

St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society  
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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.

The Society is pleased to announce that the Jesuits of Halifax will be honoured at the Dinner. While the Jesuits in 1940 did not come to the Archdiocese through St. Patrick's, they will be leaving from St. Patrick's. They have been a part of our Parish for over 20 years in the capacity of Sacramental Ministry, Priest-in-Charge and the Jesuit Spirituality Centre since 2005. They officially leave at the end of June. Tickets for the Dinner will be available THIS week. \$100 each.

Pastoral Appointments announced at the recent Priests Retreat. Fr. Keith Billard, is appointed the pastor of Holy Family Parish, Amherst as well as Moderator of Cumberland County's 2 parishes and 4 missions. Fr. John MacPherson, is appointed the moderator of the faith communities in the counties of Queens; Shelburne, Digby and Annapolis. Fr. Charles Offor, assistant priest at St. Mary's Cathedral is appointed Priest in charge of the 2 parishes and 2 missions in the counties of Queens and Shelburne. Fr. Vincent Onyekelu of the Diocese of Awgu, in Nigeria is appointed Priest in charge of the Parishes of St. Patrick's Digby and St. Joseph, Weymouth. Fr. Tom Kuru-depan, OMI is being re-assigned from our Archdiocese by his Superiors effective July 31, 2016.

Fort McMurray Relief Fund: Archbishop Mancini has requested that a special collection be taken up for the people of Fort McMurray. With so many displaced people and homes lost, they will require help. The funds collected would be sent to the Diocese of St. Paul in which Fort McMurray is located. The diocese would be able to bring the funds to bear in those places with the most need. Envelopes are at the back of the Church.

Step Up Walk, Step Up with Chalice to fight poverty in your neighborhood. The Catholic sponsorship organization is holding its second annual Step Up Walk at the Emera Oval on the North Halifax Common Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds support the local St. Vincent De Paul councils and the Sisters of Saint Martha Street Ministry. To get involved call Michael Hughes at (902) 252-3911 or visit [www.stepupwalk.ca](http://www.stepupwalk.ca).

Jesuit Centre of Spirituality 2287 Brunswick St.—902-429-7344  
"Our Lady of Smooth Landings, pray for us."

Part III of a blog written by Fr. Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ on the Jesuit Province website. For the full version please go to <http://blog.jesuits.ca/index.cfm/2016/4/14>

What possessions of the community to pack up, what ones to give away, what ones to leave behind for others, what ones to shred or dump? And how to handle directees who are engaged in delicate discernments, some of them vocational? And how to make it easier for our staff associates to continue their work in a helpful setting, and our paid staff to settle graciously in a new way of life? And how best to celebrate our departure? One transition the Lord has looked after for us. For many years we were the most numerous male religious order in this area. Our departure does not leave a gap: in the last ten years or so a new community was founded here, the Franciscans of Halifax. They are young and energetic, and we have developed an excellent relation with them as they continue their development. This disruption is felt not only by those we leave but also by ourselves. Departures are not as personally disruptive as they used to be because contact is easier to maintain with the electronic resources at our disposal. At the same time ministries in other contexts and locations will become our priority. **More to follow next week**

Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016



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May 22<sup>nd</sup>—The Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Proverbs 8.22-31

2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-5

Gospel: John 16.12-15

Mass time Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

The final Silent Retreat led by the Jesuits is May 28<sup>th</sup>. Topic: Allowing the Spirit to mold and direct us. Session begins at 9am with input, and end by 5pm. Min. 4 and max 24 participants. Suggested offering is \$35.

Dear Friends

The feast of Pentecost we celebrate today invites us to remember the outpouring of the Spirit which made the apostles fearless proclaimers of the Gospel and builders of community, filled with a Power beyond themselves and ready to put their lives on the line. We need a new Pentecost in our worldwide church, in our archdiocese, and in our own parish, and we have been praying for the Spirit to guide us and empower us as we struggle to build our own future at St. Patrick's.

The struggle continues. Very recently we have submitted a pastoral plan which builds on the one we approved in 2011, and which reflects what you told us in the recent questionnaire. A financial plan, not quite ready, awaits a new estimate of how much we need to do essential repairs to stabilize the Church.

A Blessed Pentecost to all of you. May the Spirit stir in your hearts and in your lives and may you find strength from on high as you face the challenges of your own lives.

Father Jean-Marc

### Parish Financial Information

#### May 1, 2016

ENV. 52 \$1,341.00  
Loose 127.55  
PAR 24 389.23  
Total \$ 1,857.78

#### May 8, 2016

ENV. 49 \$1,381.00  
Loose 189.25  
PAR 24 389.23  
Total \$ 1,959.48

**Average Weekly PAR contribution \$16.22.**

**Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$21.18**

### Meals for Hope Cottage

Group 3—Mike Convey June 7  
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan - July 7  
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.

