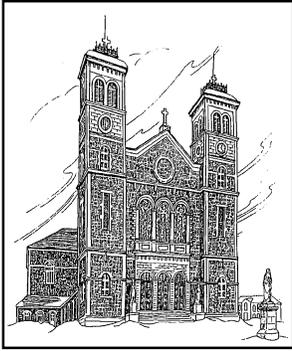


Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

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



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Secretary: Anne Carew

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Custodian: Brian Penney

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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.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

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

Weekday Mass: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass for one hour

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

Rosary: recited in the Basilica one half hour before weekday Mass.

Music Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 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.

Weddings Congratulations --- Matthew and Sherry Lynn

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, Rose Phillips, David Fleming, Mary Rice, Carmel King, Theresa Bruce. 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 by Wednesday noon.

Funeral We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the late

ANDREA POWELL

May the Lord console you and grant eternal rest to the soul of your loved one.

Baptisms Allie Martina Ennis, Olivia-Rae Charmaine Littlejohn, Luke Felix Bambrick McDonald, Grant Christopher Picco

You have become a new creation and have clothed yourselves in Christ. May you always grow as children of the Light.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Today, the prophet, Sirach, urges us to forgive each other if we hope to be forgiven ourselves, and this message is reinforced in the gospel- that we are to forgive 'seventy-seven times'. And yet we know that we often look to revenge rather than forgiveness - to remembering the faults of those who hurt us - to making sure that our individual rights are not tampered with - even in our worship. Today more than ever, in a tenuous and fractured global political climate, we need to be attentive to the voices that cry out for healing, understanding, and forgiveness. How can we celebrate if we don't take this seriously? Today's readings call us to live as people who forgive one another's offences and who seek to bring about God's reign of peace.

Catechetical Formation for Confirmation and Holy Communion

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 the 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 participate fully 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 Gerard.whitty@nl.rogers.com or call the parish office at 754-2170 or email basilica@rcsj.org

 **CHOIR REHEARSALS - WEDNESDAYS, 7:00-9:00 P.M.** 

Are you a secret shower singer? Love to hum along to the CBW III? Come join our music ministry!! The choir is looking for new members for our 2017-2018 Season. We welcome singers of all ages and abilities – come join us for a rehearsal to see whether the music ministry might be a good fit for you. Come up to the choir room from 7-9 pm on Wednesdays, to see what it's all about or call Kiera at 754-2170, ext. 262.

All welcome!

In addition to supporting the singing at Sunday liturgy, the choir prepares an annual Advent Festival and enjoys seasonal parties!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The BCB's have approved the dates and functions for their Fall activities. Details of each function will be provided in the bulletin as we near the dates of the particular event.

OCTOBER 28TH: Bake Sale and 'special feature' sale

DECEMBER 7TH, 14th, & 21st Advent Teas **DECEMBER 7TH:** Advent by Candlelight

Welcome to the Basilica-Cathedral Parish of St. John the Baptist. Father Cecil and Father John, we hope you enjoy your time here and we look forward to taking part in ministry with you in the future.

COLLECTION for the Needs of the Church in Canada: *Why is there such a collection?*

Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese/eparchy by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton, has described this Collection as an invitation to “all the faithful to participate in the life and mission of the Church through their active involvement in the life of their parish community, their prayers, their diverse charisms, their moral support, and the contributions of their time and talents. The Collection for the Needs of the Church is an opportunity for Catholics to truly help their diocese/eparchy participate in the regional episcopal assemblies and the CCCB. Any additional revenue which is raised is used by the diocese/eparchy for its own pastoral programs and other activities.”

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend September 23/24, 2017. This annual charitable initiative furthers the collegiality and synodality of the Bishops ministry in leading, shepherding, teach, guiding, sanctifying and pastorally caring for all of God’s children, disciples of Christ in Canada.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY ON BELL ISLAND ... MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 4:40 PM., ST. MICHAEL’S PARISH, BELL ISLAND.

