

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

At the AGM (Annual General Meeting) held December 13, 2015 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'Neill, Secretary Kay Ross.

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

Community Events

The Friends-of-L'Arche Halifax group will meet for their monthly gathering on Sunday, January 10th 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 Jane at [902-883-9612](tel:902-883-9612) if you have any questions.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje (Apr 29-May 9) 11-day Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Spiritual Director, FR. CHARLIE BRODERICK. Cost: \$2035 (+ airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges \$675); includes return airfare from Moncton/Halifax, transfers, accommodations, daily breakfast & dinner, and the services of a professional local guide. **Info:** Hector & Cécile Caissie hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Shrines of Eastern Europe (5 countries). May 5-16 (**\$3810 tax incl**): 12-day Includes airfare from Moncton, Halifax or Fredericton, superior tourist accommodations, daily breakfast & dinner, professional English speaking local guides and all entrance fees. **INFO:** Marie Desjardins at (207) 868-5027 or bubblepink49@hotmail.com

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.

January 10, 2016 The Baptism of the Lord



ST. PATRICK'S Church

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 17th

Reader 1: Isaiah 62.1-5

Reader 2: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11

Gospel: John 2.1-12

Documentary on Laudato Si' Kevin Moynihan, a videographer based in Halifax, has prepared a 35 minute documentary entitled *Laudato Si: a Canadian Response*. You can view it on Youtube at https://youtu.be/Bti86O_Tw5A. If interested in a DVD, contact us as indicated below. \$5 will cover duplication and mailing costs. To register, registrar@jesuitspirit.ca or phone us at 902-429-7344.

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:

Our next Silent Saturday Retreat is on January 30.

During this season nature appears to be dormant, but new life is brewing. In a similar guise Jesus spent many years living a hidden life. There is much for us to learn about those times when our own lives appear to be hidden. 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.

How do we make wise and prayerful decisions?

Wise decisions are decisions in harmony with God's plan for us. Fr. Trevor Scott will offer guidance on this topic from St. Ignatius Loyola's *Rules for Discernment*. Two sessions: Thursday **Jan 28** and **Feb 4**, from 7 to 9 PM. Suggested offering for both sessions: \$40.

Parish Financial Information Jan. 3, 2016 Comparisons 2015/2014

Jan. 3, 2016	Sun. offerings 2015	Sun. offerings 2014
ENV 48 \$ \$1,045.00	ENV. \$60,818.00	ENV. 59,854.00
Loose 145.35	Loose 8,517.00	Loose 8,828.00
<u>PAR (23) 370.00</u>	<u>PAR 17,806.66</u>	<u>PAR 16,870.00</u>
Total \$1,560.35	Total \$87,141.66	Total 85,552.00

Christmas 2015 \$ 5,513.00	Poor Box 2015 \$1, 289.00
Christmas 2014 \$ 6,007.75	Poor Box 2014 \$1,944.72
New Year's 2015 \$764.05	Candles 2015 \$1,309.75
New Year's 2014 \$697.95	Candles 2104 \$1,421.70
	Dec. 2015 Refugee Fund \$8,265.00

It is one thing to see the land of peace and another thing to tread the road that leads to it.
Saint Augustine

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 1—Diane Sullivan - January 14
 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.

The WORD among us for January 1 - February 9 2016 is available for your use during Mass or if you would like to take one home to use please feel free to do so.

**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.

Pastoral Council minutes of December 2015 now posted on the Bulletin Boards at the back of the Church as well as in the green binder.

Discipleship—Monthly Archdiocesan Journal now available by logging into www.halifaxymouth.org

**Looking to do more for the
Church in 2016?**

How about helping out with our Children's Liturgy? To find out more please contact Sr Bernadette qubertcool@gmail.com or 902-454-0441

Thank-you to all who made our Christmas/New Year's Liturgical celebrations spiritually enjoyable. Choir, Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Counters, our gratitude for your dedicated service.

Parish Event Planning Group – A meeting of the group will take place next Sunday (January 17th) after Mass in the church hall to continue planning for a Pancake and Sausage Meal in February and St. Patrick's Day celebrations in March. Anyone who can help with these events are most welcome to attend. For more info, please see Michele O'Neill.

Refugee Fund \$8,490. was raised to date.

TODAY —TODAY Preparing for Ordinary Time - Volunteers are asked to stay after Mass today to help take down and store the Christmas wreaths and decorations. If you can help, please see Michele O'Neill. Thank you for your assistance.

Sacramental Preparation: reminder to all parents of First Communion children that classes begin Sunday **TODAY** following Mass.

Steubenville Atlantic Launch Party!
 Experience the music and ministry of Steubenville Atlantic on January 15 at this year's Launch Party. The party starts at 7:00 pm in the Paul O'Regan Hall at the Halifax Central Library (Spring Garden Rd.). Join us for music, talks, and a sneak peek at this year's conference theme.

**Year of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth
December 8, 2015—November 20, 2016**

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
 Give drink to the thirsty
 Clothe the naked
 Shelter the homeless
 Visit the Sick
 Visit the imprisoned
 Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Counsel the doubtful
 Instruct the ignorant
 Admonish sinners
 Comfort the afflicted
 Forgive offenses
 Bear wrongs patiently
 Pray for the living and the Dead

Those who wish to transform the world must be able to transform themselves.
 Konrad Heiden