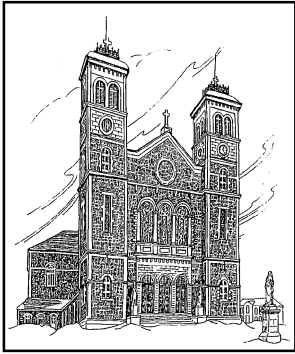


Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

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



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

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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

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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.

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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.

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 --- Michael and Trina, Paul and Krystal

Mass at Bonaventure Retirement Home: Third Thursday of each month

***162nd Anniversary of the Dedication of the Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Saturday, September 9, 2017***

Archbishop Martin Currie will preside at the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Basilica.

All parishioners and friends are invited to join us in this anniversary celebration.

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

BERNADINE FARDY, ISABELLE PIKE, DOUGLAS NEARY

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

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

It is natural for us to make plans. As human beings, we anticipate what is next. But can we become too rigid about our expectations of God's plans for us? When we become set on one particular plan, especially when we think it is God's plan, it can get us into a lot of trouble. In this Gospel, Jesus begins to reveal a part of God's plan to the disciples, but it does not match their expectations of what should happen. Peter's response is to reject the idea that Jesus will be killed. For the disciples, suffering and death would mean defeat. God is powerful; the Messiah will triumph over adversity and oppression. Suffering and death don't make any sense. Where is the victory? They do not realize that this is the way God will save humanity and triumph for our sake over death itself. Jesus tells the disciples who were having trouble moving beyond their own expectations of God's plan, "If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself". To follow Jesus, we must let go of the idea that we know everything that should happen, and let grace lead our way. Let us find ways to remain open to plans bigger than our own. (Kelly Bourke, Victoria, BC)

***** BAPTISM PREPARATION ***** The next Baptism Preparation will take place on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 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 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.**

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

☺☺☺ **VACATION'S OVER** ☺☺☺ This week many students will return to the books and take up the academic journey again. Whether you are beginning kindergarten or university - whether a teacher or professor, a child in school or an adult exchanging workplace for a classroom - may you be blessed this school year. May you grow in wisdom and age and grace before God and your peers.

Prayer to Begin a School Year ... God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding, and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A FOND FAREWELL ... *Parishioners and friends are invited to gather for a social after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on this coming Sunday, September 10th to thank Father Jerome for his years of ministry in our parish and to wish him well in his new appointment.*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH IS LABOUR DAY AND A CIVIC HOLIDAY.
THE BASILICA AND THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY.**

Labour Day marks the end of the summer vacation and the beginning of regular activities in the Parish. This day is set aside to recognize the labour of the human person and to thank God for the dignity involved in the work ethic. We praise God for employment opportunities and we pray for those who are looking for work, that God will open new venues in the workplace. This is also a time to encourage all parishioners to take an active role in the regular ongoing life of the parish. Please consider becoming involved in some committee or ministry in the parish. This is a sure way to build community.

NEXT BCB MEETING will be held on Tuesday, September 5th, 10:15 am. in the Parish Room. Any parishioner interested in community building is welcome to attend.

<<< GET-TOGETHER AND WORKSHOP FOR LEADERS IN YOUTH MINISTRY IN PARISHES AND THE ARCHDIOCESE Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017, 12 NOON - 4:00 PM., 200 MILITARY ROAD. For more information, or to register, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-ministry-workshop-tickets> 370174170917?aff=efbneb or contact Sara Broderick at sbroderick@rcsj.org.

... **ECUMENICAL WALK** to celebrate the Season of Creation ... Sunday, Sept. 10, 2-3 pm. Where: in front of the Basilica, pausing for a brief reflection in front of Gower St. United and the Anglican Cathedral, concluding at Waterfront Park.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY ON BELL ISLAND Members of the general public are invited to attend the celebratory Mass to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy on Bell Island ... **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 4:40 PM., ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, BELL ISLAND. A banquet will follow at 6:00 pm.** If you would like to reserve a seat for the banquet at a cost of \$15 per person, please contact the parish office at (709) 488-2525 or stmichaelsparish@nf.sympatico.ca. **Closing date to reserve a seat is Thursday, September 7th.**

... **MASS AT FATHER DUFFY'S WELL** - there will be an outdoor Mass this Sunday, September 3rd, at 2 pm. at Fr. Duffy's Well on Salmonier Line.

***** ANNUAL FLATROCK PILGRIMAGE ...** This year's 13th Annual Flatrock Pilgrimage will take place September 30th from 11 am. to 3 pm. The processional walk with Our Lady's statue will begin on the dirt road across from Boyley's Lane next to the wharf (this is a shorter walk approximately 30 minutes). 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.

**The Basilica will return to its usual weekday closing time of
4:00 pm. on Tuesday, September 5th.**

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 ... August 27, 2017

Sunday Offertory ... \$5,597.55; Assessment ... \$30.; Archbishop’s Appeal ... \$1,000.

