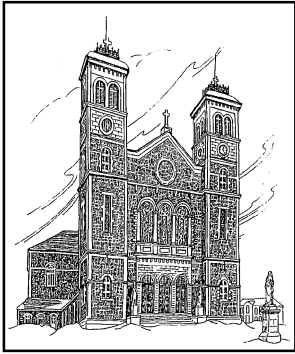


# ***Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist***

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



**Archbishop of St. John's: Most Reverend Martin W. Currie**

**Pastor: Father Cecil Critch, P.P., V.G.**

**Associate Pastor: Father John Costello**

**Secretary: Anne Carew**

**Music Director: Dr. Kiera Galway**

**Custodian: Brian Penney**

Parish Office: Tel. 754-2170 Fax: 754-5608 - open Monday - Friday 9-12 Noon; 1-4:30 pm.

E-mail [basilica@rcsj.org](mailto:basilica@rcsj.org)

Website: [www.thebasilica.ca](http://www.thebasilica.ca)

**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.

## **26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017**

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

**Weekday Mass: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday at 10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday & Thursday at 12:10 p.m.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after the 10:00 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.**

***Wedding .... Congratulations --- Matthew and Chantal***

**Mass at Bonaventure Retirement Home: Third Thursday of each month**

### ***PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ....***

>> Beginning this Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> the Basilica will be open every Sunday until 4:00 pm. This new closing time will give parishioners and friends an opportunity to stay after the 11 am. Mass or to come later in the afternoon, to pray and reflect on the Lord's day.

>> Beginning this Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> our new weekday Mass schedule will be: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday at 12:10 p.m.

***Prayer.... We ask that you remember the sick of our parish... Bernadine Brake, Gerard Carey, 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 by Wednesday noon.

***Funerals ....*** We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of the late  
**JAMES SHUTE, ELEANOR BURKE, BRIDGET FURLONG**  
*May the Lord console you and grant eternal rest to the soul of your loved one.*

## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- OCTOBER 1, 2017

Today's Gospel passage finds Jesus in Jerusalem - shortly after his triumphal entry to the city. The religious leaders are not happy with him proclaiming the kingdom of God in their seat of power and take every opportunity to challenge him. Today's story is easy to accept on the surface but when considered in the context of the time in which Jesus told it, the message was explosive. Jesus was saying that he found more openness to transformation in the Gentiles and sinners than he did among the chief priests and elders. Although Jesus was speaking to the religious leaders of that time, he is also speaking to us. The readings today remind us of the freedom we have to make choices. We are told that it is no good to pay lip service in God's kingdom - to preach one thing and do another ... no good to say 'here I am Lord' unless our actions follow our words. The readings also raise the question of passing judgment on people who are different than us, or whom we perceive as failures or sinners. Naturally we don't want to fall into the category of either judge or sinner, but there are times in our lives when we are one or the other. Jesus tells us today that all of us - saints and sinners - are loved and forgiven when we repent and turn to him. We are also loved when, like the second son in today's parable, our promises turn out to be empty ... as long as we turn again to the God who loves us unconditionally with all our human frailties.

**\*\*\* BAPTISM PREPARATION \*\*\*** The next Baptism Preparation will take place on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Room.** To register, please call the Parish Office at 754-2170 or visit our website - [www.thebasilica.ca](http://www.thebasilica.ca) as soon as possible before this date. We encourage expectant parents to register early in their pregnancy. This will allow you to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism shortly after the baby's birth. **The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated ONCE A MONTH ... except during Lent and Advent.**

<<< **"Canada Needs Our Lady"** There will be Rosary and Prayers at the corner of Bonaventure and Military Road, St. John's on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at **NOON.**

### **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](mailto:Gerard.whitty@nl.rogers.com) or call the parish office at 754-2170 or email [basilica@rcsj.org](mailto:basilica@rcsj.org)

**... 40 HOURS / 40 DAYS FOR LIFE - September 27-November 5, 2017,** LeMarchant Road/Campbell Avenue, 1:00-2:00 pm. daily, including Saturday and Sunday. Join us in prayer, fasting and Vigil for Life. Contacts: Colette 690-8503 or Carol 727-2172.

