

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

A Countertenor at the Opera, Countertenor Andrew Pickett will perform ultra-high male arias in "A Countertenor at the Opera" a benefit concert for the Halifax Summer Opera Festival accompanied by collaborative pianist Lynette Wahlstrom. The programme will feature works by composers such as Purcell, Handel, Monteverdi, Mozart, Gluck, Benjamin Britten, Jonathan Dove, and Canadian composer Elizabeth Raum. The recital will take place Fri., Jan. 29, 7:30 pm at The Music Room, 6181 Lady Hammond Road, Halifax. Tickets are \$30 and are available online through Ticket Halifax or at the door. All proceeds go toward scholarships to allow young performers to attend the Halifax Summer Opera Festival.

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 24, 2016 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. PATRICK'S Church

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

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 31, 2016

Reader 1: Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19
Reader 2: 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13
Gospel: Luke 4.21-30

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 7, 2016

Reader 1: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8
Reader 2: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

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		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

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93, Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$21.11

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.

**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.

Blessed Mother Teresa Parish, is offering a Marriage Preparation on Thurs, Fri, and Sat. -April 7th, 8th, and 9th—7:00 pm in the Murphy Room at Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish. Please call the office to register: 902-454-5835 ext. 201.

Key Teachings of the Church
What is prayer?
 Prayer is conversation with God. It is talking and listening to him, raising our minds and hearts to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

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

THANK YOU. A card was received from Pauline Leppard thanking St. Patrick’s Parishioners for their kindness, prayers and good wishes for her health and healing during the past six months. Pauline says “Mary’s words sum up what I feel....*God has done great things for me. Holy is His name.*” Pauline’s Thank You card is at the back of the church for all to read.

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.

Quotations, The immigrant’s heart marches to the beat of two quite different drums, one from the old homeland and the other from the new. The immigrant has to bridge these two worlds, living comfortably in the new and bringing the best of his or her ancient identity and heritage to bear on life in an adopted homeland. *Mary McAleese*

Pancake and Sausage Lunch. The Parish Event Planning Group will prepare a pancake and sausage lunch on Sunday, February 7th after Mass in the church hall. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy pancakes and sausages in advance of Shrove Tuesday. There is no charge for the luncheon. There will be a designated basket for a free will offering. ***If you plan on attending, please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church either today or next Sunday to help organizers plan for the luncheon.***

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: Most Reverend Anthony Mancini, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth invites all to join him in the celebration of the Eucharist for the closing of the Year for Consecrated Life **Tuesday, February 2, 2016** at the **12:15pm** Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica, Halifax.

TODAY – Kevin Moynihan will lead a presentation and discussion of his 35 minute documentary *Laudato si’: a Canadian Response* today after Mass in the church. *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 to protect and care for the most vulnerable. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 held at St. Patrick’s Parish

Sun. Feb 7	Pancake & Sausage Lunch	After Mass in the Parish Hall
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