

HAPPY NEW YEAR St. Patrick's Church Restoration Society
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December 13, 2015 Annual General Meeting. At the AGM held last Sunday, members of the Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society approved the new slate of directors of the Society. The members are: Rick Butler, Pat Crowley, Colleen Doucette, Father Jean-Marc Laporte, Andrew Murphy, Merlin Nunn, Pat O'Neil, Carol Reiniger, Kay Ross, Bryson Wilson, **Co-Chairs:** Merlin Nunn and Rick Butler, Treasurer Pat O'Neill, Secretary Kay Ross

The Annual Fundraising Dinner has been rescheduled 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 in the New Year.

Case for Support - Rising Up Again – The Campaign to Restore Saint Patrick's Church. The Society and Parish have decided to provide parishioners and friends with complete copies of the Case for Support. Copies were included in the Christmas bulletin on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Christmas/New Year's Closure: St. Patrick's Parish office will be closed for the Christmas Season on Christmas Eve, December 24 at noon and reopen on Monday, January 4th to regular office hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. During this period messages will be checked.

TAX RECEIPTS: Charitable contributions must be received by **December 31st** to be included in your 2015 receipt for tax purposes. Any contribution received **after Dec 31st** will be receipted in year **2016**.

P.A.R. Means Pre Authorized Remittance and is a strongly recommended method of contributing to our parish. To make regular donations through P.A.R. please pick up an application form on the entry counter in the church or contact the parish office. Thank you.

Solemnity of Mary, January 1st, 2016 ***Epiphany of the Lord January 3rd, 2016***



ST. PATRICK'S Church

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Mass time Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation by Appointment

The Baptism of the Lord January 10th

Reader 1: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

Reader 2: Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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:

St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment: How to Make Wise and Prayerful Decisions

So often we are faced with big and seemingly impossible decisions to make in our lives. How do we make such decisions in our lives: St. Ignatius reminds us that all created things are to help us, by living meaningful & fulfilling lives, to pursue the end for which we were created. To do this we need to make a sound prayerful decisions in our lives. These two evenings of meditation upon St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment will reveal the spiritual gift he gave to us in helping us make prayerful decisions that are in harmony with God's will for us. Suggested offering \$25 per session, \$40. for both sessions. Thursday, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4 7-9pm Trevor Scott, S.J.

Parish Financial Information

Sunday offerings

Dec. 6, 2015	Dec. 13, 2015	Dec. 20, 2015	
ENV 48 \$ \$1,288.00	46 ENV \$1,920.00	51 ENV	\$1,459.58
Loose 135.85	Loose 151.00	Loose	190.15
PAR (23) 370.00	PAR 370.00	Flowers	150.00
Flowers 45.00	Flowers 350.00	Refugee	1,195.00
Fuel 335.00	-----	SSVdeP	200.00
Total \$2,173.85	Total \$2,791.00	Total	\$3,194.73

An updated financial offerings will be in the January 10th bulletin.

Dear friends of St. Patrick's: This Christmas Season Bulletin provides an opportunity to share with you the many activities undertaken by the parish and its Parishioners over the past year. We are an active and vibrant Parish serving the spiritual and temporal needs of this North-End part of the city.

Apologies for the construction on the north side of the Church. In November, the Rectory was sold and the owner immediately commenced renovations to convert the Rectory to nine rental units. This forced the removal of our ramp which will be replaced once other construction between the church and Rectory is completed, such as removal of the tunnel, and cutting off the water and power before reconnecting to the Church all planned over the next two weeks.

Parish Outreach During the year, the Parish has provided financial donations, food and clothing donations to a number of groups serving this area including Brunswick St. United Clothing Shop, Adsum House, Turning Point and the Parents Resource Center in Uniacke Square. As well school supplies were provided to Elementary School.

St. Patrick's Conference—Saint Vincent de Paul
This year the Conference served the following in our community: 708 Visits and saw 900 Adults and 375 children. This includes the 125 Christmas visits with 150 adults and 60 children. We distributed \$38,850 in Sobey's Gift Cards for food.

Hope Cottage—Meal Program: Three (3) teams of parishioners and friends prepare the supper meal for Hope Cottage on 12 designated days during the year. These meals help feed over 1500 people who require the services of the meal offered by Hope Cottage. The Parish also provides some modest financial support to Hope Cottage's operations.

St. George's Anglican Church A number of parishioners volunteers in support of St. George's Saturday evening suppers for the need in our area. The Parish has joined St. George's Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Committee. St. Patrick's will provide a financial contribution and other assistance as required for the families sponsored. This ecumenical approach of co-operation in a national effort to settle refugees is an important part of the welcoming spirit of North-End Community Life.

Fundraisers: A very successful fundraising events were held during the year—our Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, a Titanic Luncheon, Spring and Fall Fairs. Over \$16,000 was raised to help with the operating costs of our properties.

Sacramental happenings within St. Patrick's this year were: Baptisms 7, Marriages 9, Funerals (Deaths) 12.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated.

Looking to do more for the Church in 2016?

How about helping out with our Children's Liturgy? To find out more please contact Sr Bernadette qubertcool@gmail.com or 902-454-0441

**Saint Vincent de Paul—
St. Patrick's Conference:**

Would like to thank you for your financial generosity over the past year and look forward to your continued support in 2016. 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.

Happy New Year!

Meals for Hope Cottage

- Group 1—Diane Sullivan - January 14
- Group 2—Pam Gasparetto - February 23
- Group 3—Mike Convey - March 10

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 you name at the office with Cheryl 902-429-1300. Thank you.



Church Hall Committee Meetings

St Vincent de Paul - Wed. Jan. 6th - 7 pm
Parish Council - Thurs. Jan. 7th - 7pm
Meeting will take place in the boardroom

The WORD among us for January 1 - February 9 2016 is available for your use during Mass or if you would like to take one home to use please feel free to do so.

Steubenville Atlantic Launch Party!

Experience the music and ministry of Steubenville Atlantic on January 15 at this year's Launch Party. The party starts at 7:00 pm in the Paul O'Regan Hall at the Halifax Central Library (Spring Garden Rd.). Join us for music, talks, and a sneak peek at this year's conference theme.