the back of the Church to view & take what maybe of interest. Please remember Mrs. Dacey in your prayers recognizing her many contributions over the years to St. Patrick's Parish.

**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

**Parish Fall Fair Planning Meeting Today!!**  
The Planning team will meet today after mass to lay out details for our Parish Fall Fair. If you are interested in helping out, please join us at 11:15 am in the Sacristy. For more info please see Michele O'Neill.

**Catechetical Sunday** - Today is Catechetical Sunday and it is an opportunity for our parish community to recognize and give thanks to all in our parish community who pass on the teachings of our faith to the young and young at heart. Special thanks is offered to the following individuals for their leadership and service in passing on the faith: John & Andrea Murphy and Alexander MacLeod and Crystal Garrett (Children's Liturgy Program); Wendy Mackey & Kevin Moynihan (Baptismal Preparation); and Katrina Mentink and Joanne Titus (Religious Education Committee). If you are discerning a call to pass on the teachings of our faith to the young and young at heart of our community, please contact Michele O'Neill. We are particularly in need of individuals to assist with the Children's Liturgy Program.

**A Prayer for Catechists**  
Loving God, Creator of all things, you call us to be in relationship with you and others. Thank you for calling me to be a catechist, for the opportunity to share with others what you have given to me. May all those with whom I share the gift of faith discover how you are present in all things. May they come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips, so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you. May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth. May all my words and actions reflect your love. Amen.  
*\*Prayer from Loyola Press*

**Update on First Reconciliation/First Communion Preparation** – Parents of children registered for sacramental preparation - please note that preparation for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion is anticipated to begin in November. The parish is currently seeking to hire a part-time Religious Education Coordinator to organize and deliver sacramental and religious education programs for children. If you have any questions, please see Michele O'Neill.

**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. (email)

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.  
*Chinese proverb*

**Nullity of a Marriage: Revisions Pending** On Sept. 8 (the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin) Pope Francis issued two Motu Proprio dealing with marriage nullity procedures for the Latin Church (Roman Catholic Rite) and the Eastern Catholic Churches (Eastern Rite) respectively. Please see the Archdiocese website for further info.

**September's Archdiocesan Parish Feast Days**  
Sept. 21 St. Mathew Mission (Elmwood)  
Sept. 26 Canadian Martyrs (Halifax)  
Sept. 27 St. Vincent de Paul (Dartmouth)  
Sept. 29 St. Michael Mission (Tatamagouche)  
St. Michael Mission (East Quoddy)  
St. Michael (Halifax)  
St-Michel (Wedgeport)  
Sept. 30 St. Jerome (West Caledonia)