



Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society

2267 Brunswick Street, Halifax, NS B3K 2Y9

Give Saint Patrick A Hand

March 2008 Update

The Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society saluted and honored all the people who have been married in our church since 1885. The pictures displayed on our walls are a visible sign of the joy and happiness that the married couples and their families and friends shared on their special day. May all of you and your descendents continue to enjoy Saint Patrick's Irish blessings.

Parishioners and friends of Saint Patrick's Church have three months left to reach our financial goal of \$600,000 in cash & pledges to ensure our church will last forever. This March, we have a wide variety of exciting events and activities ranging from an "Irish stew contest and lunch", to a renewal and rebirth of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th. A list of events will be posted on the back of this announcement, on our website, in the newspaper, in our church and on posters that will be available for our friends and parishioners to post for us. We are going to paint our city GREEN!!!

Tom Forrestall has returned home from his painting adventure in Rome. He produced 23 outstanding watercolours that are simply wonderful. During the first week in May, the Society will host an official opening of the "Tom Forrestall in Rome Series." Each picture will be available for sale for \$3,000. Fifty percent of the sale price of the pictures is being donated by Tom Forrestall to the work of the Restoration Society. One will be donated to the Society. We will have 100 limited edition prints taken from the original and these will be available for sale in early May. We will save the picture itself for our October 17th, 2008 dinner and it will be sold during our live auction. We are indeed grateful for all that Mr. Forrestall has done for us. That was quite a pledge he made for us!!!

Speaking of pledges, we are closing in on our June 30th deadline of raising \$300,000. in pledges. We are almost at the \$200,000. level. If just 90 more people each pledged \$1,200., we would reach our goal. A poster has been put on the doors of the church and as the pledges come in each week, we will reduce our numbers downward from 90 until we reach 0. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge.

Each day as the cash donations come in the mail and in through our special activities such as our current concert series, we inch closer to raising the \$300,000. in cash we require. We have had a very productive meeting with Mayor Kelly. We are also approaching our provincial and federal leaders to seek financial support for our historical treasure, aka, Saint Patrick's Church!!! Our Saint Patrick's Day activities during the month of March will help raise an additional \$10,000. We appreciate and value every donation we receive.

Our concert series continues to draw people from far and wide. Each week we will have music guaranteed to fill your heart and soul with peace and relaxation. Concert tickets are now available at the special price of \$50.00 for four different concerts. Individual tickets are \$20. each. All concerts are on Sunday at 3:00 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns about the work of the Society, please don't hesitate to call us at 429-4170 or visit us on our website at www.givesaintpatrickahand.com. Thank you for your continued support. As a united team, we can and will succeed in reaching our goal and saving our Church.

Sincerely,
Penny Doherty



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SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH RESTORATION SOCIETY

SAINT PATRICK'S WEEK OF FUN AND FROLIC

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sale of Shamrocks: \$10.00 per Pot

Available at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass; Farmer's Market, Saturday, March 8th and 15th and Forum Market, Saturday, March 15th or call 429-4170.

Sunday, March 9th:

- 10:00 am Mass with An Cumann Choir singing in Irish
- 11:30 am Irish Lunch featuring \$5.00 Irish stew, soda bread, or \$2.00 hot baked potatoes
- 12:30 pm Terry Punch. Terry will cover highlights of his newly released book "Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1761 - 1853" in our Church. No Charge
- 3:00 pm Harp Concert with Ardyth & Jennifer. \$20.00

Thursday, March 13th, 7:00 pm: PUB NIGHT.

Granite Brewery "Saint, Sinners and Scholars" Conversations with Ireland's and Halifax's Best ... Dr. Sean Kennedy from SMU and Dr. David Deane from AST. \$5.00

Saturday, March 15th: 11:00 am

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE starts on Brunswick Street outside Saint Patrick's Church, turns right on Cogswell and proceeds up Gottingen to Northwood Manor. \$300.00 in prizes for the Best Lucky Leprechauns and Best Saint Patrick's "Look-A-Like".

Sunday, March 16th: IRISH CONCERT

Featuring MC Terry Quinn, Shannon Quinn playing the Irish flute and John O'Connell's Trio playing traditional Irish Broadway tunes. \$20.00

Monday, March 17th: 12:00 Noon, MASS at Saint Patrick's Church followed by a light lunch. No Charge.