

Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 3 - Mike Convey - March 10

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 meet on Wed 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 up on 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 11, 18.

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
2263 Brunswick St. 902-429-4170
givesaintpatrickahand@ns.aliantzinc.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 6, 2016 - 4th Sunday of Lent



ST. PATRICK'S Church

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Sr. Bernadette Cool, FoH, Religious Education Coordinator (PT)
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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

5th Sunday of Lent - March 13, 2016

Reader 1: Isaiah 43.16-21

Reader 2: Philipians 3.8-14

Gospel: John 8.1-11

This week at St. Patrick's

Mon. Mar. 7 - 7pm Mass Jesuit Centre

SVDP - Please note monthly meeting will be held on Wed. March 9 - 7pm Church Hall

Thurs., Mar. 310 - Mass 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

Feb. 7, 2016			Feb. 14, 2016		
ENV. 53	\$1,575.00		ENV. 53	\$1,315.00	
Loose	218.50		Loose	39.25	
PAR 24	382.31		PAR 24	382.31	
Total	\$1,906.16		Total	\$1,736.56	

Feb. 21, 2016			Feb. 28, 2016		
ENV. 52	\$1890.00		ENV. 51	\$1,619.10	
Loose	95.40		Loose	158.80	
PAR 24	382.31		PAR 24	382.31	
Total	\$2,367.71		Total	\$2,160.21	

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93.

Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$31.75

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:

What are devotions?

Devotions are part of the prayer life of the Church. They are acts of communal or individual prayer that surround and arise out of the celebration of the liturgy.

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.

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.

Saturday, March 12th

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade – The parish will take part in the parade and we need children, youth and adults to walk in the parade and represent the parish. If you would like to represent the parish and join in the fun, please sign your name at the back of the church today. The parade starts at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 12th. The parade route starts at South Street near Holy Cross Cemetery, turns onto South Park Street, Spring Garden Road, and finishes at the Parade Square on Barrington Street. Please meet near the St. Patrick's Parish banner on South Street no later than 10:45 pm and wear your best Irish costume.

A post-parade reception will be held at the Jesuit House to continue the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Everyone is welcome to join in the reception at 12:00 noon for refreshments, music and fun.

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 on Sunday, March 13th after Mass.

Parish Lenten Video Series: Parish Lenten Video Series: The Third and Final Session of the Lenten Video Series will be presented TODAY after Mass in the CHURCH HALL at 11:15 am. This last session will be one hour in length. This final session, presented by Chris O'Hara, staff member at the St. Therese School of Faith and Mission, reflects on our need for Formation.

Combining his experience working in youth leadership with the writings of Saint John Paul II, Chris offers us a look at formation in terms of the maturation of our Christian life. As someone working regularly in the formation of youth and young adults, Chris brings a fresh perspective to our understanding of faith formation.

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.halifaxarmouth.org/>

Feed your faith, and your doubts will starve to death.

E.C. McKenzie

The February minutes of Pastoral Council are posted at entrances and in the green binder at the back of the church.

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.

A group of Sisters of Charity and their Associates have been working for some time on a project that we believe may help erase the stigma associated with mental illness. Each parish community, in the care of your pastor, will be receiving a mental health toolbox called ROSE'S PROJECT. The contents and intended use are explained in the opening pages of the binder. Our sisters and associates will continue to pray that this effort may in some small way alleviate the pain of mental illness in your community and beyond. For more info. on this project contact: Sisters of Charity and Associates, Carol Evans by phone: 902-826-7388 or email: caevans@bellaliant.net.