

St. Patrick's Parish

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Mission Statement

St. Patrick's Parish is a welcoming faith community, nourished by Prayer, Word and Sacrament. It is committed to living out the Gospel message of Love and Service to all God's people.

TWENTIETH-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPT. 11, 2016
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPT. 18, 2016

St. Patrick's Convent/School Closing

On January 10th, 1856, four Presentation Sisters came from the Community at Cathedral Square in St. John's to establish a Convent at Riverhead, in the West End. Sr. Mary Clare Waldron was appointed Superior. The next day, Father Kieran Walsh celebrated Mass in the Convent Chapel. This house was cold and damp, so in March 1880, the Foundation Stone was laid for a new building to better serve the needs of the Sisters and their charges. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 8, 1882, Bishop Thomas Joseph Power solemnly blessed the new St. Patrick's Convent and celebrated the first Mass in its Chapel.

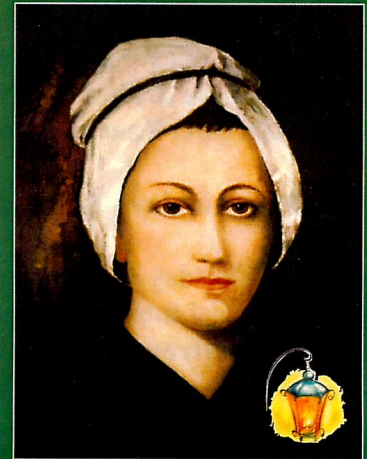
In the beginning, the Sisters taught both boys and girls in their school. However, St. Patrick's eventually became an all girls' school. The enrolment increased steadily and, 65 years after the Sisters opened their first school, a new school was opened. In 1921 a new St. Patrick's Convent School, erected as a Memorial to the men of the Parish who died in WWI, opened on Deanery Avenue. By the 1950s, it was realized that the current buildings were unable to adequately meet increasing educational needs. On October 2nd, 1953, His Grace Most Reverend Patrick James Skinner blessed the cornerstone of the new St. Patrick's School on Patrick Street. On January 4th, 1954, Archbishop Skinner celebrated Mass on the main corridor of the new school and blessed the building.

St. Patrick's Convent School closed its doors for the last time in 1999. The building is now a private school. (Lakecrest)

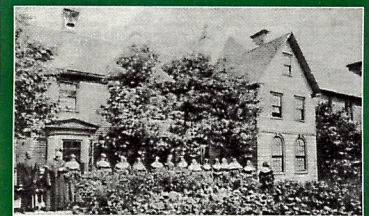
The Presentation Sisters remained a presence in St. Patrick's Parish which was opened in 1882 and remains their home until 2016.

IN THANKSGIVING – PRESENTATION SISTERS

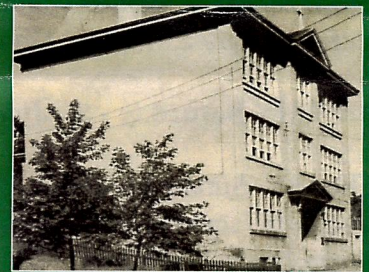
It is with sincere gratitude that we extend our thanks to the Presentation Sisters for their faithful presence in our parish for the past 160 years. It is a rich part of the history of our community. Although the convent building will officially close, the treasure of faith that was instilled by the Sisters will remain strong and deeply rooted. As we give thanks, we remember all Sisters who have completed their earthly journey and we pray that the spirit of Nano Nagle will continue to bless the Sisters today and guide us all in our efforts to serve Christ in our world.



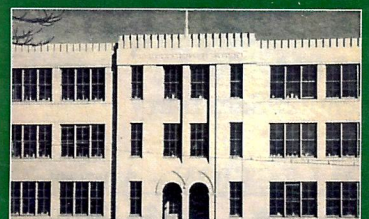
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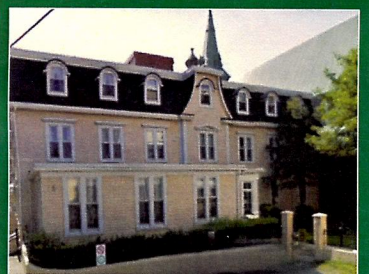
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CONVENT/SCHOOL 1856



ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT SCHOOL
DEANERY AVENUE 1921



ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT
SCHOOL 1954



ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT 2016