

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

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.

Statement – St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society Restoration Board, March 17, 2016

Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society, incorporated under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia, has been established to effect the restoration of St. Patrick's Church and to raise funds for that purpose.

Over the past week there has been considerable attention given to St. Patrick's Church which is welcomed because the Church has stood as a cultural, social and spiritual beacon for 130 years. One of Nova Scotia's most beautiful heritage churches, St. Patrick's was built by those of Irish descent and features rare architectural features, stained glass windows(1920s) and National Historic Casavant organ dating back to 1898.

Unfortunately the coverage has not concentrated entirely on those features but rather on the structure itself with some unfortunate and misleading characterizations.

The Restoration Society would like to clearly state what we believe the present situation of the Church's safety conditions are and progress made to date.

First and foremost this church has been annually inspected by both an engineer and architect who have issued written reports.

There has been considerable concern about the stability of the steeple, however after necessary repair work a number of years ago this problem has been stabilized and is monitored each year for changes in condition.

Much confusion exists about the budget for full restoration of the church. It is true that a full and complete restoration will cost in excess of three million dollars with timelines of 2020, 2025 and 2030 for completion of some aspects of the restoration.

The immediate issue at hand is the stabilization and repair of the steeple, bell tower and Brunswick St. façade. We believe to stabilize the church structure and ensure its future could cost less than has been estimated.

The Restoration Society has a financial plan. Perhaps more importantly we have a track record. Over the past seven (7) years we have raised in excess of one million dollars for the church operations and restoration and much progress has been made. We have a new roof, a set of three new gas furnaces, as well as a new electrical service and water hookup.

Initial estimates of the cost of stabilization are far less than the full cost of restoration. If we need \$700,000 to \$800,000 to stabilize then we do not think this task is insurmountable. At the present time between the Society and the Parish we already have 1/3rd of this amount and we believe that we can save this church and preserve its marvel for generations to come.

The Society will continue to work with all willing partners and individuals to ensure that the necessary work on Restoration is completed.

Contact: Andrew Murphy, Chair, Building Committee, St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society

Rick Butler, Co-Chair, St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society

Palm Sunday March 20, 2016



St. Patrick's Church

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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

Holy Thursday, March 24

Reader 1: Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14

Reader 2: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Gospel: John 13.1, 1-15

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Reader 1: Isaiah 52.13-53.12

Reader 2: Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9

Gospel: John 18.1-19.42

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

Reader 1: Genesis 1.1-2.2

Reader 2: Genesis 22.1-18

Reader 3: Exodus 14.15-31; 15.20, 1

Gospel: Luke 24.1-12

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Reader 1: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

Reader 2: Colossians 3.1-4

Gospel: John 20.1-18

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.**

ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS:

An Imaginative Reflection "... their eyes were opened, and they recognized him ..." -Luke 24:31 **The disciples on the road to Emmaus went through a unique experience of the resurrected Christ profoundly shaped by what they initially failed to see, and what they came to see. Through meditations upon artistic images of this Resurrection episode, as well as other such episodes, we will strive to enter into the experience of the Easter Season as the disciples on the road to Emmaus experienced it - through their human blindness to Christ's presence among them, and then through their sudden awareness of him in their midst. One session, suggested offering \$25 Trevor Scott, S.J., Thurs., Mar 31, 7-9 PM**

Parish Financial Information

March 6, 2016

ENV. 41 \$1,370.00
Loose 108.00
PAR 24 382.31
Total \$1,860.31

March 6, 2016

ENV. 50 \$1,105.00
Loose 98.00
PAR 24 382.31
Dev. & Peace 245.00
Total \$1,830.31

Average Weekly PAR contribution \$15.93.

Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$22.10

The collection on Good Friday will be for the Holy Land, in support of struggling Christian communities living there, the upkeep of the Holy Sites, and the formation of future priests. This annual pontifical collection is mandated by Pope Francis. Your contribution will be most gratefully received.

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.

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.

We are now on Twitter! Our thanks to Maggie MacDonald for setting this in motion. Please follow us at: @stpatrickshfx

Key Teachings of the Church:

What is temptation?

Temptation is everything, either within us or outside us, that tries to move us from doing something good that we know can and should do, and to do or say something we know is contrary to the

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

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade – We had an excellent parish turnout for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you to everyone who walked in the parade and represented the parish. Big thanks to our loyal volunteers who organized and contributed to the post-parade reception at the Jesuit House. Fun was had by all.

Church Clean-up and Organization for Holy Week: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean and organize the church on Saturday for our Holy Week liturgies.

Even with the best efforts, we are still without water. Halifax Regional Water will install our meter on Monday– so water will flow!

Holy Week Schedule

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

St. Patrick's Church Celebrations

Maundy (Holy) Thursday - Mar.24

Mass at 7:30 pm

Good Friday Passion of the Lord - Mar. 25 Mass at 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - Mar. 26

Mass at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord - Mar. 27

Mass at 10:00 am

St. Patrick's Day Feast Day Open Church – Thanks to everyone who contributed to the feast day open church leading up to our feast day Mass.

Please see the card that at the back of the church from the community of St. Mary's Cathedra Basilica, Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth who are praying for our parish and the needs of its members. +Anthony Mancini

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!

St. Patrick's Day Gourmet Basket Draw – Paul Murphy of our parish was the lucky winner of the gourmet basket. Congratulations Paul! The parish raised \$543.00 on this event. Thank you to everyone who supported the draw.

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.

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

Additional copies of last Sunday's hand-out to Parishioners concerning our municipal heritage designation are available on the back table.

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