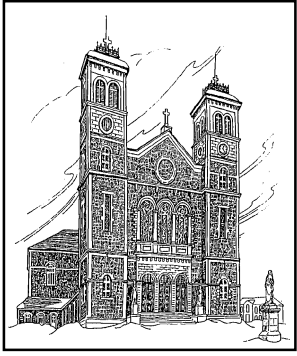


Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

200 Military Road, St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 2E8



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MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Basilica-Cathedral Parish of St. John the Baptist is the furtherance of the Church's mission of salvation, as a community of Christian people worshipping the Lord together, proclaiming the word and responding to human needs. We acknowledge the common priesthood of all baptized, wherein all members of our faith community are called to share in the ministries that serve the Church's mission.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT – DECEMBER 4, 2016

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday, December 14th after the 9:30 am. Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Music Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 pm. New singers & instrumentalists welcome.

Sacrament of Baptism: Once a month, except during Lent & Advent. Baptism Preparation must be completed before the Sacrament is celebrated.

Sacrament of Marriage: At least six months notice must be given.

Mass at Bonaventure Retirement Home: Third Thursday of each month

Prayer.... We ask that you remember the sick of our parish... Bernadine Brake, Gerard Carey, Joan Doyle, Rose Phillips. ***Lord, comfort them in their time of sickness and bless those who care for them.*** If you would like to have a friend / family member named in the Bulletin & remembered at our Eucharistic celebrations please call the Office (754-2170) by Wednesday noon.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION – 7:00 P.M.

Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Military Road – Tuesday, December 13th

St. Pius X, Smithville Crescent – Wednesday, December 14th

St. Patrick's, Patrick Street – Monday, December 19th

St. Teresa's, Mundy Pond Road – Tuesday, December 20th

Corpus Christi, Waterford Bridge Road – Wednesday, December 21st

>>> St. Peter's Parish Advent Festival ... The choir of the Parish will be presenting an evening of carols and scripture readings on **Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm.** in the Church. Family admission is a gift donation to the Adopt a Family Project or a donation to the Christmas Food Hampers. There will be a reception in the Kelly Center following the event.

... Mary Queen of the World Parish – 24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You are invited to spend an hour with Jesus from 9:30 am., December 8th to 10:00 am., December 9th. We pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Strategic Planning Committee deliberations.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT – DECEMBER 4, 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10 ... With righteousness he shall judge the poor.

2nd Reading: Romans 15.4-9 ... Christ has saved all people.

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12 ... Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, Isaiah's vision of God's peace in the first reading, Paul's call to harmony in the second reading, and John's challenge to "reform our lives" in the Gospel provide a perfect opportunity for us to examine where God's reign is yet to be fulfilled in our lives and in our world. Isaiah looks to the future to "that day" when God will restore and renew his people and harmony will be restored to creation. St. Paul prays that the Romans will "think in harmony", being truly concerned for one another. There will be an abundance of food, of understanding and wisdom. The poor and the needy will be rescued and cared for, the oppressed will be made safe and healed, justice and mercy will reign, righteousness and equity will be the order of the day. John the Baptist, reminiscent of ancient Israel's great prophets like Elijah, calls us to "prepare the way of the Lord". As a forerunner of the Messiah, his words call us to repentance. He challenges us to "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance". To respond wholeheartedly to his message, we must acknowledge our sins and open ourselves to God's gifts of mercy. There is much talk of achieving "balance" these days. As we reflect on our readings, we ask ourselves: Is there somewhere in my life that harmony needs to be restored? What "good fruit" do I produce to help others? Paul's prayer for our new year and for every new day is that the God of hope fill us with joy and peace in believing that we have a relationship with God that can transform our lives, and by transforming our lives, transform the lives of others.

**** RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults **** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's way of extending a friendly invitation to people who feel the desire to know more about Christianity in the Catholic Tradition. How can you, the parish community, become involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? The parish community has an important responsibility in the process of initiation. The community of the faithful should be ready to greet and respond to those who wish to ask questions and tell their stories; understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized; be prepared to give help to those who are searching for Jesus Christ; and be present whenever possible and take an active part in the responses, prayers, singing and acclamations. Any adults seeking to become a Catholic initiated into the community by the community. Are you interested or do you know of anyone thinking about becoming a Catholic? Contact the Basilica Parish at 754-2170 or email: basilica@rcsj.org

At present, we have one person who has completed the inquiry stage and he is asking to be welcomed as a candidate for full Communion at the 5:00 pm. Liturgy, also at the 11:00 am. Liturgy. We have one child who has asked to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

<>>< CHRISTMAS HAMPERS ><<> Each year the Basilica Parish distributes Christmas Hampers to the less fortunate in our community you have demonstrated, in the past, a genuine, Christmas spirit of sharing for the needy. Once again, you have an opportunity to contribute to this worthy, charitable cause by providing a monetary offering. Envelopes are provided at the entrances to the Basilica for your contribution. Income tax receipts will be issued for your donation. Thank you for your continued support.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ANNUAL ADVENT TEAS will be held after the 9:30 am. Mass on Thursday, December 8th and Thursday, December 15th.

****READERS and GIFT BEARERS SCHEDULES are ready in the Parish Room to be picked up.**

***** THANK YOU ...** The Catholic Women's League, Basilica Council, appreciates the support of its members, friends and parishioners to our ticket sale on the beautiful quilt. We are pleased to inform you that we are contributing \$1,000.00 to the parish Christmas Hampers. The winning number 0903, won by Dianne O'Mara. *"May our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you all"*.

...Another Successful Parish Event ... The Basilica Parish would like to offer a sincere thank you to all our parishioners and friends who supported last week's Turkey/Jiggs Dinner. The sold-out dinner speaks to the wonderful sense of community that is alive and well in our parish. We are grateful also to the Knights of Columbus, Terra Nova Council 1452, under the leadership of Grand Knight, Pat Hayward, who supported this dinner and continually supports many of our Parish events. Thank you, too to the band, Kilmainham, and Father Jerome for their great musical entertainment. Congratulations to Marie Slade who won the 50/50 draw. The net profit for the Dinner was \$2,326.72.

<> CHRISTMAS FLOWERS <>>< To decorate the Basilica for Christmas Liturgies we shall again be using red and white poinsettias and greenery. If you wish to make a contribution to the decoration, you may leave your donation at the Parish Office or put it in with your Sunday offering. **For your convenience we have provided envelopes marked "Basilica Flower Fund" at the entrances to the Basilica. Thank you.**

<>>< LIGHTS OF LOVE >< <> Again this year the Basilica Parish is holding a special project during the Christmas Season called the Lights of Love. Lights adorn a tree on the Basilica grounds and remain lit until the end of the Christmas Season. You can remember a loved one by making a donation to have a bulb lit in their memory. There will be a special prayer in the Intercessions at the Mass on Christmas Day, and we will place your loved one's name in a book, which will be on display in the Basilica until the end of the Christmas Season. Gift cards for Lights of Love are available in the Basilica and the Parish Office. The tree will be lit on December 1st.

Away In A Manger – Nativity scenes from around the world December 3-23, everyday from 1:00-4:00 pm., and evenings by request, Basilica Museum (immediately west of the Basilica). Please call to book a visit if you are bringing a large group. Admission: A gift for a needy child. (you can leave gifts under our tree) For more information please contact Rene Estrada at 726-3660, ext. 223 / restrada@rcsj.org or Anne Walsh at 726-3660, ext. 233, / awalsh@rcsj.org.

CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS ... In an effort to reach out to those in need during the Christmas season, I am asking parishioners and friends of the Basilica Parish to buy some Christmas cards for the men in Her Majesty's Penitentiary. There are 180 men at the prison. Cards may be placed in a basket at the back of the church. Let's help the men connect with their loved ones during the Christmas season. Deadline for cards is December 11th. Thank you for your generosity towards this project. *Sister Margie Taylor*, RSM, Pastoral Care Minister, HMP

VIGIL TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED BY SUICIDE ... Sunday, December 11th, 3:00 pm., St. Patrick's Church, Patrick Street. Parking available in Convent Square and church parking lot on Patrick Street. This annual vigil is held to remember those who died by suicide and to support family and friends who are survivors of suicide loss. Gather in music, poems, prayers and candle lighting. Everyone is invited to bring a framed photograph of their loved one to be displayed during the vigil. Music by: Shelley Neville, Peter Halley, Dan Dillon & Randy Crane. Please feel free to bring along cookies/cake for tea following the vigil. All are welcome! For additional information please contact: Kim 864-8101, 691-8978 or kakelly@mun.ca; Tina at 726-4223 or tgdavies99@gmail.com.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE ... Thank you for your ongoing commitment and for rallying to the cause of the world's most vulnerable people. When we act together, change is possible! Join a dynamic cross-Canada movement that is taking action for global peace and justice. Become a member of Development and Peace today! Without you, there would be no action, no change, no justice. For more information, go to devp.org/membership.

Remember that when you leave this earth you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given.” (St. Francis of Assisi)

WHEN YOU DO YOUR ESTATE PLANNING, PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR CHURCH.

COLLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY, November 27, 2016

Offertory ... \$5,900.80; Dues ... \$798; Assessment ... \$20; Advent ... \$796

Acknowledged with many thanks. Your continued support of the Basilica Parish is greatly appreciated.

... **DID YOU KNOW?** ... that if you attend weekend Mass at a church other than your own Parish Church and use your parish envelope for your weekly offering, that offering will be returned to your own Parish.

**Bingo! Knights of Columbus - St. Clare Avenue every Wednesday and Sunday
Cowan Plaza – Corner of Topsail Road and Burgeo Street – Seven nights a week**

... **Advent Reflection Invitation:** In the light of the recent Encyclical of Pope Francis on science and theology and of the New Cosmology, we invite you to CELEBRATE EVENING PRAYER with us on the 4 Sundays of Advent beginning on Sunday, November 27th at Presentation Sisters Retreat House, Virginia Water, 47 Parsonage Drive, 4:00-5:00 pm. Presider: Gerard Whitty. To register call 754-1582. A free will offering to the Retreat House will be gratefully accepted.

>>> **Grieving: Coping with the Holidays ...** Eastern Health's Pastoral Care & Ethics Dept. invites people who are spending their first couple of Christmas seasons without a loved one to attend "Grieving: Coping with the Holidays". During this presentation, we discuss practical ideas and suggestions which can help people deal with their grief and face the memories and feelings that Christmas may bring. You are welcome to attend one of two timeslots: Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7:30 pm. or Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2:30 pm., both in HSC Auditorium. This session is also helpful if you are assisting others, including children, who are also grieving. No registration necessary, but you're welcome to call Rev. Dr. Jacintha Penney or Paul Grimes at 777-8940 if you have any questions.

>><< **RAFFLE ...** There will be a raffle of turkeys and hams in the hospitality room and entry to Mary Queen of Peace Church on Torbay Road on December 10th from 1-3 pm. sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Come along and try for your Christmas dinner.

*****VOCATIONS EVENING ...** The Vocation Committee is inviting anyone interested in praying for vocations to the Priesthood or Religious Life to join us for an hour of prayer. The service will be held at Corpus Christi Church on Waterford Bridge Road – Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for us to have a special time of prayer for our local Church. In particular, we invite anyone considering the possibility of a vocation to Priesthood or Religious Life to be present.

<<< **Centre for Life ...** The Centre has a beautiful commemorative WWI poster with coin and stamp embellishments on tickets. Draw will take place on December 16th. This would make a great Christmas gift especially this 100th anniversary of Beaumont Hamel. Tickets are \$2 each. For more information contact centreforlife@centreforlive.ca.

<><> **Growing In Faith: Sessions for adults exploring faith.** Offered by the Archdiocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation. **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 – ADVENT RETREAT, Basilica Museum in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre.** To cover expenses, a nominal fee of \$5 is suggested. Who should come? Any adult age 19 or above who has a desire to learn more about faith, share ideas and insights with others, and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church. To register call MaryLou Sweetapple at 726-3660, ext. 280. ALL ARE WELCOME!

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR PUBLISHED BULLETIN ...

Prayer For Our Parish... O God, you have made us the Church of your Son. Make our parish a family of one heart and one mind in love toward you. Grant that our common life and witness may be an example to all about us. Guide our pastor and his assistants in their ministry. Listen to the prayers of John the Baptist, our patron, and keep us secure in your love. Teach us to reach out to other parishes less fortunate. Give us a great love for all the Church, for our Holy Father, for our bishop, and all those who serve. Help us to be a haven of joy and peace within the human family. Bring us all together to life eternal. **Amen**

MONDAY/TUESDAY MASS(ES) CELEBRATED: **St. Patrick's:** Monday 9:30 am., Tuesday 7:00 pm.; **St. Pius X:** Monday & Tuesday 9:30 am. and 7:30 pm.; **Corpus Christi:** Tuesday 7:00 pm.; **St. Teresa's:** Monday 7:00 pm., Tuesday 8:00 am.; **Mary Queen of Peace:** Tuesday 9:30 am.

WELCOME ALL VISITORS ...We extend a warm and cordial welcome to all visitors to our historic Parish and city. We hope you enjoy the warm hospitality of the Newfoundland and Labrador people and that your stay will be met with many blessings.

CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST ... If you are a teenager or a young adult who wishes to be Confirmed or celebrate first Eucharist please call the Catechetical Office at the Basilica 754-2170, ext. 256.

THE CATECHETICAL OFFICE at the Basilica provides parents with the resources to form their children in faith and prepare them to celebrate the sacraments. This process has two foci, namely, the home and the parish. This year we will provide some materials for families to use at home. We will invite families to get involved in the various liturgical ministries at the Sunday liturgy, namely, present the gifts of bread and wine, prepare the altar, carry cross and candles and proclaim the readings. The catechetical formation at the Basilica will also emphasize the liturgical year, especially the seasons of Advent, Christmas—Epiphany as well as Lent-Easter-Pentecost because they are extremely important for faith formation. This year we will celebrate a rite of welcome for children and families who are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and first Eucharist. Part of this celebration will be to present the child with a copy of the lectionary because the Word of God is very important in the faith formation of every Christian. If you would like to enroll your child in this process of preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, please email me at Gerard.whitty@nl.rogers.com or call the Basilica office at 754-2170.

***** BASILICA & PARISH OFFICE OPENING/CLOSING TIMES**

The Basilica is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am. – 4:00 pm.; Saturday 8:00 am. until after the 5:00 pm. Mass; and 8:00 am. – 12:30 pm. on Sunday. The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 9:00 am. to 4:30 pm. – closed for lunch 12 Noon to 1 pm. daily. Guided tours of the Basilica and the Basilica Museum are available upon request by contacting Mr. Rene Estrada at 726-3660, etc. 223 or restrada@rcsj.org.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE BASILICA PARISH basilica@rcsj.org

COMMUNION TO THE SICK ... The Basilica Parish is in the process of rejuvenating our Ministry of Communion to the Sick. We have an aging population in our Parish. We are receiving more and more calls from Parishioners who can no longer get out to Sunday liturgy and would like to have the Eucharist brought to them. We would sincerely like to be able to fulfil their request. To accomplish this, we need parishioners who are willing to sign up for this Ministry. It is also suggested that family members or relatives may also be able to bring Communion to their sick or elderly loved ones. Of course, the Parish will provide training in this area. If you are able to contribute to this vital Ministry, please call Anne at the Parish Office, 754-2170.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: I need your help to appoint two new members to the Finance Committee. It is for a 3 year term, but can be extended for another term. If you know of anyone, or if you have knowledge of finances, please let me know. A CA would be helpful on the committee but not necessary. I hope you will be able to give me the names of some people I can approach. **Thank You.** *Father Jerome*

Your help is needed to ensure that our church has beautiful flowers – especially for the major festal seasons of Christmas and Easter. We have set up a *‘flower fund’* in which you are invited to participate.

Our hope is that this will minimize the expense to the parish, and at the same time ensure that the glad tidings of Christmas continue to be evident in the flowers and decoration from Christmas Eve until the Feast of the Baptism - and that the festive joy of the ‘Great Fifty Days’ of Easter will be apparent in our Easter flowers from the Easter Vigil until Pentecost.

We ask that you place your donations in an envelope marked ‘Flowers’ and place it in the collection. You are also invited to make your donation in memory of a loved one. Their names will be included from time to time in the bulletin. We have made envelopes available for you on the tables at the entrances to the Church.

... We would like to get to know you! If you would like to become a registered member of the Basilica Parish please complete a Parish Census Form. The forms are available on the tables at the entrances to the Basilica or can be picked up at the Parish Office. When completed the form can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in with the Sunday collection.

Are you looking for a gift for a special relative this Christmas? Why not give them the **Sacred Heart Messenger**? The Messenger will be sent to them by mail every month for a year and they will be continuing devotion to the Sacred Heart. For more information please call 685-2208.

...The CBS Celtic Harp Circle and St. Peter’s Anglican Church present a Celtic Harp Concert on Sunday , December 4th, 7:00 pm., St. Peter’s Anglican Church, Upper Gullies. Special guests: Harpist, Ed Kavanagh, and the Anchorman’s Chorus. Tickets: \$10 plus a food bank donation for the CBS Food Bank. Donations above \$10 will be receipted for tax purposes. For tickets please contact 744-2648. All are welcome.

--- Holy Heart High School proudly presents *“Music to Warm your Heart”*. A concert featuring performances by the schools instrumental and choral ensembles, Monday, December 5th, 7 pm., Holy Heart Theatre. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 student/senior or \$25 for a family of 4 and can be purchased at the door. Come start the holiday season with Holy Heart!

*****St. John's Choir Christmas Concert "Noel, Noel"**, St. James United Church (330 Elizabeth Ave.), Sunday, Dec. 11th, 7:30 pm. The Choir is conducted by Stephen Candow & accompanied by Philp Roberts. Come and join the Choir for an evening of Christmas song, both old and new. Tickets \$15, available from choir members, Paulette 747-4760 or at the door. Hope to see you there!

/// Topsail United Church Men's Club Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 10th, 8 – 11 am. Usual Great Menu. Cost \$8 adults & \$4 kids under 12. Pictures with Santa, face painting and colouring. All are welcome.

<<> The Coastal Sounds Choir Assoc. presents their 9th Annual Holiday Concert featuring the Coastal Sounds Community Choir, the Aurora Women's Choir and the 4th Annual Christmas Cantata Project, with special guests: the St. Peter's Anglican Church Junior Choir on Saturday, December 10th, 7:30 pm., All Saints Anglican Church in Foxtrap. Tickets \$25 (\$20 student/senior) are available online at 9thannualholidayconcert.eventbrite.ca or at Taylor's Fish Market in CBS, or from Choir Members. Please help support our local food bank as well with a non-perishable food donation.

... Wesley Church will hold its annual Christmas Communion on Saturday, December 17th, 2 pm. Refreshments will follow. Anybody desiring transportation to and from this event should contact the Church Office well in advance at 579-3682. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

>< Cantus Vocum Chamber Choir presents *Night Before Christmas* on Sunday, December 18^h, 4 pm., Wesley United Church, Patrick Street. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season to relax in the festive atmosphere of Wesley Church for an afternoon of Christmas songs and carols. Cantus Vocum style. Hear the inimitable Karl Wells bring to life Charles Dickens' beloved "Christmas Carol" as "clutching, covetous old sinner" Ebenezer Scrooge is transformed into "as good a man as the good old city knew" through the power of Christmas. Tickets: \$20/15 from choir members or at the door. Further information: www.cantusvocum.com. Follow us on Twitter: Like us on Facebook.

... RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE GROUP OFFERINGS (formerly The Family Life Bureau) Please go to www.rcsj.org for more information: The Parenting Children Course; Co-parenting for Separated Parents: Stress Management; Anger Management for Men; Anger Management for Women; Bereavement Information and Support Program; Support Group for End of Relationship, Separation & Divorce; Self-Empowerment for Women; Living a Passionate Life in Challenging Times. (Please Note: Ruah Counselling Centre, 35 Barnes Road (The Lantern). Individual, couple and family counselling available. To register, or for further details, visit <http://rcsj.org/content/line-registration-form>, call 579-0168, or email: ruah@rcsj.org.

<< Matthew 25 Outreach Inc. – Christmas Project for the Orphans of Kenya, Africa. We plan on giving each orphan footwear, socks and a TShirt. The suggested donation is \$25 for each child. You can send your donation via e-mail to matthew25outreach@hotmail.com or for more information you can call Margie Stead at 709-746-6492.

... Are you concerned about OVEREATING? Researchers at MUN are looking for men and women ages 19 and over who struggle with overeating to take part in a study to help people stop overeating. As part of this study, you will be provided with information and strategies aimed to decrease overeating and improve well-being. For more information, or to find out if you are eligible to take part, email munstopovereating@gmail.com.

***** Women to Women Empowering Leadership** is a unique career development opportunity for professional women of all ages, presented and lead by some of the strongest, and most accomplished women leaders in our province. You will participate in research-based presentations on *Understanding Yourself as a Leader*, *Navigating the Labyrinth of Leadership*, and *Understanding Yourself as a Change Agent*. Each session also features an insightful story-sharing experience in which an accomplished woman shares her own leadership story with the intent of supporting other women who have an interest in developing their own leadership potential and aspirations. For detailed information and to register please visit www.w2nl.ca.

GROWING IN FAITH SERIES 2016-2017 ...

Saturday, December 17: Advent Retreat

Saturday, January 21, 2017: Laudato Si – Care for our Common Home – Part I

Saturday, February 18, 2017: Laudato Si – Care for our Common Home – Part II

Saturday, March 18, 2017: Roots and Wings: Exploring our Irish Roots and Celtic Christian Spirituality

Saturday April 8, 2017: Lenten Retreat

Saturday, May 13, 2017: Mary: First Among Disciples , A Look at Mary and Marian Devotion Today

Saturday, June 17, 2017: Finding balance in life: Does the Church offer any help with this?

All are welcome to the sessions, and people can avail of just one session, or a number of them, or all of them, if they wish. Sessions are held in the Basilica Museum in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre. To cover expenses, a nominal fee of \$5 is suggested. To register call MaryLou Sweetapple at 726-3660, ext. 280.

ALL SESSIONS ... 9:00 AM. – 12:00 NOON

***/*/ INNER HEALING MINISTRY:** Do you feel that life is getting you down? Do you need to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Would you like to come to worship, praise and prayer on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. - Wesley Church basement. For more info call Roger Maunder at 895-3499 or just drop by. This is opened to all walks of life ... come as you are!

/... Grief and Bereavement Spousal Support Group .. Tuesday nights (beginning November 29th) 7:00-8:30 pm., St. Peter's Hall at Upper Gullies.

?? Thinking of Volunteering ?? If you have two hours to spare during the week, your service would be greatly appreciated at St. Patrick's Mercy Home. Volunteers are required between 10 am. and Noon, Monday through Friday to porter residents to and from the Chapel.

<<> YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES ... There are many opportunities in our Archdiocese for you to get involved with the church, learn more about their faith and meet other young people. Youth groups, youth conferences, evenings of prayer, bible studies, catechesis, social events like movies, bowling, games, and opportunities to volunteer – just to name a few!

There are currently activities for youth grades 6-12, and this year we will be adding some events specifically for youth in grades 4-6, as well as adults who are interested in getting involved with youth ministry. If you would like to be added to our upcoming event mailing list, or if you would like to get involved, please contact Sara at sara_broderick@yahoo.com.

***/* Life and Light Campaign** As a response to St. John Paul II's warning against the "culture of death" and the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on Euthanasia, join the Life & Light Campaign to pray for the prevention of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide and the end to Abortion in Canada. Every Friday, 7:00 pm., followed immediately by Holy Hour (with Rosary), Corpus Christi Church, 260 Waterford Bridge Road. Please come join us in prayer.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES, October 8-17, 2017 ... there will be a 100th anniversary pilgrimage to Fatima led by Father Cecil Critch and will include visits to shrines in Barcelona and Lourdes. Highlights include – Barcelona-La Sagrada Familia, Marian Shrine of Montserrat, Carcassone, Lourdes, Grotto of Massabielle, Cathedral of Burgos, Monastery of Santa Maria Real de las Huelgas, Fatima, Aljustrel, Santarem. An information meeting will be held at St. Edward Parish Hall, Kelligrews, December 7th at 7 pm. and at St. Bonaventure's College, Bonaventure Avenue, December 8th at 7 pm. for details call Colleen Williams at Harvey's Travel at Pearlgate Mall 747-5018 / cwilliams@harveysttravel-cwt.com.

... **Spousal Grief and Bereavement Support Group** - supported by Eastern Health and Daffodil Place - meets on Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm., Daffodil Place, 70 Ropewalk Lane. If you are experiencing grief due to the death of your spouse, please join us at this time. This support group provides an opportunity for individuals to meet and discuss the loss of your spouse; provide support to each other; and share information that may help during the grieving process.

√√√ **May 5-15... Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE and PORTUGAL, with Fr. Robert Savoie for the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.** A not-to-be-missed experience of a lifetime! Cost \$2895 (+ airport taxes security, fuel surcharges \$650) and includes return airfare from Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodations, daily breakfast & dinner, tours per itinerary, professional English speaking local guides, all entrance fees to places of interest. **Due to the already very limited seats a deposit of \$1,500 is now required to reserve.** Info: Hector & Cecile Caissie (506) 857-2295 or hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca.

... **Wesley Church Healthy Lifestyles** ... weekly Fall sessions as follows: 9:15-9:30 – Walking, 9:30-10:30 – Exercise (same schedule on Thursdays); 2:00-4:00 – Social Bridge. For further information phone 368-0434.

*** **MEN, WOMEN & YOUTH** are invited to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital and/or the L.A. Miller Centre. There is a schedule and you would serve at least every fourth Sunday. You will need to be registered with the Eastern Health volunteer service - to register please contact Debbie Oakley 777-6959 or debbie.oakley@easternhealth.ca. You may contact Sr. Diane Smyth 777-5470 for more information.

AVAILABLE a limited number of the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis "**Amoris Laetitia**" *The Joy of Love*, at our religious articles store and at the Parish Office \$12 each.

*** **St. Clare's Mercy Hospital Auxiliary** has openings for day time volunteers in their Gift Shop. If you have a few hours a week that you are willing to offer providing customer service to our patients and visitors please call Volunteer Resources at 777-5539 for further information.

*** **Welcome to New Immigrants** ... Are you a new immigrant to Canada or new to St. John's? Would you like to be connected to a larger Multicultural Catholic Association? Please contact Celia Quadjovie @ 763-5757 or email mcca.diversity@gmail.com. or if you want to talk to a Multicultural Catholic Priest call 689-9647.

