

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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The Annual Fundraising Dinner has been scheduled 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.

Archdiocesan/ Community Events/News

Chowder Luncheon (Fish or Corn) - Friday's during Lent: Saint Catherine of Siena, Bayers Road following 12:00 noon Mass. Homemade tea biscuits and light dessert included. Price \$8. Feb. 19, 26 March 4, 11, 18.

"WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016 written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cuba "Receive Children. Receive Me." Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend the Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax-Metro World Day of Prayer 2016 service being held at 2:00pm on Friday, March 4 (*storm date March 11*) at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Parish, 6903 Mumford Road, Halifax The guest speaker for this service will be Reverend Kimberlynn McNabb, Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Halifax. A reception will follow the service. All Are Welcome." The evening service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Nova Voce's Annual Fund Raiser: VIA Rail Station, Saturday, Feb. 27 at 8:00 pm—Silent Auction, Singing by the Men of Nova Voce (Nova Scotia's Provincial Men's Choir) munchies. \$50. (includes a \$25. tax receipt) for tickets please call 902-876-0159.

February 21, 2016 - 2nd Sunday of Lent



ST. PATRICK'S Church

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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Reconciliation by Appointment

3rd Sunday of Lent - February 28, 2016

Reader 1: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15
Reader 2: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

Masses this week:

Mon. Feb. 22 - 7 pm - at Jesuit Centre
Thurs. Feb. 25- 7 pm at Jesuit Centre

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:

PAUL'S RICH EXPERIENCE OF GRACE: Signposts for our own spiritual journey. Grace abounded in the Apostle Paul's personal life and in the communities he founded. He drew on his experience to instruct his communities, facing major conflicts. His teaching will help us understand the workings of grace in our lives and in our prayer. Three sessions. Suggested offering \$25 per session, \$60 for all three. Jean-Marc Laporte S.J., Tuesdays 7-9 PM: Mar 15, 29, Apr 12

Silent Saturday Retreat Feb 27 A change of heart as we hear the good news As we receive ashes at the beginning of Lent, we may hear the formula "Repent, and believe the good news!". There are so many ways in which, in spite of our desires to be good persons, we treat the created goods God puts at our disposal as if they were God, and thus move away from our true fulfillment. This is a chance to hear again the Lord's invitation to us, and to find strength in his promise of unfailing mercy and compassion. From 9 AM to 5PM, with input, silent prayer, opportunity to meet with a staff member, nutrition breaks, lunch, and anticipated Sunday mass. Suggested offering \$35. Please register by Feb 25.

Parish Financial Information

Feb. 7, 2016		Feb. 14, 2016	
ENV. 53	\$1,575.00	ENV. 53	\$1,315.00
Loose	218.50	Loose	39.25
<u>PAR 24</u>	<u>382.31</u>	<u>PAR 24</u>	<u>382.31</u>
Total	\$1,906.16	Total	\$1,736.56

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93.

Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$24.81

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto - February 23

Group 3 - Mike Convey - March 10

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 leave your name at the office with Cheryl 902-429-1300. Thank you.

Saint Vincent de Paul—

St. Patrick's Conference:

The Society is in need of more volunteers to help the less fortunate in our area, by following up for requests in answering calls and the delivery of food vouchers. If you are interested please contact the office (902-405-3806) for more information. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

HISTORY CLUB

We are looking for more members and will meet Wednesday at 2 pm. We would be looking at Parish History such as Priests in Residence, Parish Rectory 1889 to 2014, events, milestones, groups within the church such as the war time minstrel show, credit union, bingo, Saint Patrick's Band, sports teams and schools. If you have items you wish to give to the effort such as old photos with notations, bulletins (we have one from 1919) credit union book, event tickets before the year 2000 we would be happy to see them.

St. Patrick's Feast Day Celebrations

Please mark your calendars for

Saturday, March 12th

and Thursday, March 17th

to join in our parish feast day celebrations.

Saturday, March 12th

Annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch – Details to follow.”

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade – The parish will be taking part in the parade. If you would like to participate, please see Michele O'Neill. Details to follow.

St. Patrick's Gourmet Basket Draw: Tickets are now available. \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5.

Thursday, March 17th

Our Church will be open from 3:30 to 5:30 pm for prayer, visiting and guided tour. Details to follow.

Feast Day Mass – Our feast day Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm in the church.

Behind the dim unknown, Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.

James Russell Lowell

Prayer for the Future of St. Patrick's Faith Community—**prayer cards** are available throughout the church. If you would like a copy of this card for your use at home., please contact the parish office and we will email you a copy.

Parish Lenten Video Series: This Lent Archbishop Mancini invites you to a three part study series to reflect on and discern the actions necessary for parish communities to live more boldly our three pastoral themes: Mission, Community and Formation. The dates for the sessions are: Sun. - Feb. 21st (today), Feb. 28th and Mar. 6th after Mass in the Church. Each session will be approximately 1-1/2 hour. Lunch will be provided. Please consider participating in this study series, making it a part of your Lenten journey and contributing to important parish discussions that will inform our pastoral plan and future.

Session One on the theme of **Mission** will be presented **TODAY** Sun.. Feb. 21st by John Stevens, Manager of the Office of Pastoral Life & New Evangelization. In his presentation John identifies our mission using Biblical examples, the wisdom of Pope Francis' exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, and the contents of Archbishop Mancini's 2014 Pastoral Letter.

Session Two on the theme of **Community** will be presented next Sunday by Fr. Rob Arsenault, C.C. – Chaplain at Dalhousie & St. Mary's Universities. Fr. Rob focusses on the crucial aspect of community. Speaking from his experience as a pastor, working with young adults, and as a member of a religious community, Fr. Rob challenges our assumptions about our sacramental life, our relationship with one another and the world, and our systems and structures. Each segment seeks to answer the question: "If someone who knew nothing about Christ came to our church, what would they see?" In three short segments, John focuses on an aspect of our mission: Sharing Christ with Others, Ministry to Those in Need, and Resilience on the Holy Spirit with questions to consider in our personal and parish life.

Stations of the Cross The Way of the Cross is a devotion that is practiced most commonly during Lent. The devotion consists of meditating on 14 events which form the 14 Stations of the Cross. The purpose of this devotion is to focus on the Passion of Jesus Christ. Saint Patrick's Parish has beautiful Stations of the Cross. They were designed by Mayer & Co. of Munich and New York (the same company that designed our beautiful stained glass windows) and installed in the church sometime around 1910. During Lent, you are invited to take time either before or after Mass to silently meditate on each of the stations as a part of your Lenten practice. The Way of the Cross is also scheduled for Sunday, March 6th before Mass at 9:10 am for all who are interested.

Please take note on table in main porch area there are free reading materials that you are welcome to take, including cook books with old Nova Scotia Recipes! Please pass them along or recycle.

The Water Issue: The Church building presently receives its water and electrical services through the Rectory. A cracked pipe has been discovered on the Rectory property and thus the water has been turned off. In the interim, two Johnny on the Spots for Parish use have been placed at the Church Hall entrance area. While sewer line still works, use of the inside bathrooms should be limited. **Excavation Work** from the street, sidewalk to the two properties did not begin as planned on Monday. Once started it should take about 2 weeks for the water to be fully installed. **The Electrical contractor has started in the hall.** This includes work in various spaces including the hall restrooms. Activities for the next few weeks must be planned around this work. Anyone wanting to use the Parish Hall must speak with Cheryl (Parish Secretary) to see if this can be arranged. Approximate completion will be 2 weeks. Sorry for all the inconvenience but once completed the Church and Hall will have water and electric services on its side of the property.

TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH