

**St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society**  
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The 10th Annual Restoration Society Dinner will take place Thursday, May 25 at the World Trade and Convention Centre 6:00 pm for 7:00 pm. Honouring Charitable Irish Society of Nova Scotia. Tickets \$125 or table of ten \$1,250. Tickets are now available at the back of the Church or contact Michael Doherty 902-454-9199.

**Sunday Chase the Ace**  
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March 26th winner was John Beed won \$122.00 The card drawn was the 6 of Clubs. The next Jackpot will be \$5256.50 plus 30% of that day sales. The owner of the winning ticket will get 20% of the days sales plus the chance to pick the card for the jackpot. Tickets 1 for \$5; 3 for \$10; 7 for \$20. The Sunday ticket sale times are 11:00am to 1:00pm with the ticket draw at 1:15pm. You do not have to be present for the draw to still win, Atlantic Lottery regulations requires that only the winner can pick up the prize.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**April 13—Holy Thursday 7:30 pm**

**1st Reader** Rose Hubley **Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14**

**2nd Reader:** Patricia Donnelly **1 Corinthians 11.23-26**

**Gospel: John 13.1-15**

**Presider: Father Francisco Pirisi, FoH**

**April 14—Good Friday 3:00 pm**

**1st Reader:** Mary Oгаа **Isaiah 52.13-53.12**

**2nd Reader:** Cheryl Delaney **Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9**

**Passion: John 18.1-19.42**

**Passion Readers:** Deacon Art, Jebbeh Swaray, Christina Hubley

**Presider:** Deacon Art Mitchell

**Easter Vigil, April 15 8:00 pm**

**1st Reader:** Susan Leblanc **Genesis 1.1-2.2**

**2nd Reader:** Neila MacDonald **Exodus 14.15-31; 15.20**

**3rd Reader:** Harold MacNeil **Isaiah. 55.1-11**

**Epistle:** Jebbeh Swaray **Romans 6.3-11**

**Presider:** Father Francisco Pirisi, FoH

**April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday 10 am**

**1st Reading:** Rose Hubley **Acts 10.34a, 37-43**

**2nd Reading:** Cheryl Delaney **1 Corinthians 3.1-4**

**Gospel: John 20.1-18++**

**Presider:** Father Francisco Pirisi, FoH

The Atlantic Religious Congregations Associate Network (ARCAN) is hosting a conference Fri. June 2 (evening) & Sat. 3rd at Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax. It is open to everyone. You may register for the conference by May 1<sup>st</sup> Registration fee is \$80 per registrant. contact contact Cora Shebib (cora.shebib@gmail.com or 902-794-4679), Sharon Jacquard (sharonjacquard@hotmail.com) or Mary MacLean (902-569-4308).

**Meals for Hope Cottage**

Group 1 - Diane Sullivan Apr. 25

Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto May 19

Group 3 - Mike Convey June 16

The faithful are invited to gather with the priests of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth for this year's Mass of Chrism on Apr. 11 at 12:00 noon at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax.

**Spring clean up at our cemeteries:** please see Archdiocesan website for detailed information.



The message of Vimy Ridge is one of bravery and sacrifice. The battle, which took place on **April 9, 1917, (100 years ago today!)** is commonly high-

lighted as a turning point in Canadian history, where the four Canadian divisions fought together as a unified fighting force for the first time. 3,598 Canadian soldiers were killed during the battle. To underscore the sacrifices made by Canada, which suffered 60,000 fatalities during the First World War, France granted Canada 107 hectares of land at Vimy to build and maintain a memorial. That iconic site is today considered one of the most stirring of all First World War monuments, and certainly Canada's most important war memorial.

Palm Sunday April 9, 2017



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**“Are you the king of the Jews?”**

**Palm Sunday, now called Passion Sunday, is an uneasy union of names. Is it the day of Jesus' victorious procession into Jerusalem, recalled by our parades of palm leaves, or is it the day of his disastrous downfall? In reality it is both. For the great triumphant procession of palms as well as the betrayed allegiances of the human heart are both woven into the Passion and death of Jesus Christ.**

**The liturgy of Passion Sunday is a collision of two themes: glorious hosannas and somber omens. Isaiah promised a servant of God who would have a “face set like flint” to brave the pummeling, the spit, and the ridicule. Paul's exhortation in Philippians is one of triumph—“every knee should bend in heaven and earth and every tongue confess”—but only after disgrace and ignominious death.**

**It goes unnoticed, for the most part, that the inescapable context of the Passion is a national, tribal, and political struggle. The betrayals are always hatched in the presence of looming authorities who seduce the traitorous instinct in us; the Judas who betrayed the Lord, the Peter who denied the Lord, the apostles who slept while he prayed in the Garden. You cannot avoid the sense that there is also some profound political strife going on here. The stage is set for armed violence, the raised sword in the cause of right. There are secret police and public meetings of high priests, governors, assemblies. There are political prisoners. Finally, there is a crisis of authority. “Are you the king of the Jews?” Are you the king of Christians? Are you the king of Catholics?**

**These are questions that history poses not only to Christ, but to all who follow him. What would be our answer? Who or what is the real object of our allegiance? Christians may not feel the full impact of Holy Week because they fail to see that Jesus Christ is still betrayed for the sake of religion and political expediency. Under every moral crisis lurks a dread that if we ever fully followed Jesus, we would lose our holy privilege and our protections and rights. In Jesus' time, he was rejected and condemned for reasons of “national security.” What are the reasons he is condemned today?**

**God Bless,  
Deacon Art**

## Parish Financial Information

### April 2, 2017

Sun. Env.	39	\$1,081.25
Loose		\$ 137.15
PAR 25		\$ 424.85
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,643.25</b>