**\*\*\* PUBLIC LECTURE** sponsored by MERCY CENTRE FOR ECOLOGY AND JUSTICE, 101 Mount Scio Road, 722-0082 or email [mcej@live.com](mailto: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.

**READERS/GIFT BEARERS SCHEDULES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH ROOM**

**<<< BELVEDERE ORPHANAGE FUND ...** Each year the Board of Directors of the Belvedere Orphanage Fund makes available assistance from the Fund for female orphans/half-orphans who are in need. This year assistance is also available for male orphans/half-orphans. Conditions for assistance are: - the recipient may be a female or male orphan/half-orphan; - the recipient must be in need; - need is to be interpreted broadly and not confined to education; - the recipient must be 18 years or younger (persons beyond 19<sup>th</sup> birthday are ineligible); applications must be made through a member of a religious congregation or a parish priest; verification that she/he is a needy orphan-half orphan. If you think you may qualify for this assistance please contact the parish office at 754-2170 by October 9.

... **Matthew 25 Outreach Inc. Annual Walk** supporting an orphanage and school in Kenya, Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Catholic Chaplaincy and CCO at Memorial University** would like to invite you to an inspiring evening of music and prayer with university students. The Summit is an evening of Eucharistic adoration with a short reflection and time for prayer with music on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm., St. John's College Chapel. All are welcome

**RESPECT FOR LIFE SUNDAY** is observed to acknowledge the intrinsic value of human life from conception to natural death. Envelopes will be available on October 1<sup>st</sup> weekend to be collected the following two weekends of October 7-8 and 14-15. The Centre for Life asks for your help with our community outreach and education in supporting the most vulnerable members of our society. The Centre for Life extends our gratitude for your past and continued support.

**◀▶ 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 [marilynhstack@gmail.com](mailto:marilynhstack@gmail.com).

**\*\*\*Mary Queen of Peace Church** (Torbay Road) will be the location for a special event ... A **Rosary and Light Procession on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sixth and final apparition at Fatima. MQP Knights of Columbus are organizing the celebration that starts at **7:00 pm**. Why not make a special effort to attend this wonderful event.

**<<< 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.

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

*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.**

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## COLLECTIONS ... September 24, 2017

Sunday Offertory .. \$5,190.48; Assessment \$30.; Dues \$195.; Needs of the Canadian Church \$746.75

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

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**.. 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*

**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 28<sup>TH</sup>:** .... Bake Sale and 'special feature' sale; **DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>** .... Advent Teas

**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>:** .... Advent by Candlelight

... **THE CENTRE FOR LIFE** will be having ***THE FALL FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS*** at **Columbus Hall on St. Clare Avenue, Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Entertainment, Finger Foods, Prizes and Ticket Draws. Single \$20, Double \$35, limited number of tickets available. Donations of any new items, gift cards, housewares, etc. gratefully accepted. Please call the office at 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.

**\*/\*/ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS** ... Scholarships are available to students who graduated Grade XII with Honours in June 2017 are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. Application deadline: October 31, 2017. Information and applications under scholarships on the State Council website at [www.kofcnl.org](http://www.kofcnl.org).

**##Development and Peace** ... be at the heart of change, become a member. - learn about injustice and what you can do about it; - take concrete actions in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable people of the Global South; - join a dynamic cross-Canada movement for global peace and justice; - Speak out! When we act together, change is possible. We encourage you to become a monthly donor! You may receive your card and more information by contacting David Jones at (709) 745-8671 or email [DJones/99@gmail.com](mailto:DJones/99@gmail.com).

... **Wesley United Church Fall Fair Week 2017 ... Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** - Sale of Goods starting at 9:30 am. followed by breakfast at 10 am., all at a cost of \$12 (\$6 for children under 12). **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**, there will be cold plate dinner (5:30 pm.), at a cost of \$20, along with all of the usual attractions, including a cake draw table and silent and live auctions. For tickets please contact Pheobe at 726-1689, Joan at 368-0434, Marvin at 579-7900 or the Church Office at 579-3682.

