

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society  
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**December 13, 2015 Annual General Meeting.** At the AGM held last Sunday, members of the Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society approved the new slate of directors of the Society. The members are:

Rick Butler  
Pat Crowley  
Colleen Doucette  
Father Jean-Marc Laporte  
Andrew Murphy  
Merlin Nunn  
Pat O'Neil  
Carol Reiniger  
Kay Ross  
Bryson Wilson  
**Co-Chairs:** Merlin Nunn and Rick Butler  
**Treasurer:** Pat O'Neil  
**Secretary:** Kay Ross

**We welcome new members** Colleen Doucette and Andrew Murphy. Thank you for joining the Board and offering your time and talent in the work of restoring Saint Patrick's Church. **With heavy hearts and much gratitude,** we announce that Ken MacInnis has resigned from the Board as he is now living in Quebec. Thank you, Ken, for your leadership and vision these past number of years that you have devoted to the Society. Your presence will be greatly missed but we look forward to keeping in touch.

**The Annual Fundraising Dinner has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2016.** The dinner will be held at the World Trade & Convention Centre. Pat Crowley and Greg Murphy will co-chair the Dinner Committee. More information to follow in the New Year.

**Case for Support - Rising Up Again – The Campaign to Restore Saint Patrick's Church.** The Society and Parish have decided to provide parishioners and friends with complete copies of the Case for Support. Copies will be included in the Christmas bulletin on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The copies of the Case for Support will replace the segments that were to be published in the upcoming Sunday bulletins.

Christmas Bulletin 2015



## St. Patrick's Church

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### Father Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ, Priest-in-Charge

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### Rick Butler, Parish Council Chair

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**Sr. Bernadette Cool, FoH.** Religious Education Coordinator (*part time*) email:

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

**Reconciliation by Appointment**

### Holy Family December 27th

**Reader 1:** Sirach 3.2-6,12-14

**Reader 2:** Colossians 3.12-21

### Solemnity of Mary, January 1st

**Reader 1:** Numbers 6.22-27

**Reader 2:** Galatians 4.4-7

### 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:

#### ***St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment: How to Make Wise and Prayerful Decisions***

So often we are faced with big and seemingly impossible decisions to make in our lives. How do we make such decisions in our lives: St. Ignatius reminds us that all created things are to help us, by living meaningful & fulfilling lives, to pursue the end for which we were created. To do this we need to make a sound prayerful decisions in our lives. These two evenings of meditation upon St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment will reveal the spiritual gift he gave to us in helping us make prayerful decisions that are in harmony with God's will for us. Suggested offering \$25 per session, \$40. for both sessions. Thursday, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4 7-9pm Trevor Scott, S.J.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

**Parish Financial Information**

**Sunday offerings**

<b>Dec. 6, 2015</b>	<b>Dec. 13, 2015</b>	<b>Dec. 20, 2015</b>
ENV 48 \$ \$1,288.00	46 ENV \$1,920.00	
Loose 135.85	Loose 151.00	
PAR (23) 370.00	PAR 370.00	
Flowers 45.00	Flowers 350.00	
Fuel 335.00	-----	
Total \$2,173.85	Total \$2,791.00	

**Message from Fr. Jean-Marc:**

This 35 minute video called "*Laudato Si' - A Canadian Response*" features interviews with prominent Canadians like David Suzuki, Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver, Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians and Silver Donald Cameron, Environmental writer, as they reflect on the brilliance of the Papal Encyclical, "*Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home*". The video is punctuated with excerpts from the Encyclical so that the various themes that Pope Francis presents in his Encyclical are made available to the viewer without actually having to read the 192 page document.

[https://youtu.be/Bti86O\\_Tw5A](https://youtu.be/Bti86O_Tw5A)

**Thank you** to all who helped decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated.

**New Year's Mass Schedule**

**2016**

**Fri. Jan. 1 @ 10 am**

**Mother of God & New Year**

**Sun. Jan 3 @ 10 am**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**Christmas/New Year's Closure:** St. Patrick's Parish office will be closed for the Christmas Season on Christmas Eve, December 24 at noon and reopen on Monday, January 4th to regular office hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. During this period messages will be checked.

**TAX RECEIPTS:** Charitable contributions must be received by **December 31st** to be included in your 2015 receipt for tax purposes. Any contribution received **after Dec 31st** will be receipted in year 2016.