... Ovarian Cancer Exposed This conference will seek to enhance the knowledge and understanding of Ovarian Cancer. We invite you to join us as we EXPOSE the facts, risks, signs, and symptoms of Ovarian Cancer and discuss the importance of screening, genetics, coping, recurrence, relationships, and meditation. Please join us on Saturday, September 23rd at the Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University. To register visit www.med.mun.ca/exposium2017.

↔↔ Mercy-Presentation Speaker Forum 2017 is pleased to present composer and speaker Jan Novotka to address the topic: *Our Evolutionary Moment: Walking out of Ego into Essence*. The forum is scheduled for Friday, October 13 (7:00-9:00 pm.) and Saturday, October 14 (10:00 am.-12 Noon, 1:00 pm. - 3:00 pm.) at The Lantern, Barnes Road. Cost: \$15 per session or \$40 for all three sessions and lunch. To register please contact Marilyn at marilynstack@gmail.com.

... Matthew 25 Outreach Inc. Annual Walk supporting an orphanage and school in Kenya, **Sunday, October 1st, 2:00 pm., Mundy Pond.** Registration: 1pm.-2 pm., Mews Center! Refreshments and prize draws to follow. Every \$50.00 in pledges enters you in a draw for **\$300 in gift cards**. If you cannot attend please consider taking a pledge sheet or making a donation. Call Margie Stead at 746-6492.

THE CENTRE FOR LIFE will be having the **FALL FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS** at Columbus Hall, St. Clare Ave., **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 7:00 PM.** Entertainment, Finger Foods, Prizes, Ticket Draws. Single \$20; Double \$35. Limited Tickets available. Donations of any new items, gift cards, housewares, etc. gratefully accepted. Please call the office 579-1500 for tickets or if you have a donation towards our event. Come join us for an evening of entertainment in support of the Community Outreach of the Centre for Life.

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 ... September 10, 2017

Sunday Offertory ... \$5,962.20; Assessment ... \$211.; Dues ... \$376.

Acknowledged with many thanks.

Your continued support of the Basilica Parish is greatly appreciated.

.. DID YOU KNOW? ... 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**

.... **VOWR** will be holding its annual Radiothon Fundraiser on Saturday, September 30th, and Saturday, October 28th, from 7:30 am. to 5:00 pm. each day. VOWR volunteers will be on the air requesting financial pledges, with the proceeds going towards purchasing and upgrading broadcast equipment. All donations and pledges can be made by calling 579-9233; by mail to VOWR, P.O. Box 26006, St. John's, NL A1E 0A5; left in the drop box at the studio on Patrick Street; or via PayPal on the VOWR website (vowr.org). Receipts will be issued for all donations. If you are in the area of the station on Patrick Street on either Saturday, drop by with your donations and have a coffee on us.

.... **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Council 7405**, will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 19th in the meeting room of Mary Queen of Peace church on Torbay Road. Rosary begins at 7:30 pm. followed by the meeting. All Brother Knights are welcome. This meeting will include election and installation of officers.

.... **ST. PATRICK'S HALL ex-pupils Reception & Dinner** will be held on Friday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m., K of C Hall on St. Clare Ave. Tickets \$35.00, available from Jackman & Green. Come and share the memories.

*** **ANNUAL FLATROCK PILGRIMAGE ...** 13th Annual Flatrock Pilgrimage, September 30th from 11 am. to 3 pm. The processional walk with Our Lady's statue begins on the dirt road across from Boyley's Lane next to the wharf (this is a shorter walk). If unable to participate in the procession please join us at the Grotto at 11:30 am. Please contact Susan Rowe for more information 727-5809.

*** **PUBLIC LECTURE** sponsored by MERCY CENTRE FOR ECOLOGY AND JUSTICE, 101 Mount Scio Road, 722-0082 or email mcej@live.com. "Widening Our Vision in Spirituality, Sustainability and Earth Justice". Presenter: Heather Eaton, PhD. Monday, October 2, 7 pm., The Lantern on Barnes Road.