... **THE CENTRE FOR LIFE** offers free, confidential, professional pregnancy and post-abortion counselling. Please email [counsellors@centreforlife.ca](mailto: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.

### **\*\*\* 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. – 4:00 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.**

## 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**

**25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ...** September 24, 2017 “He humbled Himself and became obedient ...” If the Lord invites you to follow Him to humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? 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](mailto: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.

## NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE BASILICA PARISH ....

[basilica@rcsj.org](mailto: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](mailto:mcca.diversity@gmail.com). or if you want to talk to a Multicultural Catholic Priest call 689-9647.

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

### 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](mailto:ruah@rcsj.org). Individual, couple and family counselling available also. >Co-Parenting for Separated Parents, >>Parenting Children Course, Facilitator Susan Smart, M.Ed.(Couns.Psych)CCC, October 24-December 5, Mondays 7-9 pm. (no session Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>), 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**

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:awalsh@rcsj.org).

**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](mailto:ej_mroz@yahoo.ca).

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

... **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.

**TOPSAIL UNTIED CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS** commence on October 7<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving breakfast from 8 am. until 11 am. Usual Great Menu. Cost \$8 Adults, Children under 12, \$4. All are welcome. Face painting and colouring for the children. October 9<sup>th</sup> - Sale of Baked Goods, Preserves, etc. from 11 am. until 1 pm. October 9<sup>th</sup> - Soup Luncheon with Desserts, Tea or Coffee, cost is \$8 for adults.

... **The problem of eating disorders**, including compulsive overeating, bulimia and anorexia among others, can stem from spiritual as well as physical and emotional areas. If you or someone you care about have concerns about how eating is affective lives, it is good to know that there is help. OA is a fellowship of women and men who support each other in stopping these harmful behaviours and regaining the happiness which is our birthright. There are no dues or fees. For more information please call (709) 738-1742, email [info.oa.nl@gmail.com](mailto:info.oa.nl@gmail.com) or visit our website: oanl.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](http://www.taichichihnl.ca) or contact Sheila at 727-7863 or [sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca). You can also contact The Lantern at 753-8760.

**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](mailto:catecheticalconsultant@dioceseofantigonish.ca).

**\*\*\* Coastal Sounds Choir Association will present its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Cantata Project** on December 16<sup>th</sup> and invites all interested singers to join the massed choir. The first rehearsal will take place on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm. at Topsail United Church. For more information and to register, visit [www.coastalsounds.ca/christmascantataproject](http://www.coastalsounds.ca/christmascantataproject)

... **VOWR** will be holding its annual Radiothon Fundraiser Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

>>> **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](mailto:Nlrcmom@outlook.com).

< **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 8<sup>th</sup> and will meet on Mondays from 2-4 pm. until June 26<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

--- **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](mailto:judy.cook@easternhealth.ca).

**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](http://blood.ca) for information or to book an appointment.



**\*/\*/ 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.

**... Peter MacDonald Productions**, in it's 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Ronald Hutton-MacDonald; Instrumental Direction by Dr. Valerie Long; Choreography by Mara Nofle

October 5<sup>th</sup> -- 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, St. John's Arts & Culture Centre, 7:30 pm. For tickets call 729-3900 or buy online at [artsandculturecentre.com](http://artsandculturecentre.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.

**... 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](mailto:debbie.oakley@easternhealth.ca). You may contact Sr. Diane Smyth 777-5470 for more information.

**NEW WEBSITE** ... The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's is proud to launch our newly redesigned website, [www.rcsj.org](http://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.

**\*\*\* 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](http://www.w2nl.ca).

**\*\*\* 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](mailto:fvc@seniorsresource.ca) or visit [www.seniorsresource.ca](http://www.seniorsresource.ca)

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

**\*\* 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](http://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.***