### January to March

Votive Candles \$379.75  
Poor Box \$301.80

**Average Weekly PAR contribution** \$17.00.  
**Average Sunday Envelope contribution:** \$27.72

**Discipleship Journal** available on the Archdiocesan [www.halifaxyarmouth.org](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org)

**Stations of the Cross** - The Way of the Cross is a devotion that is practiced most commonly during Lent. The devotion consists of meditating on 14 events which form the 14 Stations of the Cross. The purpose of this devotion is to focus on the Passion of Jesus Christ. Saint Patrick's Parish has beautiful Stations of the Cross. They were designed by Mayer & Co. of Munich and New York (the same company that designed our beautiful stained glass windows) and installed in the church sometime around 1910. During Lent, you are invited to take time either before or after Mass to silently meditate on each of the stations as a part of your Lenten practice. **Copies of *The Way of the Cross* are at the back of the church.**

### Catechism & Confirmation classes today.

**Catechism** The movie Joseph, King of Dreams will be shown at Catechism classes this week and next. All are invited to attend.

### Parish Administration

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### Recent Fundraising Results

Sales Valentine Wreath & Cash Award... \$267.00  
Pancake Sunday .....\$550.00  
Sales for Groceries Prizes.....\$227.00  
St. Patrick's Concert .....\$688.00  
St. Patrick's Lunch.....\$1160.25

### Recent Draw Winners

Valentine Wreath & 100 cash—Ray Rankin  
St. Patrick's Day Draw- \$150 worth of groceries—Karyn Tweedale \*  
\$50 cash—Penny Doherty  
\$25 Sobey's gift card—Harold MacNeil  
\*Karyn donated the baskets back to the Sisters of Charity and Sister Cecilia ensured they were distributed to a needy family.

**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 will of God.

**Annual Mothers' Day Luncheon - Parent Resource Centre** Each year we support the Parent Resource Centre in their annual Mothers' Day Luncheon event by providing a collection of personal items to be placed in a gift bag and presented to the mothers at the luncheon. In preparation for this wonderful afternoon for the mothers of the neighbourhood, a basket will be placed at the back of the church until Sunday, April 30th to collect personal items (hand lotions, shampoos, bubble bath, sweets, etc.) for the gift bags. If you prefer to make a money donation, please place it in an envelope marked "Mothers' Day Luncheon" and place in the collection basket. This year we will be further supporting this annual event by preparing and serving the luncheon to the mothers. If you would like to help with preparing the meal and/or serving the meal, please see Michele O'Neill. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support for this annual event.

**Perhaps you have noticed** that all the lights in the Church have been replaced—all 122—with LED lighting—savings! savings! We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of Harris & Roome/Grabar on Joseph Howe Drive who supplied the lights and the anonymous parishioner who installed them.

**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. The names of your loved one (s) will be posted in the Easter Bulletin.

### *Holy Week Schedule*

**Holy Thursday—  
April 13 Mass 7:30 pm**

**The Vesuvius Chamber Choir  
performs On April 11th at 8 PM  
(see below)**

**Good Friday (Passion of the Lord)  
April 14th 3:00 pm**

**Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)  
April 15 Mass 8:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday  
(Resurrection of the Lord)  
April 16 Mass 10am**

### April 11th Concert at St. Patrick's

**The HMC returns to Saint Patrick's Church** to present early music masterworks. **Tickets can be bought at the church office for \$10.00.** They will be \$15.00 (student/senior/underemployed) and \$20.00 at the door. Tickets are also available online at [thehmc.ca](http://thehmc.ca).



**2017 Lenten Video Series - Equip the Saints.** Thank you to all who have attended the first three of the Lenten videos that have focused on **Formation.** These video presentations have helped us prepare for Easter and

to continue in our parish pastoral planning process. Date for the 4<sup>th</sup> and final video is Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:15 am after Mass in the parish board room. Please consider joining us. For more information, please see Michele O'Neill.

### Parish Lay Ministry Workshop-Saturday, April 29th, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, Church Hall

All parish lay ministers are encouraged to attend this morning of prayer, learning and formation for parish ministry. Members of the parish who are interested in learning more about a particular ministry or those who would just like to attend the morning events are most welcome. A detailed program for the morning will be available next week. A registration sheet is at the back of the church and it would be appreciated if you would confirm your attendance for planning purposes (numbers for photocopying and lunch). Questions can be directed to Michele O'Neill.

**This week** we continue presenting the Liturgical ministries and Sacramental/Catechetical ministries.

*Liturgy is what happens when Christians gather to celebrate the mystery of Christ – when they gather as Church to worship. This communal worship requires the “full, active and conscious participation” (Sacrosanctum Concilium 14) of all member of the worshipping community.*

**Altar Serving:** Altar Servers assist the presider at the Eucharist, Services of the Word, and Morning and Evening Prayers. Jesus waited on and served his family, friends and neighbours. Altar Servers serve the Christian community and its leader, the priest, when it gathers to praise God, listen to God's word, and celebrate the Supper of the Lord.

**Sacramental Preparation:** Sacramental preparation includes the catechetical programs that prepare our children for receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**(RCIA):** RCIA is the process by which adults prepare for and become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. It is a process of liturgical, catechetical, spiritual, and social formation, a process that takes place in the faith community and for which the whole community has a responsibility. The parish RCIA program usually begins in October with weekly meetings to prepare candidates for baptism and reception into the church at the Easter Vigil. The formation process continues until Pentecost. RCIA involves a team of individuals from the parish who assist RCIA candidates in their journey of faith and preparation for receiving the sacraments of initiation and welcoming into the church.