

Around the Property, You will perhaps have noticed that work has begun on digging the trench that is required to separate the water line to the Church. The work began on Tuesday and hopefully be completed in another 10 days. **The Electrical contractor** responsible for severing the power from the Rectory building and reattaching to bring power to the Church also began its work on Tuesday. In the initial days, their work will be concentrated at installing electrical cables with the Hall and constructing a new Electrical room in the hall.

As well in last Saturday's edition of the Herald, there was a Letter to the Editor complimenting the developer of the Rectory property, Adam Barrett, for his work on replacing the gothic-arc windows with modern windows with the same measurements as the originals. Mr. Barrett is cited as a positive example for further redevelopment of historic Brunswick St. Congrats Adam. Happy to have you as a neighbour.

Furnace 2 of our 3 gas boilers have been inoperative for the past 2 Sundays. Luckily temperatures have been above seasonal and the one boiler has been able to keep the Church temperature around 65 for Sunday Mass. The parts have been ordered - from Nashville Tennessee - no less. The parts arrived on Wednesday and were installed on Thursday.

Church Hall & Basement, A major clean-up including doing an inventory of supplies and materials is in progress and organizing the office and other rooms for safe keeping of historic materials. If you need to move anything check with the office beforehand. Thank you.

HISTORY CLUB The history club will meet on Wed at 2pm. Church south door will also be open for anyone who wishes to drop by for prayer. New members welcome!

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.

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
2263 Brunswick St. 902-429-4170
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Donations for the Restoration Society accepted in Green Box at the back of the Church & by VISA and MASTERCARD, by calling 902-429-4170 or mailing to Saint Patrick's Restoration Society, 2263 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3K 2Y9

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

Mark your calendar for April 23, 2016

What: A Conversation that could Change EveryThing for those who live in poverty!

When: From 9am to 3pm on April 23, 2016

Where: St. Agnes Parish Hall, Mumford Rd.

Presenter: Guillermo Campuzano, CM

February 28, 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Lent



ST. PATRICK'S Church

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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

4th Sunday of Lent - February 28, 2016

Reader 1: Joshua 5.9a. 10-12

Reader 2: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

This week at St. Patrick's

Mon. Feb. 29 - 7 pm - at Jesuit Centre

Thurs., Mar. 3 - 7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
 Church Hall

SVDP - Please note monthly meeting will be held
 on Wed. March 9 - 7pm Church Hall

Next Sunday 9:10 am Stations of the Cross

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 .

ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: An Imaginative Reflection "... their eyes were opened, and they recognized him..." -Luke 24:31 The disciples on the road to Emmaus went through a unique experience of the resurrected Christ profoundly shaped by what they initially failed to see, and what they came to see. Through meditations upon artistic images of this Resurrection episode, as well as other such episodes, we will strive to enter into the experience of the Easter Season as the disciples on the road to Emmaus experienced it - through their human blindness to Christ's presence among them, and then through their sudden awareness of him in their midst. One session, suggested offering \$25 Trevor Scott, S.J., Thurs., Mar 31, 7-9 PM

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

Feb. 21, 2016		Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93.	
ENV. 52	\$1890.00	Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$36.35	
Loose	95.40		
<u>PAR 24</u>	<u>382.31</u>		
Total	\$2,367.71		

Ash Wednesday Collection	\$ 1,230.00
<i>This collection is used for the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Patrick's Conference.</i>	
Fuel Collection	\$805.00
Formation Collection	\$ 20.00
Today is Formation Collection Day.	

Key Teachings of the Church:

What is Sacred Scripture?

The words Sacred Scripture come from two Latin words meaning 'Holy Writings'. Sacred Scripture is the collection of all the writings God has inspired authors to write in his name.

**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.

St. Patrick's Feast Day Celebrations

Please mark your calendars

Thursday, March 17th

Our Church will be open from 3:30 – 5:30 pm for prayer, visiting and guided tour. Blair Beed will lead a tour at 4:00 pm.

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

Saturday, March 12th

Annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch – After discussion, a decision was taken to cancel our annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon due to the uncertain timeline for the completion of work to connect our water and electricity to the church. Please consider taking part in the other events scheduled to celebrate our parish feast day.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade – The parish will be taking part in the parade. We are looking for children, youth and adults to walk in the parade and represent the parish. Please let Michele O'Neill know if you plan to take part. The parade starts at 11:00 am and begins at South Street near Holy Cross Cemetery and ends at the Parade Square. A post-parade reception will be held at the Jesuit House to continue the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's Day Gourmet Basket Draw – Tickets are available for a gourmet basket with an Irish theme. Value is approximately \$175.00. Tickets are available at the back of the church. \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. The draw for the basket will take place on Sunday, March 13th after Mass.

TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH

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. **Session Two of the Lenten Video Series** will be presented TODAY after Mass in the CHURCH HALL at 11:15 am. Sessions will be 1 hour in length. Lunch is 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 parish pastoral plan and future. **Session Two** on the theme of **Community** will be presented 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. **Session Three on the theme of Formation** will be presented next Sunday (March 6th). In the third, and final, session Chris O'Hara, staff member at the St. Therese School of Faith and Mission, reflects on our need for Formation. Combining his experience working in youth leadership with the writings of Saint John Paul II, Chris offers us a look at formation in terms of the maturation of our Christian life. As someone working regularly in the formation of youth and young adults, Chris brings a fresh perspective to our understanding of faith formation. Each segment looks to explore how growing in discipleship, leadership, and service are essential to accomplishing our missionary mandate. 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.**

Easter Flowers: Would you like to make a donation towards Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones? In an envelope marked "Flowers" on the outside, please list your name and mailing address, the name (s) of your loved one (s) and your donation. Then place the envelop in the collection basket. Beginning at the Easter Vigil, the names of your loved one (s) will be posted in the Church entry.

Development and Peace material are available on the table at the entrance to the Church. Please take a copy home with you. The Development and Peace Collection will be taken up on Sunday, March 13th. Envelope holders have the envelope in their box. Additional envelopes are on the table in the back of the church.

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 3 - Mike Convey - March 10
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan - April 6
Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto - May 12
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 you name at the office with Cheryl

Children often follow the footprints their parents thought they'd covered up. Anonymous