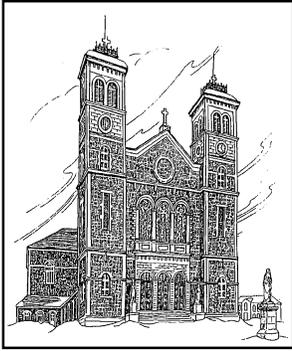


# ***Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist***

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



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**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.

## **28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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.

*Weddings .... Congratulations --- David and Koren, Justine and Chelsea*

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

*This week, Father Critch will be leading a group from the Archdiocese to Fatima and Lourdes. Each day Father will be celebrating Mass at the various Shrines. If you have any intentions for him for the Masses, for the sick or for any intention, you can email him at [cecilcritch@gmail.com](mailto:cecilcritch@gmail.com). Father will present the intentions of all parishioners at the Masses.*

**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.

**\*\*\* BAPTISM PREPARATION \*\*\*** The next Baptism Preparation will take place on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</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.**

## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- OCTOBER 15, 2017

Today we hear again the banquet stories of Isaiah and Matthew. The first reading proclaims a God who lovingly prepares a banquet for us. And Paul in the second reading is looking back at his life and expresses his gratitude that no matter what the circumstances, God was always with him. While reflecting on our own busy lives, it is interesting to note in the 'gospel reading that those who refused the invitation to the banquet had good excuses ... one to attend to his farm, one to his business and so on. And so it can be with us. We run the risk of not listening to God's messengers - God's 'slaves' - God's modern day prophets - who remind us over and over again that not only are we invited to the banquet but that the invitation brings responsibilities. We live in a land of plenty. But in the midst of this plenty, many go hungry. Each day, people die of starvation - a grim result of famine, war, injustice, power, ignorance and greed. In our own country, people living below the poverty line suffer from hunger and lack of sufficient housing. Those living in the North must face food instability. Our present day prophets try to keep us aware of the way that the most vulnerable of us are crushed by the greed of the powerful. The question is do we really listen to those voices? Do we express our gratitude to the God who assures us that we need not be afraid to face the powers of darkness? We are assured today, that with God on our side, we can embrace our commitment as Christians to be bread for the world.

**OCTOBER 15** marks the first gathering of families who request Confirmation and Eucharist for their children. For parents and grandparents who cannot make this meeting there is still time. You can call the Basilica at 754-2170, email [basilica@rcsj.org](mailto:basilica@rcsj.org) or email [gerard.whitty@nl.rogers.com](mailto:gerard.whitty@nl.rogers.com). Parishioners are invited to pray for the families and children who are preparing for these sacraments.

**RESPECT FOR LIFE SUNDAY** is observed to acknowledge the intrinsic value of human life from conception to natural death. Envelopes were made available last weekend to be collected this weekend October 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.

**Next Sunday (October 22) our parish will celebrate a World Mission Sunday.** It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and donations will support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please show your generosity as much as possible during this collection, because it provides assistance to the young dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

**EMMAUS HOUSE** .... During the month of **SEPTEMBER** Emmaus House held 349 interviews, helped a total of 428 adults and 121 children. We would like to thank our parishioners and friends for their continued support of Emmaus House.

*When the Church summons Christians to take up the task of evangelization she is simply pointing to the source of authentic personal fulfilment for "here we discover a profound law of reality: that life is attained and matures in the measure that it is offered up in order to give life to others. This is certainly what mission means". -- Evangelii Gaudium*

... **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.

**MINISTRY WEEKEND - OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> / 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR PARISH MINISTRIES**

***BELONGING***

It's more than a word, an idea, or a feeling -- it's a sense of knowing that you are part of something greater, part of God's plan, and called to act in the world. Belonging is understanding the value you as an individual bring to the larger community and using the gifts that God has given you to build up the Body of Christ. At the Basilica-Cathedral Parish of St. John the Baptist we encourage you to spiritually commit to our community: to bring your gifts, to celebrate, and to find in and with us a home of living faith. How will you belong?

**B**eing part of a greater purpose than oneself.

**E**ngaging with your parish community.

**L**iving your faith through daily prayer and action.

**O**neeness with the Lord and each other.

**N**eeding to give is in your heart more than simply giving to a need.

**G**raciously being available for others who need your helping hand.

**I**nspiring others through your passion for doing good in Christ's name.

**N**urturing all of God's gifts through prayer and gratitude.

**G**iving witness to our Faith in the World.

**PRAYER OF BELONGING**

Good and loving God, you call to us to be your holy people.

You call that we may know all things can be made new.

All things renewed in Christ. all things revealed in Christ.

Renew us, Lord, that we may clearly see where we belong,

That we may know what is ours to do to build up the Body of Christ.

Lord, You have placed each of us here as You intended.

Called us together as believers and parishioners to belong

To your most Holy Son, to His holy Church,

To our Archdiocese and our parish, to each other.

I am but one part of the Body of Christ.

Good and loving God,

Help me to know what is my part among the many parts.

Give us your Holy Spirit to teach and guide us all.

Help us to be one, to belong.

As You are One - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Parishioners and Friends ...** Come and join us for an evening of good food and good music at our **Annual Basilica Parish Turkey/Jiggs Dinner**. This event will take place on **Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. upstairs at the Knights of Columbus on St. Clare Avenue.**

**Tickets are \$25.** Dessert, tea and coffee are included. After dinner entertainment will be provided by Kilmainham, with special guest appearance by our pastor, Father Cecil Critch.

Tickets will be available starting October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Office and at the Religious Articles Bookstore at the back of the Basilica. Get your tickets early ... seating is limited.

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION (CWLF)** is accepting applications for its initial Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The Program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about CWLF, the Leadership Program and to complete an application form visit [www/cwlfcanada.ca](http://www/cwlfcanada.ca). you can also contact Rita Janes, Chair, CWLF by phone (709) 722-3860 or by email ([ritacjanes@gmail.com](mailto:ritacjanes@gmail.com))

***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)***

>>> **BCB's:** The upcoming BCB **bake sale** will be happening on **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **10 a.m.** in **the main entrance of the Basilica**. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped to the parish office on or before Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> during regular office hours! An exciting additional feature this year will be the sale of new and/or gently used handbags, wallets, coin purses and yes, even scarves!! We've collected all colours, shapes and sizes of these items and they'll be marked to sell at incredible prices! This sale will be advertised community wide ... so don't be disappointed ... come early!!!

**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>, & 21<sup>ST</sup>** .... Advent Teas - Details will be provided in the bulletin as we near the dates.

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

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### **COLLECTIONS ... October 8, 2017**

Sunday Offertory .. \$5,571.50; Dues .. \$501.; Student/Priesthood .. \$97.; Centre for Life .. \$224.

*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*

**L'Arche Avalon** invites you to celebrate our community and our accomplishment in attaining L'Arche project status. Show your support as we journey towards our goal of establishing homes, programs and workshops for adults with intellectual disabilities. Sunday, October 15, 2:30-4:30 pm., The Lantern, Barnes Road.

**\*\*\*Knights of Columbus Council 7405** regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, meeting room of Mary Queen of Peace Church. Rosary begins at 7:30 pm., followed by the meeting. All brother Knights are welcome.

**.... 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.

**.... The Gathering Place Fall Fair**, Saturday, October 28. Tea Party 10:30-1:00 with sandwiches, tea biscuit, sweets, tea/coffee for \$8. Sale of Work 10:00-1:00 featuring handmade crafts, homemade baked goods, jewelry made by Guests of The Gathering Place, gift boutique with new items, ticket draws. Admission \$2. Door Prize.

**\*/\*/ 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 can be found under scholarships on the State Council website at [www.kofcnl.org](http://www.kofcnl.org).

**<< Terra Nova Council, K of C, Charitable Foundation** will be holding a "Card Party" on **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm.**, 49 St. Clare Ave. Tickets are \$10 each, no spins but a \$100.00 Door Prize and a 50/50 Draw. Bring your own cards and basket. Tickets available at the K of C or contact Kevin Dormody at 722-4156.

**... YOU ARE NOT ALONE ANYMORE!** No matter what your problem with food -- compulsive overeating, under-eating, food addiction anorexia, bulimia, binge eating or overexercising -- we have a solution. Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members. For a current list of meetings and to get additional information either visit our website [oanl.org](http://oanl.org), or email us at [info.oa.nl@gmail.com](mailto:info.oa.nl@gmail.com), or by phone 709.738.1742.

**>> ADVANCE NOTICE ... VOWR** presents John Curran & Friends (Wilf Curran, Ray Walsh, Greg Walsh & Brenda Gatherall) in concert at Wesley United Church, Friday, Dec. 1, 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Fred's Records, O'Brien's Music, Outfitter's Army/Navy Store (Topsail Road) or by calling the Wesley Church office at 579-3682.

## ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR PUBLISHED BULLETIN ....

### \*\*\* 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.

**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**

**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ...** October 15<sup>th</sup> “Give to God what is God’s.” You belong to Christ and Christ is God! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? 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.

**... 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.

**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

**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.

**### RUAH Counselling Centre -** We provide individual, couple and family counselling. Fall Group Offerings. Registration still ongoing for the following: When you see RED (for women), Wednesdays Noon-2 pm.; Co-Parenting for separated Parents - Tuesdays 7-9 pm.; Effective Communication - Wednesdays 7-9 pm.; Stress Management - Thursdays 7-9 pm.; Parenting Children - Tuesdays 7-9 pm.; Special Topic Series for Single Moms - Mondays - 7-9 pm.; How to Live a More Conscious, Joyful Life - Saturdays 10 am. - Noon.

(please call 579-0168 or go to [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org) 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](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).

.... **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.

**##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).

... **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.

**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.

**\*\* Symposium on Mental Wellbeing ...** With the support of Denominational Leaders, the St. John's and Area Council of Churches is hosting a Symposium on Mental Wellbeing at the Salvation Army Citadel, 25 Adams Ave. The focus is on Mental Health Care from a Faith Based perspective. There is no charge, and the Symposium is open to interested persons, particularly those involved in pastoral care, chaplaincy and visitation. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Friday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 pm. and Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 am. - 2:30 pm. For more information please call 579-5235.

**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.

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

... **Wesley United Church Fall Fair Week 2017** ... **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.

\*\*\* **Topsail United Church Annual Flea Market** will be held on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am. until 2 pm. All are welcome. Admission \$1.

\*\*\* **Topsail United Church On Line Auction** will take place from October 9 to October 26, 2017. To register to bid please visit <http://topsailunitedchurch2017.eflea.ca> go to the right side of the page to the register icon, follow the process to register. It is a very user friendly system, once registered you can view items and start bidding. Good Luck to all.

\*\*\* **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.

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

--- **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!

**\*/\* 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 led 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.*