

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.

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.

Upcoming Restoration Society meetings this month:

September 29th - Society Directors meeting - 6:30 p.m.

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. All Are Welcome.

Federal Election—Upcoming Event

Halifax Candidate Meeting on Refugee Issues: Wed., Sept 30th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Taking part will be: Megan Leslie, NDP; Andy Fillmore, Liberal; Thomas Trappenberg, Green Party and Irvine Carvery, Conservative. Hosted by ST. MARK'S CHURCH, 5522 Russell St. Moderator: The Rev. Canon Charles Bull, St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Contacts: (902) 454-0207 or Email: stmarkshalifax@bellaliant.com

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 2015



St. Patrick's Church



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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OT) Oct. 4th

Read 1: Genesis 2.7ab, 18-24

Read 2 Hebrews 2.9-11

Gospel: Mark 10.2-16

Today is World Tourism Day, this day was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world, remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, “Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house! And if anyone is there who shares in peace lives there, your peace will rest on that person” (Lk 10.5-6)

Today is also the Feast Day of the St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent de Paul (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660) was a priest of the Catholic Church who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He is venerated as a Saint in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. He was **canonized** in 1737. Obviously this Saint is recognized by many in this community for allowing us to do the work we do for the needy of our Parish.

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.

Next Session—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.

Oct. 10th 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. 30, 2015
ENV. 32 \$1,135.00	ENV. 47 \$1,105.00	ENV. 43 \$1,083.00
Loose \$ 108.40	Loose \$ 225.70	Loose 266.30
<u>PAR (23)\$ 370.00</u>	<u>PAR (23) \$ 370.00</u>	<u>PAR(23) 370.00</u>
Total \$1,613.40	Total \$1700.70	Total \$1,719.30

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.

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.

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.

Upcoming Special Envelopes:

Today Sept. 27. Needs of the Canadian Church
Oct. 11— Poor Box St. Vincent de Paul

**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

Mark your calendar. Our annual **Parish Fall Fair** will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7th, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. A hot Oktoberfest sausage meal will be served (including mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, vegetables), dessert, tea and coffee. Tickets will be available next week for \$10.00 per person. There will be a Craft Table, Bake Table and activities for children. If you would like to help with the planning or offer a donation, please see Michele O’Neill.

How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it.
George Elliston

A Response to the Refugee Crisis: Refugee Sponsorship Info Sessions: The reports about the current refugee crisis have had a worldwide effect. It is causing many people to ask: what can I do about it?

1. **Pray** – for families and children impacted by the violence in Syria. Pray especially for families who have been separated due to the conflict. Pray for emotional and physical protection for vulnerable children and families.
2. **Get Informed** – read accounts of Syrian refugees in the media and online
3. **Inform others** – write articles to local newspapers, talk to family and friends about Syria
4. **Donate** – to organizations working to support Syrian refugees overseas and in Canada
5. **Organize** – bring together five people or more who want to help bring Syrian refugees to safety in Canada

To get informed about refugee sponsorship, consider attending one of the upcoming information sessions put on by the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS):

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30-8:30pm, at Paul O'Regan Hall, Halifax Central Library. 5440 Spring Garden Road.

Saint Theresa Halifax, North Street

On Thursday, October 1, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Theresa's, our Patron Saint. Please join us for a special Mass at 7:00pm followed by a reception. All are welcome.

Fr. Michael Walsh's 25th Anniversary Of Ordination Celebration

The parishioners of Saint Bernard’s Parish, Enfield, invite you to join them as they will give thanks to God with **Fr. Michael Walsh** on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his priestly ordination. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00pm at Saint Bernard’s Church, Enfield, followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

Treaty Day Mass: Every year the Mi’kmaq community in Nova Scotia celebrates Treaty Day, a time to celebrate all the treaties, past, present and future, between the Mi’kmaq and the Crown. Part of this is our yearly Treaty Day Mass, which will be held this year on Thurs., Oct. 1 at 9:30am at Saint Mary’s Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Mancini will preside this Mass, as we celebrate with the Mi’kmaq community. All are welcome to attend.

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 emailing lhood@halifaxymouth.org. (email) or calling 902-429-9800 ext.211. Auction items Signed Sidney Crosby hockey stick, painting by Archbishop Mancini and Lunch with Premier Stephen MacNeil.

September’s Archdiocesan Parish Feast Days

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)