### Key Teachings of the Church

#### What is the Mystery of the Holy Trinity?

The Holy Trinity is the mystery of One God in Three Divine Persons— God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. It is the central mystery of the Christian Faith.

**Hall/Boardroom Use!** Please contact the office for availability.

**Pastoral Council Minutes for April** are available in the Green binder at the back of the church.

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### Bluenose Marathon weekend May 21 & 22nd.

There will be some street closures, expect delays but hopefully all will arrive safely.

**Saint Patrick's was built during the reign of Queen Victoria. Saint Patrick's is still here in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, 133 years later.** To celebrate the long weekend we are having a **Royal Tea on Sunday 22nd in the Hall at 1130 to 1pm.** Bring your favourite royal item or photo to tell others about. There will be sale of gently used Royal magazines and a display of not for sale items. Tea, sandwiches and sweets \$5 per person with children free. The NFB film To Canada with Love, 50 years of visits to Canada by the late Queen Mother will be shown at 1230 in the Children's Liturgy Room. Wear a hat if you like. Or your sneakers if you run in the Bluenose Marathon that morning. Chase the Ace will still be happening in the upper part of the Hall.

**The Parish extends condolences** to the family of the late Dorothy Warner, whose funeral will be held from St. Patrick's on Friday, May 20 at 10 am.

*May eternal rest be granted unto her and may perpetual light shine upon her.*

**Change in date: Saint George's Church - YouthNet Program:** Fr. Christopher Snook of our neighbouring parish of St. George's will join our next **Pastoral Council meeting – Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 pm – to talk about the YouthNet Program** that they have been running since 1996. Fr. Christopher has invited St. Patrick's and other churches in the neighbourhood to consider becoming involved with the community program at the Board and volunteer levels. YouthNet runs three main programs in the neighbourhood directed at local youth aged 7-17 years: lunch program, after-school program and teen program. If you are interested in learning more about YouthNet and volunteering your time in one of these programs, please join us on Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 pm in the church hall. For more information, please see Michele O'Neill.

**Open Doors Halifax 2016 – St. Patrick's Church** will be participating in this year's event scheduled for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) and Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (11:00 am to 4:00 pm). Our church doors will be open to the public and this will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors and showcase our beautiful historic church. If you can volunteer a couple of hours on either June 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> to welcome visitors that would be appreciated. A volunteer sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

**Annual Spring Fair Planning Meeting will take place TODAY May 15<sup>th</sup> after Mass (11:15 am) in the Sacristy to continue our planning for the parish Spring Fair on Sat., June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Annual Parish Spring Fair – Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>,** 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the church hall. Tickets are available TODAY for the Luncheon offering of Soup/Sandwich/Dessert/Tea & Coffee for \$10.00 per person. Volunteers are needed for all venues. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet at the back of the church.

**Donations are requested** to help defray the cost of the lunch and for the following venues for the Fair. Please see the convenor listed below, if you can offer a donation, or please see Michele O'Neill for information.

**Lunch** (Shirley MacPherson) – volunteers needed for lunch service and clean-up

**Plant Table** (Shaneus Arsenault) - A variety of annuals will be available for sale. Perennials from your garden would be appreciated. **Plastic garbage bags are needed. Please drop off to the church.**

**Bake Table** (Marian Chisholm)

**Craft Table** (Sr. Cecilia & Diane Sullivan)

**Book Table** – Good quality books only (no magazines, text books, or encyclopedias)

**Children's Events** – small toys for game prizes

### Chase the Ace

*Lottery license No.: AGD-101936-16*

Last Sunday was the 2nd Chase the Ace. The winner of the ticket draw was Sean Coyle of Fort McMurray with a win of \$222. The ticket had been bought for him by his grandmother Lois Beed. Sean, Amy and their 3 year old daughter Emma are now safely in Halifax. The Ace of Spades was not drawn so the jackpot today will be \$3,333 plus 30% of the days 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. Tickets for sale in the hall from 11:15 am until 1:15pm. Ticket draw this week at 1:30pm. You do not have to be present for the draw to still win. However only the winner can pick up the prize.**

*Please join us in the hall after Mass if you have questions, meet friends, play checkers, buy a ticket.*

**Thank you for the support for this important fun/fund raiser.**

**A Thank you note** was received from Shelter Nova Scotia regarding a donation they received from St. Patrick's of pancakes and sausages.

*Please see the bulletin board for a copy of the letter.*

We gain more

By letting our real selves be seen,  
than by pretending to be what we are not.

*Francois de la Rochefoucauld*