

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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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 Events/News

26th Halifax St. Agnes Scouting Annual Pancake Supper with sausages, Tuesday, February 9th from 5:00-7:00 pm Adults \$8/ Youth under 12 \$4. 6903 Mumford Rd. Halifax.

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

Rite of Election On Sunday, February 14, at 3:00pm Archbishop Anthony Mancini will pray with those looking to becoming Catholic during this year's Easter Vigil. This special liturgy, that includes the Rite of Election, will be celebrated at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome!

Community Events

The Friends-of-L'Arche Halifax group will meet for their monthly gathering on Sunday, February 14th from 1:30 to 3:30 in St. Agnes Hall, Mumford Road, Halifax. All are welcome, especially those with intellectual disabilities, their families and friends, to come for prayer, song, fun and fellowship. Contact Kelly at 902-407-5512 if you have any questions.

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 7, 2016 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. PATRICK'S Church

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Father Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ, Priest-in-Charge
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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Reconciliation by Appointment

First Sunday of Lent - February 14, 2016

Reader 1: Deuteronomy 26.4-10

Reader 2: Romans 10.8-13

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

Ash Wednesday Mass and Ashes

Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday is a universal day of
fasting and abstinence from meat

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

Jan. 3, 2016		Jan. 10, 2016		Jan. 17, 2016	
ENV 48	\$ 1,045.00	ENV. 48	\$1,260.00	ENV. 27	\$570.00
Loose	145.35	Loose	116.45	Loose	92.40
<u>PAR 23</u>	<u>370.00</u>	<u>PAR 23</u>	<u>370.00</u>	<u>PAR 24</u>	<u>\$382.31</u>
Total	\$1,560.35	Total	\$1,746.45	Total	\$1,044.71

Jan. 24, 2016		Jan. 31, 2016	
ENV. 47	\$1,309.00	ENV. 59	\$1,312.00
Loose	132.95	Loose	211.85
<u>PAR 24</u>	<u>\$382.31</u>	<u>PAR 24</u>	<u>382.31</u>
Total	\$1,824.26	Total	\$1,906.16

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93.

Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$22.24

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.

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

Please keep in your prayers our young people who are preparing for their First Communion.

**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.

Key Teachings of the Church

What is grace? Grace is the gift of God sharing his life and love with us. Categories of grace are sanctifying grace, actual grace, charisms and sacramental graces.

Refugee Sponsorship - In preparation for the arrival of our Syrian refugee family of five, we are in need of household items to set up their home. **If you have any good quality newer items to donate** kindly telephone Cheryl Delaney the Parish Secretary at (902) 429-1300 or email st.pats@ns.sympatico.ca with your name, phone number and list of items that you wish to donate. **A committee member will return your call as soon as possible. Please DO NOT drop any items to the Church Hall!** Thank you for your generosity.

Always remember to forget the things that made you sad. But never forget to remember this things that made you glad.

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 Jkohnny on the Spots for Parish use have been placed at the Church Hall entrance area. Bottled water will be available for personal consumption.

Excavation Work is expected to begin on Monday from the street, sidewalk to the two properties. It will likely take up to 2 weeks to reach the Church building and for water to be fully installed subject to contractors and weather.

We have also been advised that the electrical work required for the Church to receive its new power service will also probably commence Monday. This requires cabling within the Church hall and the construction of an Electrical Room prior to the lines being detached from the Rectory. This could be a two week job as well but expect no interruption of power service other than for a few hours on the day of the transfer is made.

Sorry for all the inconvenience but once completed the Church and Hall will have water and electric services on its side of the property.

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.

Lenten Video Series. St. Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council has begun the process laid out by the Archdiocese for Phase Two of the Parish Pastoral Planning Process. The major goal for this pastoral year is the completion of a 3-year pastoral plan for our parish community. These plans will help our community to focus on the essential actions required to be missionary disciples who bring the message and mercy of Christ to the world. As we prepare for our Lenten journey to Easter, we are encouraged to renew and strengthen our faith during the season of Lent. During the first three Sundays of Lent, after Mass in the Church, Fr. Jean-Marc and members of the Parish Pastoral Council will present a three part Lenten video series that focuses on the elements of parish as found in Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*. Using texts from *The Joy of the Gospel*, these sessions will delve deeper into the concepts of Mission, Community and Formation. The videos will be presented on February 14, 21, and 28th. Please prayerfully consider attending these video presentations as a part of your Lenten practice.

Save the dates for these Events/Meetings

Sun. Feb 7 TODAY	Pancake & Sausage Lunch	After Mass in the Parish Hall
Wed. Feb. 10	Ash Wednesday	7 pm Church
Sun. Feb 14, 21, 28	Lenten Video Series	After Mass in the Church
Sat. Mar. 12	St. Patrick's Festivities	12 noon to 2 pm. Parish Hall

On a scale of one (not very) to ten (very). How caring am I about the kind of planet we will be passing on to our children? How is my care translating into action?