

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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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 Dinner Committee. More information to follow.

Community Events

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

January 17, 2016 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. PATRICK'S Church

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 24th

Reader 1: Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Reader 2: 1 Corinthians 12.12-30

Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 31st

Reader 1: Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19

Reader 2: 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13

Gospel: Luke 4.21-30

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		Jan. 10, 2016	
ENV 48	\$ \$1,045.00	ENV. 48	\$1,260.00
Loose	145.35	Loose	116.45
<u>PAR (23)</u>	<u>370.00</u>	<u>PAR 23</u>	<u>370.00</u>
Total	\$1,560.35	Total	\$1,746.45

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.

Give the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

Anonymous

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.

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.

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.

Sacramental Preparation: reminder to all parents of First Communion children that classes are held following Mass today.

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

The Parish extends condolences to the family of the late Ruth Shupe, whose funeral was held from St. Patrick's on Friday, January 15th.

May eternal rest be granted unto her and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Documentary on Laudato si. *Laudato si': On Care For Our Common Home* is the second encyclical of Pope Francis where he expands on the Catholic teaching of our relationship with and responsibility to care for God's creation, and protect and care for the most vulnerable. Kevin Moynihan, a videographer and member of Saint Patrick's Parish, has prepared a 35 minute documentary entitled *Laudato si': a Canadian Response*. Kevin will lead a presentation and discussion of his documentary on Sunday, January 24th, at 11:15 am in the church following Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information, please contact the parish office at 902-429-1300.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Today we remember in our prayers the plight of all migrants and refugees in our world with the call to assist and welcome the many families – men, women and children - who are displaced from their homeland due to economic hardship and political strife, lacking basic and life-giving necessities of life.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18 – 25. We begin our prayer today and will continue until next Sunday, January 24th. The universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to seek a deeper understanding of ecumenism - to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

Parish Event Planning Group meets today after Mass, 11:15 pm in the church hall to continue planning for upcoming events: Pancake and Sausage Lunch and St. Patrick's Feast Day Celebrations. Anyone who would like to join the group and help with planning is most welcome. For further information, please see Michele O'Neill.

Thank You I was delighted to receive so many greetings and well wishes from old friends and acquaintances this Christmas season. As the incoming cards mounted up, however, it became clear I would not be able to respond in kind. At age 91, my energy is simply not up to the task. So I am using this notice in the Archdiocesan news service to acknowledge the kindness of those who remembered me and to thank them most sincerely for keeping in touch. I read all of your cards and notes with interest and I assure you of my fond regard. May the Lord extend every blessing to you in 2016, as we continue our journey together in faith and friendship.

Yours in Christ, Most Reverend James M. Hayes, Archbishop Emeritus

Archbishop Mancini is pleased to announce that he will ordain Bro. Paul MacIntosh, FoH, of the Franciscans of Halifax to the presbyterate on **Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 10:30am** at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax. All are welcome to join in this celebration, and to support Bro. Paul through your prayers.

We are not tempted because we are evil; we are tempted because we are human.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen