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Today is the second collection for Creating Community, The collection supports the Archbishop's initiatives in the areas of Ministry of Care & Companionship to the elderly, ill, dying; outreach to the poor and needy, Chaplaincy in hospitals and universities, special diocesan liturgies. Your financial support to this Appeal also benefits our own Parish initiatives in these areas.

Truth & Reconciliation— Living Mutual Recognition, Sat. Nov. 26 10:00am - 2:00 pm.

Dr. Sheila Smith, RSCJ, PhD, will speak on this topic from her doctoral work and her experience working with First Nations groups. Barat Spirituality Centre, 1455 Summer Street Halifax. Please call (902) 456-6112 with questions or to register. Bring your own lunch. \$15 suggested donation.

POSITIVE AGING: Exploring Tasks while Integrating the Challenges Sat. Dec. 3, 2016 Dr. Beverly Musgrave, PhD, former professor at Fordham University, will be speaking on **POSITIVE AGING: Exploring Tasks While Integrating the Challenges** from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Barat Spirituality Centre. Please call (902) 456-6112 with questions or to register. \$15 suggested donation.

Saint Catherine of Siena, Halifax Annual Christmas Bingo Sun. December 04, 2016 Turkeys, hams, baskets and door prizes!! Each game is for a turkey with the final game and four specials being played for baskets filled with lots of Christmas goodies and a ham. Doors open at 12:30 pm. Fun for all ages!!

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, marks the 5th Anniversary of the creation of the Archdiocese of Halifax –Yarmouth. Archbishop Mancini will celebrate the Mass on Tues. Dec. 8 at 5:15 pm Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax.

In Jesuit News: Since his arrival in Montreal, Father Jean-Marc has been acting as Socius to the Novice Director. He has recently written an article which you may find of interest— **Back to my Jesuit Beginnings: Second Childhood?** It can be found at Jesuits.ca, click igNATION/a Jesuit blog and scroll to November 7 entry.

Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Pre-Planning: Pre-need planning is the arrangement of cemetery services prior to need. Many individuals have found that planning in advance of death gives them peace of mind and relieves their family members of the emotional burden of making these arrangements. If you would like to make a plan please contact Cathy Driscoll-Cainen, 429-9800 ext 308. Visit the Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax website www.ccchalifax.com

**“Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

All we need do is look around ourselves each day and we see the suffering, the broken, and the marginalized that dwell in our world. Broken humanity is everywhere, not just in our times but throughout the ages. So where is God in this picture? God is here with us because God is love. Even the mockery of a cynical, secular, unbelieving people like the thief who mocks Christ by saying to him, “hey, Christ, save yourself and us” cannot blunt the love of a God who is willing to suffer even the torment of death on a cross to save us. No amount of mockery will cause Jesus to turn away from us and sooner or later, the consuming fire of God's love will burn through the façade of the unbelievers and cynics of our world; it will burn through our own cynicism and lack of trust. Sooner or later we will hear Christ say to us, “this day you will be with me in Paradise.” Then we will know the victory of Christ the King, and we will be victorious with our King, Christ the Lord.

God Bless. Deacon Art

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Next Sunday November 27, 2016

1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

2nd Reading: Romans 13.11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44

Please welcome the following who will be celebrating Mass with us:

Nov. 20—Fr. Francesco Pirisi, FoH

Nov. 27—Fr. J.J. MacDonald

Parish Financial Information

Nov. 6, 2016		Nov. 13, 2016	
ENV. 43	\$1,355.00	ENV. 42	\$ 919.00
Loose	125.35	Loose	96.60
PAR 24	389.23	PAR 24	389.23
Total	\$1,869.58	Total	\$1,404.83

Key Teachings of the Church
Christ—This title of Jesus identifies him as the Messiah, the Anointed One, whom God sent to save all of humanity.

Confirmation
There will be class this week following Mass.
 Please keep in your prayers those young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Catechism
There will be class this week following Mass.

“Christmas Fundraising for Religious Education- Looking for some pure, safe and beneficial gifts this Christmas? Once again, Loly Crowley will donate 100% of the profits from Arbonne gifts purchased from Nov 20-27. These products are free from mineral oils, chemical fragrances, dyes, animal products or by-products and have a 45 day money back guarantee! To order see Loly after Mass Nov 20 and 27.”