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**

Holy Family & St. Peter’s parishes are hosting a **golf tournament on September 15th** to support many of the Archdiocesan outreach ministries. We are excited about this event and we invite you to help support this worthy cause, either by registering to play on your own, or as team of family and friends, or interested in a sponsorship opportunity or donating a prize. It’s going to be a great event followed by a beautifully prepared dinner, along with that awards and prizes for everyone. So, come out and join Archbishop Currie, parish priests, family, friends or colleagues to enjoy a fun-filled, memorable day! You will be reaching out to the poor, those on the margins of society, troubled, elderly, imprisoned or the mentally or physically ill. For further details, contact a committee member, and all details will be forwarded to you!!!

Contact members: monamorrow@gmail.com / 709-325-3550; ronbaird@gmail.com / 709-364-2490; brenrumsey@nl.rogers.com / 709-364-1854; blair1814@icloud.com or 709-325-1814; jamesdoyle@nf.cympatico.ca or 709-782-1123.

JOB POSTING - RENEWAL PLAN COORDINATOR... The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John’s is looking for a Renewal Plan Coordinator to oversee the implementation of the Archdiocesan Renewal Plan which involves the transition of parishes into pastoral zones. This is a time limited position expected to be in place for eighteen to twenty-four months. Reporting to the Archbishop of St. John’s and as directed by him, this individual will work with the Renewal Plan Implementation Committee to carry out the planned implementation in accordance with existing Archdiocesan protocols.

The Presentation Sisters are currently accepting applications for **one** Personal Care Attendant part-time role. In this role, the successful candidate will provide support to residents in all aspects of daily living through holistic care. Duties include personal care, light housekeeping, meal assistance and other support services.

Reporting to the Director of Nursing, our RNs, LPNs and PCAs are integral members of an interdisciplinary team which provides resident care in the health care section of Presentation Convent. Employee responsibilities are performed in keeping with the philosophy and belief that the Sisters and their families are the focus of all care and activities.

If you have related work experience ability to work a flexible schedule and interest in being a member of our Team, we’d like to hear from you! Interested candidates please email cover letter and resume to ltaylor@nf.aibn.comm. Deadline for applications: Monday, September 4th, 2017.

>>> The 20th Annual Holy Cross School Reunion Dinner, September 14th, K of C, St. Clare Avenue starting at 6 pm., dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$40 and they include a Fleece Jacket, and can be picked up at Twin Cities Imaging at 2 Campbell Avenue during business hours Monday to Friday.

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**

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 is returning to its usual closing time of 4:00 pm. weekdays beginning Tuesday, September 5th.**

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.

*** **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.symatico.ca. You can also contact The Lantern at 753-8760.

*** **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.

<<< **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.

... **RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE**, located at The Lantern - 35 Barnes Road. Fall Group offerings: Co-Parenting for Separated Parents; Effective Communication; Stress Management; Bereavement Information and Support Program for Loss of Partner/Spouse; When You See RED for Women; Parenting Children Course; Special Topics Series for Single Moms (6 weeks). 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.

*****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.

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.

RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE located at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road. Fall group offerings:

>**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 Pardy, 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.

... **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.

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

***** Monthly French Mass – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Usually third Sunday of each month, 1 pm., Basilica Marian Chapel. Access to Marian Chapel may be gained by behind St. Bonaventure's College. For details please contact Celia at infomfsjnl@gmail.com or 763-5757.

< **Jesuit Volunteers Canada** Over 20 and interested in making the world a better place? Jesuit Volunteers Canada is looking for a few good people who want to spend a year in community, in Canada, working for the greater good. For more information see jesuitvolunteers.ca or email Fr. Joe Mroz SJ ej_mroz@yahoo.ca.

< **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.

>>> **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 Nrcmom@outlook.com.

>>> **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.

<< *“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.

... **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.

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.

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

/ **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.

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.

... 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.

***** 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.

<<< Educational Opportunities at Queen's College for Fall Semester 2017 >>> We have a great line up of courses and programs for anyone with an interest in the study of theology, development of pastoral skills, spiritual growth, and participation in a faith community. We have many options to meet the interests and need of part-time and full-time students. Courses and programs are available on-line, on campus and at satellite sites across the province and beyond. Our brochures, schedules, timetables, and registration material are easily accessed at this page on our website http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=406.

This year we hope to launch our Diploma Program in Gander, Corner Brook and Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and the RC Diploma Stream in Marystown, along with the programs on-campus in St. John's. brochures for each program are available at the link above. We will be launching the Discipleship and Ministry Program in Spaniards Bay. We have a good line up of courses in the Associate Program, with some new courses added. Our Master and Bachelor Program students can select from a wide array of courses offered on-campus, by webinar, and on-line. Visit our website www.queenscollegenl.ca or call (709) 753-0116.

***** 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.

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

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.

**** 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.

"Get hold of yourselves, it is I. Do not be afraid!" Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at Fr. Ken Walsh (781-1696); Fr. Jeff Kolonel (745-8183) or Fr. Kay Earl (488-2525) or email: vocations@rcsj.org.

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.*