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The **Contemplative Prayer Initiative** will be held at St. Patrick's Church, please use the South side door by the ramp. **Prayer will be held from 12:00—1:00 pm on the following date: Tues. Nov 26.** The Contemplative Prayer is led by Linda Longmire, parishioner and certified contemplative prayer leader. All are welcome to attend.

Good Shepherd Parish is pleased to offer the Marriage Preparation Course, *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage*. <https://vimeo.com/119378972>

In 7 DVD sessions couples will explore the importance, meaning, purpose, and beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples will tackle various concerns of marriage from dealing with conflict to fostering intimacy. Guest speakers will speak on topics such as: communication, finances, and natural family planning. This course runs for seven sessions beginning Thursday, January 30 to Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 7:00- 9:00 pm in the St. Thomas Aquinas hall. Registration fee is \$100.00 per couple, and includes the workbook. For more information or to register please call Tracy at the parish office 902-423-3057 or email her at office@bellaliant.com

Families, friends and knights, are invited to join Knights of Columbus Halifax Council 1097, at St Theresa church, Saturday November 30th at 4:30 pm mass. To pray and remember departed Knights from last year are, Rev. Mr. Robert Britton, Norman Forest, Dr. Paul Landrigan, Bernard MacDonnell, Raymond Mombourquette and Gerald O'Malley. Rest in peace.

Meals for Hope Cottage
Group 2 Pam Gasparetto Nov. 19
Group 3 Mike Convey Dec. 20
Group 1 - Diane Sullivan Jan. 10

Living with Christ Missal will be available for the new calendar year 2019-2020 this Sunday. Those wishing to offset the cost of the Missal \$5 would cover of the Missal and it is not tax deduction. Money can be placed in the collection basket. Thank you.

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Parish Vision

**To be a vibrant, welcoming faith community
that invites others to share in our Joy in the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

November 24, 2019—Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

"It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel."

In today's first reading we hear that God made David the "shepherd of my people Israel." Pope Francis in his papacy likewise urged his priests to go to the margins, to become true shepherds, marked by "the smell of the sheep." In Paul's letter to the Colossians he places Christ as 'the head of the body, the church' the supreme authority over all things. One would think that Christ rightly was born to rule the world. Yet throughout his earthly ministry Christ was a model of "servant leadership," or "shepherd leadership."

We are created in God's image and likeness, and all of us therefore, bear royal DNA. No matter how "diminished" or "devalued" we may appear, we are members of the Body of Christ. Our baptism calls us to be "priests, prophets and kings", and every time we receive the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist this truth is reaffirmed. We are bodies of Christ, and members of the collective Body of Christ, the Church. Christ takes on our flesh as his own.

Scripture, in its greatest depth, does not merely present a moral challenge or a judgment on the world. Nor is it a program for political or social action, or a self- help book. It is, rather, a story of the mystery of salvation.

We hear in our daily news how leadership is viewed in modern society; how it is characterized by arrogance, greed, self-service, hunger for power, disregard for the marginalized and less fortunate, and the earth, our common home.

The way of Jesus is far different; it is a way of compassion and humility, of love and mercy as Jesus demonstrated to the "good thief" during the crucifixion.

If you and I accept, with all our mind and heart and will, the promise of God's Word, perhaps then we shall fully understand the words of Paul to the Colossians: "He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything."

So let us today pray that God will grant us the courage to imitate the leadership style of Jesus, the model of "shepherd" and "servant" leadership that is so needed in our world and our church. Then as the psalmist says we can "go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Blessings.

Deacon Art

Parish Financial Information			
Report for November 10, 2019			
	Budget	Actual	Over (Short)
Sun. Env	\$1,600.	\$1,245.	(\$355.)
Loose	\$ 200.	\$ 271.	\$ 71.
PAR	\$ 567.	\$ 567.	-----
Total	\$2,367.	\$2,083.	(\$284.)

Lessons from the Catechism
How should man treat animals and other fellow creatures? Man should honor the Creator in other creatures and treat them carefully and responsibly. Man, animals, and plants have the same Creator who called them into being out of love. Therefore a love of animals is profoundly human. Although man is allowed to use and to eat plants and animals, he is nevertheless not allowed to torture animals or to keep them in inhumane conditions. That contradicts the dignity of creation just as much as exploiting the earth thoughtlessly out of greed.