ATLANTIC CATECHETICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2017 ... "The Spirituality of the Catechist: Growing in Faith". Keynote speaker: Sr. Janet Schaeffler. Membertou Trade and Convention Center, Membertou (Sydney), Nova Scotia, October 20-22. For more information contact Debbie at 1-800-656-5311 or catecheticalconsultant@dioceseofantigonish.ca.

The Basilica has returned to its usual weekday closing time of 4:00 pm.

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**

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ... September 17, 2017 “Seek the Lord while He may be found” While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, sister or brother” if you think He may be offering you this grace, call Fr. Ken Walsh at 781-1696, Fr. Jeff Kolonel at 745-8183 or Fr. Ray Earle at 488-2525 or email: vocations@rcsj.org.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK ...

The Basilica Parish is trying to rejuvenate 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.

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 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.

***** 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.
NOTE: The Basilica has returned to its usual closing time of 4:00 pm. weekdays.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE BASILICA PARISH

basilica@rcsj.org

... 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.

... 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 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.

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.

*****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.

RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE located at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road. Fall group offerings: To register, visit: <http://rcsj.org/ruah-counselling-centre/group-registration> or call (709) 579-0168 or email ruah@rcsj.org. Individual, couple and family counselling available also.

>Co-Parenting for Separated Parents, Facilitator: Nicole Cooper, MSW,RSW, September 12-October 17, Tuesdays 7-9 pm. Fee: \$90;

>>Effective Communication, Facilitator Robyn Hamlyn, MC,CCC, September 13-November 1, Wednesdays 7-9 pm., Fee: \$120;

>>>Stress Management, Facilitator Jeff Parady, M.A.,M.Ed.(Couns.Psych)CCC, September 14-November 2, Thursdays 7-9 pm., Fee: \$120;

>>>>Bereavement Information & Support Program for Loss of Partner/Spouse, Facilitator Robyn Hamlyn, September 8-November 20, Mondays 10 am. - 12 Noon (No session on Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 9th & Remembrance Day, Nov. 11), Fee: \$120;

>>>>>When you See RED for Women, Facilitator Kim Oldford-Walters, M.Ed.(Couns.Psych),CCC, September 20-November 8, Wednesdays 11:20-2 pm. Fee: \$150;

>>>>>>Parenting Children Course, Facilitator Susan Smart, M.Ed.(Couns.Psych)CCC, October 24-December 5, Mondays 7-9 pm. (no session Oct. 31st), Fee: \$100 (includes course manual);

>>>>>>>Special Topic Series for Single Moms, October 16-November 27, Mondays 7-9 pm. (No session on the Remembrance Day holiday November 13), **FREE**

... THE CENTRE FOR LIFE offers free, confidential, professional pregnancy and post-abortion counselling. Please email counsellors@centreforlife.ca or call (709) 579-3818. Registration for the Fall senior's computer classes is ongoing over the summer. Please call (709) 579-1500 for more information.

CATECHETICAL SESSIONS FOR ADULTS - GROWING IN FAITH SERIES

Do you want to know more about your faith. Would you like to meet with other adults who seek to learn, explore and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ? The Archdiocese of St. John's offers monthly sessions, usually on the third Saturday of the month.

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. To register call MaryLou Sweetapple at 726-3660, ext. 280 or email: mlsweetapple@rcsj.org. To cover expenses, a nominal fee of \$5 is suggested.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

There are many opportunities in our Archdiocese for youth 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 from grade 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 or upcoming event mailing list, or if you would like to get involved, please contact Sara at sbroderick@rcsj.org.

<<< Diploma in Theology & Ministry at Queen's College

Do you thirst to know more about your faith? Are you searching for help in your prayer life? Do you hear a call to deepen your faith and do you have what it takes to answer? Do you seek a sound theological foundation for the ministry you offer in the Church?

The Diploma in Theology & Ministry is a lay formation program offered by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's and Queen's College. Interested? For more information talk to your parish priest or contact Anne Walsh at awalsh@rcsj.org.