NEW WEBSITE ... The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's is proud to launch our newly redesigned website, www.rcsj.org the updated site includes changes to navigation, with menus that can now be viewed with the same design features on any type of screen, whether it is a desktop, laptop, or mobile device. We will be constantly updating our content with helpful information, such as articles, blogs, newsletters, and bulletin announcements, along with services that we provide. We hope you find the new website fresh and modern.

➤➤➤**If** you are a student, staff or faculty at the College of the North Atlantic, this is for you. CNA approached the chaplains at MUN to see if we could spend some time at CNA and we jumped at the chance! Details aren't worked out yet. In the meantime your Catholic Chaplain is me - Father J. Mroz, SJ. I live t St. Pius X with my brother Jesuits. My phone number is 743-0458 and my email is ej_mroz@yahoo.ca. I've started a facebook group called CNA Catholic Community. Let's get something great going!

... **Monthly French Mass** – celebrated the third Sunday of each month, 1 pm., Basilica Marian Chapel. Mass will be celebrated on November 20th. Access to the Marian Chapel may be gained behind by St. Bon's. for details please contact Celia at infomfsjnl@gmail.com or 709-763-5757.

*** **Have 2 hours to spare each week????** St. Patrick's Mercy Home is seeking volunteers to assist with chapel services, mainly portering residents to and from the chapel. The requirement is just 2 (two) hours per week between 10 am. and noon, Monday to Friday. Anyone who is interested or would like further information, please call Judy Cook at 753-8705. *Volunteering is a gift that you give and receive!*

*** **A Notice from the St. John's Hospital Chaplains to parishioners ...** A reminder for persons entering the St. John's Hospitals and who would like to see a chaplain during your stay ... make sure you or a family member tells the admitting clerk "I would like to see the chaplain during my time in hospital". You will then be asked your religious affiliation and will receive a visit from the chaplain within a day or two.

** **Seniors Resource Centre's "Friendly Visiting Program"** offers seniors a new and supportive friendship, a link to community programs and services, and regular visits from a volunteer. The Friendly Visiting Program coordinator matches a senior with a volunteer based on their shared interests. For information call Sharon at 737-2333, email: fvc@seniorsresource.ca or visit www.seniorsresource.ca

... **EMMAUS HOUSE** is in need of supermarket bags and twist ties. If you have any at home you may drop them off at Emmaus House, Monday to Friday 1-3 pm. or you may bring them to the Parish Office. Your support of the needy of our Parish is greatly appreciated.

** **Seniors Resource Centre's "Mall Walkers Club"** This program helps seniors increase their level of activity while having fun, making new friends, learning about healthy aging and connecting with programs and services of the Seniors Resource Centre NL. Volunteers walk with seniors and help to serve refreshments after their walk. For more information call Sharon at 737-2333 or visit www.seniorsresource.ca

** **On the occasion of the death of a loved one**, please consider a donation to our Heritage Foundation in memory of the deceased. Keep their memory alive in the restoration of our beautiful Basilica. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are available at the Funeral Homes and in the Basilica, or you can call the Parish Office at 754-2170. We still require approximately \$600,000 to meet our goal.

.. **DIRECT DEPOSIT** If you are interested in using the pre-authorized automatic withdrawal please call the Parish Office at 754-2170.

“Secure your vehicle while in Church” Over the past number of years many incidents of vandalism to parked cars have taken place on the Basilica grounds during Church services. As of late there has been an increase in vandalism. Please ensure that when parking your vehicle that there is nothing left visible, that everything is secure.

... **SCENT FREE!** ... In today’s society, in many public institutions, we see the sign “no perfumes/scents allowed” because people with allergies are often very severely affected by scents. We have recently received letters and phone calls asking that we strive to make our churches scent free. As a Church we care for the good of all so we ask your support and cooperation in our efforts to make the Basilica a scent free environment.

Stewardship Prayer *Creator God, at Baptism, we accepted the call to follow Jesus. Be with us as we move along on our faith journey. Send us your Holy Spirit, that we might have wisdom for the journey. Help us to develop and share our gifts as good stewards, that we may use them in love and service in your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*