This quote is taken directly from the YouCat; a Catechism of the Catholic Church for Youth

Save the date!!
St. Patrick’s Parish Christmas Party
 December 15th after Mass in the Parish Hall. Please join us in celebrating the Christmas Season with fellowship, conversation, and music. Light snacks and drinks will be provided as well as tickets on a Christmas basket and sweets for sale. Fun stuff for the children as well!!

Christmas Flowers: would you like to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones? In an envelope marked “Flowers” on the outside, please list your name, mailing address, the name (s) of your loved one (s) and your donation. Then place the envelop in the collection basket. The names of our your loved ones will be posted in the Church Christmas Bulletin.

Parish Finances
 Anyone wishing to use Pre-authorized chequing, the forms are available at the back of the church. Once completed they can be placed in the collection basket. For anyone who would prefer a box of envelopes please contact the parish office.


The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to remind parishioners that envelopes for donations are available on the Giving Tree at the back of the Church. Donations will be used to provide children in need in our community with gift cards for Christmas.

Parish Mass Time Survey. Please remember to complete the survey and place in the basket at the back of the church by December 1st. Copies are available at the back of the church.

This week we give thanks to all involved in ministries of Teaching and Formation – The Children’s Liturgy Program; Children’s Catechesis and Sacramental Formation; and Adult Formation. Your commitment to teaching and sharing the faith with our children, youth and adults is a gift to our faith community. Please take a moment and offer thanks to:

Alex MacLeod & Crystal Garrett
 John & Andrea Murphy
 Sr. Bernadette Cool
 Katrina Mentink
 Patricia Donnelly
 Jo-Ann MacNeil
 Kevin Moynihan
 Michele O’Neill

St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Parish 2020 Calendars available at the back of the Church
 Parish Council Leaders of St. Theresa’s, St. Patrick’s, St. Catherine’s and St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata are pleased to present a beautiful calendar for 2020 that contains pictures of each of the four churches. This was a wonderful shared project that helped the four churches comes together and work on a common project that would benefit everyone. A big thank you to students from NSCC who designed and copies the calendars as a part of a class project. Special thanks to Adora Fernando, a student at Citadel High and parishioner of St. Theresa’s, who came to our church and took the beautiful photographs. Calendars are at the back of the church and are \$10 each. The calendars would make a wonderful Christmas gift and support our community of St. Patrick’s.

 **O Antiphons during Advent**
 Next week begins the season of Advent, the four weeks leading to and preparing for Christmas. As we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ, each Sunday of Advent we will begin our Mass with a member of the choir singing the traditional O Antiphons.

Antiphons are short psalm verses or sentences from Holy Scripture. The O Antiphons are the seven antiphons traditionally chanted during Evening Prayer. In the Roman tradition they are sung from December 17th to 23rd. Each O Antiphon begins with a name of Christ taken from Scripture. They express the Church’s longing and expectation for the coming Messiah.

O Sapientia (O Wisdom)
 O Adonai (O Lord)
 O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)
 O Clavis David (O Key of David)
 O Oriens (O Rising Sun)
 O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) and
 O Emmanuel (God is with us).

The ordering of these antiphons is purposeful. Starting with the last O Antiphon and taking the first letter of each, the Latin words ***ero cras*** are formed meaning ***Tomorrow I will be there.*** This is the Good News of the Advent Season. The O Antiphons remind us of the joyful conclusion of our Advent preparation.

Children's Liturgy - Everyone welcome!
 We invite all our young people, yes even their parents, to come downstairs during the Mass, to listen to the Word of God with us. Children's Liturgy offers a more easily understood version of the readings and Gospel for our young people to help them grow deeper in their Faith and knowledge of God. Please join us.
Also, be sure to pick up a Children's Bulletin, located below the regular bulletin at the entrance to the Church. The Children's Bulletin gives our youth a fun and engaging way to learn more about the teachings of the Church.

First Reconciliation (Confession)
First Communion (Holy Eucharist)
 Please keep in your prayers our 3 young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

The Annual Homeless Memorial Service will be held at St. Patrick’s Church, Halifax, on December 20th at 10:30 am. All are welcome to a luncheon reception which will follow the service.

Notice to Lectors/Prayers of the Faithful A limited quantity of 2020 Year A Workbook for Lectors are now available in the Sacristy.