***** Come "Awaken the Energy Within"** for more energy, wellness and joy with Wisdom Healing Qigong and T'ai Chi Chih Joy thru Movement sessions! Join us at Presentation Sisters Retreat House, Parsonage Drive for a Saturday Retreat or at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, for weekly daytime and evening classes September through to December. New and returning students welcome! For more details visit News Updates at www.taichichihnl.ca or contact Sheila at 727-7863 or sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca. You can also contact The Lantern at 753-8760.

.... CBS Harp Circle will be presenting a concert on Sunday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Parish Hall in Foxtrap. The concert will feature Nationally Acclaimed Celtic Harpist Alison Vardy from British Columbia. Also in attendance are the CBS Harp Circle, the International Gospel Choir, and All Saints Choir. Tickets \$20 available by calling 834-4301.

****// Wesley Church Healthy Lifestyles Programs** ... Healthy Lifestyles Activities will resume at Wesley Church as follows: Bridge begins September 12, 2-4 pm. and Exercise class begins September 19 at 9:30 am.

"Big Bang ex nihilo?" Dr. Adam Hincks PhD (Astrophysics, Princeton), SJ, will talk about science and faith, Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 7 pm., Bruneau Centre (IIC 2001) MUN. All are welcome to this free talk. Dr. Hincks was doing research on cosmology and the basic structures of the universe when he entered the Jesuits in 2009. He is currently studying theology at the Gregorian University in Rom. Dr. Hincks will also speak on Wednesday night to the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada about his scientific work - see their webpage <http://www.stjohnsrasc.ca/> for more information.

****Latin Mass** – Missa Cantata ... the Latin Mass is celebrated at St. Pius X Chapel, Smithville Crescent, Sundays at 5:15 pm.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND CHAPLAINCY MUN Catholic Chaplaincy is open for the new academic year. If you are at MUN, drop by UC 3006 and meet Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ. Daily Mass location to be determined. We have a Facebook page at MUN Catholic Community and my email is ej_mroz@yahoo.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.

CBS Band Group classes for ALL skill levels and ages. New and experienced players welcome. A full year of group instruction for just \$150 per person or \$250 per family. FREE instrument rental. Come give us a try at our Open House on Sept. 19th! Visit cbsband.ca for more info!

***/* Wesley Church Fish Luncheon & Card Game** ... Friday, September 22nd, 12:30 pm. Cod, salmon, dessert and coffee or tea will be served followed by Auction & Bridge. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling Pheobe at 726-1689 or Marvin at 579-7900.

“A CALL TO ARMS” Atlantic Light Theatre presents “A Call To Arms”, a Newfoundland musical by Petrina Bromley and Ged Blackmoe based on a true story of friendship, love, duty, and the enduring cost of one man’s sacrifice. September 29-30, 8 pm. at Holy Heart Theatre.

>>> **MOM’N TOTS AND NFP SUPPORT GROUP** Please come and join other Catholic mothers, our children, and those interested in practicing NFP for fellowship and support! We meet every Thursday in the St. John’s area. For more information, please contact Eleri Moore at Nlrcmom@outlook.com.

<<< **COUPLES FOR CHRIST - CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM** *“You are loved more than you will ever know”*. Do you want more? Join the Christian Life Program. When: October 13-15, 2017. Time: Friday, October 13 @ 6 pm.; Saturday, October 14 @ 8:30 am.; Sunday, October 15 @ 8:30 am. Where: St. Teresa’s Parish, 120 Mundy Pond Road. For more information, please contact Arman (709) 325-2059.

< **Living Well With Advanced Cancer** ... *Are you living with cancer?* Eastern Health invites you to attend an 8-week interactive support group designed to help those living with advanced cancer to reconnect with and sustain meaning in their lives. Co-facilitated by the Social Work Department of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and the Pastoral Care and Ethics Department of Eastern Health this program will start May 8th and will meet on Mondays from 2-4 pm. until June 26th at the Botanical Garden Field Centre, 306 Mount Scio Road (weeks 2,3 & 7 will meet Tuesday afternoon). For more information or to register please contact Paul Grimes at 777-7611 or Bill Haynes at 777-7990.