2017 Parish Envelopes: are on the table at the back of the Church. Please pick them up.

They’re back!! The Parish loaned a number of religious items earlier this summer for a film production. The film shooting has wrapped up and all articles have been returned in good shape and have been put back in storage or to their proper place in the church.

Wed., Nov. 30 Public Information Meeting, 7 pm to 9 pm. St. Joseph’s A. McKay School: The meeting will present plans for a new project (49 units) high-rise on the former Rectory Parking lot.

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$16.22.
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$21.88.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind parishioners that envelopes for donations are available on the Giving Tree at the back of the Church. Donations will be used to provide children in need in our community with gift cards for Christmas. We hope to have all of the envelopes returned in the regular collection on or before December 4, 2016. Thank you for your support.

Next Sunday begins the Season of Advent, the four weeks leading to and preparing for Christmas. As we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ, each Sunday of Advent we will begin our mass with a member of the choir singing the traditional O Antiphons. Antiphons are short psalm verses or sentences from Holy Scripture. The O Antiphons are the seven antiphons traditionally chanted during Evening Prayer. In the Roman tradition they are sung from December 17th to 23rd. Each O Antiphon begins with a name of Christ taken from Scripture. They express the Church’s longing and expectation for the coming Messiah.

- O Sapientia (O Wisdom)
- O Adonai (O Lord)
- O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)
- O Clavis David (O Key of David)
- O Oriens (O Rising Sun)
- O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) and
- O Emmanuel (God is with us).

The ordering of these antiphons is purposeful. Starting with the last O Antiphon and taking the first letter of each, the Latin words *ero cras* are formed meaning **Tomorrow I will be there.** This is the Good News of the Advent Season. The O Antiphons remind us of the joyful conclusion of our Advent preparation.

Advent & Christmas Schedule (St. Patrick’s)

Sun., Nov. 27	10 am Mass	(1st Sunday of Advent)
Sun., Dec. 4	10 am Mass	(2nd Sunday of Advent)
Sun. Dec. 11	10 am Mass	(3rd Sunday of Advent)
Tues., Dec. 13 6:30	Confessions;	
	7:00 pm	Advent Penitential Service
Confessions continued after Mass		
Sun. Dec. 18	10 am Mass	(4th Sunday of Advent)
Sat., Dec. 24	7:30 pm	Carols in the Church
	8:00 pm	Vigil of the Nativity Mass
Sun., Dec. 25	10 am	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Sun., Jan. 1	10am	The Solemnity of Mary
the Holy Mother of God & New Year’s		
Sun., Jan. 8	10 am	Epiphany of the Lord

Meals for Hope Cottage
 Group 3 - Mike Convey - December 1
 Group 1 - Diane Sullivan - Jan. 13
 Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto - February 23
 Volunteers are always welcomed. The commitment is for 4 meals a year based on a set recipe which is provided. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Cheryl at the office.

Parish Event Planning Group: A meeting of the event planning group will take place on Sunday, December 4th after Mass in the church hall. The agenda will be a brief meeting to discuss future parish events. It will also be a gathering to help with the decoration of wreaths for our Christmas church decorations. All are welcome. Please see Michele O’Neill if you have any questions.

Work Around the Property: As referenced in previous Bulletins, a number of projects have been undertaken over the Summer relating to safety and security issues of our Church property. Work was completed on our outside lighting system, reconnected our lightning protection system, reclaimed the area once housing the Hope Blooms greenhouse, cleared out trees at back of the church property. The west front façade, Bell Tower and Steeple were examined by structural engineers to assess safety issues. It was concluded that there were areas of concern that should be addressed before winter takes hold. As a result, a contract has been awarded to Dora Construction of Dartmouth to undertake the following work over the next month:

1. South entrance—new concrete retaining wall—new barrier free ramp
2. Brick repair next to main entrance
3. Remove bell tower louver wood framing and steeple, window wood framing—replace with pressure treated wood framing
4. Representative pieces of window framing/exterior louver framing to be stored on site for future restoration project
5. Removal of 6 pinnacles from the Church/storage on site
6. Repair small section of roof flashing on south elevation near the back of Church where chimney was removed

Note to Lectors
 The 2017 Workbook for Lectors is available in limited supply in the Sacristy for you to pick

2017 Missals: The new Liturgical Year begins November 27 with the 1st Sunday of Advent. A limited supply of Saint Joseph Sunday Missals are available, at the back of the Church. The Parish purchase price was \$4.15 each. Donations accepted!