

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.

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 29th. 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.

Mission: on the weekend of June 4-5, 2016 you are invited to contribute financially to our missionary efforts. The role of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth is to serve the people and parishes of the diocese by providing the means to proclaim, serve, pray. The diocesan collection for Mission has a parish sharing component. Twenty percent of the total funds raised by a parish will be returned to the parish to use in their missionary activity.

Halifax Concert Band are having their Annual Spring Concert, on Tuesday, May 31st at the Bella Rose Arts Centre, Halifax West School, 283 Thomas Randall Drive, Halifax, NS from 7:00—8:30 pm Tickets are available at the door cost of \$10.00.

The Solemnity Most Holy Trinity, May 22, 2016



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May 22nd—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 28th. 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.

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> Trevor Scott, SJ is from Ontario, and has had a good experience of the easy hospitality of the Maritimes. My move to Halifax was unexpected, but it has offered me seven precious years of ministry in that part of Canada where I was born and spent my first eleven years. Life here is more leisurely. Conversation, even with strangers, flows more easily. People are seen less as isolated individuals and more as persons with their own lives and networks. It did take a while, but I did settle in and now I feel at home, almost as if I had been here most of my life. For persons of a certain vintage like myself, family connections are a matter of interest, to be explored. Often as you share information about your roots, you discover that you are distantly related to those you meet and work with. To establish a connection, you mention the name of someone from Nova Scotia you know, and often you discover friends and relatives of that person and hear interesting stories. Being a genealogy buff has made this easier and more pleasant. I am returning to central Canada where I spent most of my Jesuit life, but enriched with a unique experience. Yes, there is mourning and sorrow, but there is also gratitude and the promise of new life the shape of which we cannot yet clearly detect. Our Lady of Smooth Landings, pray for us. And may we receive much wisdom from what we will have lived through. **About The Author:** Jean-Marc Laporte, SJ, is the director of the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality in Halifax, and is priest-in-charge at St. Patrick's Parish.

Parish Financial Information

May 1, 2016		May 8, 2016	
ENV.	52 \$1,341.00	ENV.	49 \$1,381.00
Loose	127.55	Loose	189.25
PAR 24	389.23	PAR 24	389.23
Total	\$ 1,857.78	Total	\$ 1,959.48

May 15, 2016	
ENV.	50 \$ 1,212.00
Loose	167.70
PAR 24	389.23
Total	\$ 1,768.93

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Average Weekly PAR contribution \$16.22.
Average Sunday Envelope contribution \$24.24

Meals for Hope Cottage
Group 3—Mike Convey June 7
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan - July 7
Group 2 - Pam Gasparetto - August 2
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.

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.

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 TODAY in the Hall at 1130 to 1pm.** Chase the Ace will still be happening in the upper part of the Hall.

Parish Pastoral Plan – Our parish pastoral plan was sent to Archbishop Mancini on May 6th. The pastoral plan includes three sections: updated mission, vision, goals & objectives, parish questionnaire & results, and recommendations arising from parish strategic goals & objectives and questionnaire processes. An abridged version of the full report is available today which includes the results of the questionnaire and the recommendations arising from our parish planning process. Copies will be handed out after Mass today and next Sunday. A number of copies of the full report are available at the back of the church for those interested.

Volunteer Schedule – Doors Open Halifax 2016: The volunteer schedule with assignments is at the back of the church. For those who signed up to volunteer, please check the schedule to confirm date and time for volunteering. Questions can be directed to Michele O'Neill

A Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell for the Jesuits will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome.

Open Doors Halifax 2016 – St. Patrick's Church will be participating in this year's event scheduled for Saturday, June 4th (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) and Sunday, June 5th (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.

Annual Parish Spring Fair – Saturday, June 4th, 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

Hope Cottage –Needs
Hope Cottage always could use more supplies especially staples such as coffee/tea. We will collect these items on Sunday, June 5.

Life is fragile - handle with prayer.
E.C. McKenzie

Chase the Ace

Lottery license No.: AGD-101936-16

Last Sunday was the 3rd Chase the Ace. The winner of the ticket draw was Lynda Veno with a win of \$198.

The Ace of Spades was not drawn so the jackpot available today will be \$3,630 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 is 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.

Annual Mothers' Day Brunch – Parent Resource Center: A wonderful brunch was held for the mothers of the neighbourhood on Friday, May 6th. This year 27 mothers enjoyed a lovely brunch prepared by a chef. Four refugee families were present along with interpreters. The brunch was followed by a fun game of bingo. The mothers were each presented with a gift bag filled with personal items. Thank you once again for your annual support of this wonderful event for the mothers of our neighbourhood.