... **St. Clare’s Mercy Hospital Auxiliary** will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in the Fall of 2017. If you would be interested in attending their anniversary celebration please contact Michele at 777-5539 for more information.

St. Clare's Mercy Hospital Auxiliary has openings for **daytime** 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.

<< *“For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.”* (Rom. 7:18). If we don't seem able to control our harmful eating habits we may need help. If willpower is not enough, Overeaters Anonymous might be for you. For more info visit oanl.org or -709-738-1742.

>>> **2018 TOUR OF GREAT BRITAIN** Are you interested in seeing England, Wales and Scotland? We are promoting this 11 day tour, May 3-13, 2018, with direct flights to and from St. John's to London. This coach-tour, with a maximum of 40 participants will cover the English countryside from the Cotswolds Hills, with its quaint picturesque villages and hamlets, near Stratford up to Liverpool with tours from the Roman medieval-walled town of Chester into North Wales between the Welch coast and the Snowdonia Mountains. Then on to Scotland from Glasgow to historic Stirling ... travelling into the Scottish Highlands and Glens to Loch Ness with a stopover in Cairngorms National Park and eventually arriving at the final destination of Edinburgh. If you are interested in this tour or would like some further information, please contact either Father Jeff Kolonel at St. Kevin's Parish office (Goulds) at 745-8183 or Brian Bursey at 576-4551 or e-mail at bbbbursey@hotmail.com - a fully detailed tour information package is available through e-mail. Nearly half the spaces are already signed up, so, if you are interested, don't delay ... check it out as soon as possible.

Canadian Blood Services ... New donors are critical to meeting Canada's future blood needs. It can be challenging to collect blood leading into long weekends and holidays, such as Easter. Many people travel and are busy with family, yet the need for blood remains constant. Canadian Blood Services is now open on Saturdays from 9 am. – 1 pm. for your convenience. Visit blood.ca for information or to book an appointment.

--- **Volunteers** are a wonderful asset to Nursing Homes and greatly enhance the lives of residents. Volunteers welcomed in assisting with a variety of social activities for residents at The Agnes Pratt Home. Meal Time companion, recreation, friendly visiting, community companions and pastoral care. If interested please call Judy Cook, Coordinator Volunteer Resources, Longer Term Care St. John's at 752-8705 or email judy.cook@easternhealth.ca.

// **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!

... **Teaching People How to Pray?** Do you want to know how to pray? Call Roger at 895-3499.

/ **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.

... 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.

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

***** 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.

***** 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.

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.

***** 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

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

.... **Peter MacDonald Productions**, in it's 21st year of bringing quality community theatre to the stage, **presents the classic Broadway musical *Oliver!***

Consider yourself part of the family! Bringing Charles Dickens' beloved novel to life, Lionel Bart's "Oliver!" takes audiences on a wild adventure through Victorian England. Join young orphaned Oliver Twist (Ty Freda) as he navigates the London's underworld, searching for a home, and most importantly, for a family.

When Oliver is picked up on the street by a boy named the Artful Dodger (Jack Thistle), he is welcomed into a gang of child pickpockets led by the conniving, but charismatic, Fagin (Dan Lasby). Falsely accused of a theft he didn't commit, Oliver is rescued by a kind and wealthy gentleman, to the dismay of Fagin's violent sidekick, Bill Sykes (Scott Antle). Caught in the middle is the warm-hearted Nancy (Amy Wilson), who is trapped under Bill's thumb, but desperate to help Oliver, with tragic results.

With spirited, timeless songs like "As Long As He Needs Me", "Consider Yourself", "I'd Do Anything", "Food, Glorious Food", and "Where is Love", and a message of the redemptive power of love "Oliver" is a musical classic that you don't want to miss!

Direction by Peter MacDonald; Vocal Direction by Ronalda Hutton-MacDonald; Instrumental Direction by Dr. Valerie Long; Choreography by Mara Nofle

October 5th -- 7th, 2017, St. John's Arts & Culture Centre, 7:30 pm. For tickets call 729-3900 or buy online at artsandculturecentre.com.

**** 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.

"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.

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.*