

Meals for Hope Cottage

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 your name at the office with Cheryl

HISTORY CLUB The history club will resume on Wednesday after Easter 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.

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 place THIS Sunday, March 13th.** Envelope holders have the envelope in their box. Additional envelopes are on the table in the back of the church.

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. March 18.

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
2263 Brunswick St. 902-429-4170
givesaintpatrickahand@ns.alianzinc.ca

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

March 13, 2016 - 5th Sunday of Lent



ST. PATRICK'S Church

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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

5th Sunday of Lent - March 20, 2016

Reader 1: Isaiah 43.16-21

Reader 2: Philippians 3.8-14

Gospel: John 8.1-11

This week at St. Patrick's

Mon. Mar. 14 - 7pm Mass Jesuit Centre

Thurs., Mar. 17 - 5:30pm Mass

Feast of St. Patrick - St. Patrick's Church

**Sat. Mar. 19 - Feast of St. Joseph - 4:30pm
Jesuit Centre.**

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 Paul's personal life and ministry, and in the communities he founded. Out of his experience he struggled to teach his communities. His teaching will help us understand the workings of grace in our lives and in our prayer. Suggested offering \$25 per session, \$60 for all three. Jean-Marc Laporte S.J., **Tuesdays 7-9 PM on March 15, 29 and April 12.**

Silent Saturday Retreat: March 19

Embracing our destiny with Jesus

As we move towards Holy Week and the climax of our Christian observance, we are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, through His passion and death to His resurrection. There is no real destiny for us apart from Jesus. Otherwise our lives end in nothing. Let us be ready to suffer with him and rejoice with him. From 9 AM to 5PM, with input, silent prayer, opportunity to meet with a staff member, nutrition breaks, lunch, and anticipated Sunday Mass.

Parish Financial Information

March 6, 2016	Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93.
ENV. 41 \$1,370.00	Average Sunday Envelope contribution 33.41
Loose 108.00	
PAR 24 382.31	
Total \$1,860.31	

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 envelope in the collection basket. Names will be listed in the Easter Bulletin.

Key Teachings of the Church:

Who is the human person?

A human person is uniquely created in the image and likeness of God. Human dignity is fulfilled in the vocation to a life of happiness with God.

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.

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.
Anonymous

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.

St. Patrick's Day Gourmet Basket Draw

Tickets are available for a gourmet basket with an Irish theme. The 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 **TODAY after Mass.**

HELP NEEDED: Volunteers are invited to come and help with Church cleaning and organization for Holy Week Liturgies Saturday, March 19th, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. If you can help, please let Michele O'Neill know.

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

Thomas Edison



Holy Week Schedule

Mar. 20th - Palm Sunday

Procession from St. George's Church., commencing at 9:30 am

Mass at St. Patrick's immediately following.

Tues., Mar. 22nd Chrism Mass - St. Mary's Basilica Cathedral 12:00 Noon

Maundy (Holy) Thursday - Mar.24

Mass at 7:30 pm

Good Friday - Mar. 25 Mass

at 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil - Sat. Mar. 26 Mass at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Mass Mar. 27 Mass at 10:00 am

Catholic Register seeks Youth Writers! The Catholic Register, a national Catholic newspaper, invites high school, college and University students to join our team as a correspondent for the 2016-2017 school year. • Get published in a national newspaper. • Learn from professional journalists. • Report on news from your community. • Share your thoughts on faith, culture and current issues. • Attend an expense-paid retreat in Toronto. The deadline for applications is: June 27, 2016.

Visit www.catholicregister.org for details. Click on the "Youth Speak News" tab and "YSN application." For more information contact: Jean Ko Din at jean.kodin@catholicregister.org

CHASE THE ACE

Saint Patrick's Parish is in the process of applying to run a **CHASE THE ACE** game. Would you be willing to volunteer 3 hours of your time on the day of the game (Sunday). As the game progresses more people would be needed. Teams would be formed so no one is expected to volunteer every game session. Sellers, counters, hospitality, security are positions that would be filled. Upon approval, we are aiming for April 3rd for the first draw. Blair Beed on behalf of the Planning Committee will be at the back of the church with sign up sheets for those interested, or you may call him at 902-455-9977.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Irish Blessings

May the Irish hills caress you.

May her lakes and rivers bless you.

May the luck of the Irish enfold you.

May the blessings of Saint Patrick's behold you.

The March edition of Discipleship has an article from Trevor Scott, SJ regarding "The Resurrection of the Lord" on page 3. If you are not receiving this Journal you can request it by following the following link. <http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/>