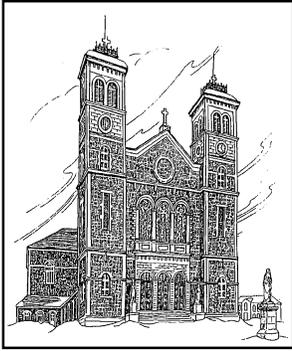


# ***Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist***

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.

## **29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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 --- Robert and Carol Ann***

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

***Prayer.... We ask that you remember the sick of our parish... Bernadine Brake, Gerard Carey, Rose Phillips. 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.

***Baptisms .... BUSTER MARTIN GRANT, HAYLEY MARY ELIZABETH HISCOCK*** You have become a new creation and have clothed yourselves in Christ. May you always grow as children of the Light.

**\*\*\* 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.**

***Funeral ....*** We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the late **ALICE MALLARD** *May the Lord console you and grant eternal rest to the soul of your loved one.*

## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- OCTOBER 22, 2017

Today we hear the Pharisees challenging the teaching authority of Jesus. They seek to entrap him in making him choose whose authority to recognize - the laws of the church or the laws of the state. In our day, we are often faced with issues around authority, in our governments, in our churches, in the workplace and even in our homes. When we see injustices perpetrated on the helpless do we take for granted that our elected officials know what they are doing? When our children turn their backs on the institutional church, do we cast them aside for disobeying church law? In times of war, who is right - the one who goes to fight for home and country, or the conscientious objector? There are of course no easy answers. Like Jesus we can only say that all of us need to pay our just dues to those who hold authority with authenticity. It is not a matter of right or wrong, of black and white, but of following an informed conscience, and basing our choices on the greatest law of all - the command to love one another. The God of the first reading today - the source of power for Cyrus - the God who 'is Lord and there is no other' - is the God who lives within us and graces us with the wisdom to make wise choices. We need to trust that when we overcome our anxieties around life choices and offer our heart, our hopes, our dreams to our God, we will come to realize that God's 'love and grace are enough for me'.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ... On Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (All Souls Day) at 7:00 p.m. in the Basilica there will be a Eucharistic Celebration for all parishioners who have had a family member pass away and buried from the Basilica or Funeral Home during this past year.**

**World Mission Sunday** Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday! We are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Christ. We are asked to reach out to the peripheries, people in remote villages, towns, and cities by using the witness and work of missionaries and local priest. Please keep all missionaries in your daily prayers.

**Corpus Christ Parish** will be celebrating their **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with a **Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Come to our Eucharistic Celebration as we thank God for the many blessings of this Parish.

... **MISSA CANTATA** - October 29<sup>th</sup> ... A Missa Cantata (Sung Traditional Latin Mass) will be celebrated on October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Christ the King - according to the usage of the Extraordinary Form. The congregation is invited to participate in the singing of the *Missa de Angelis*. This Mass is also available on several Youtube™ sites. For this Feast, the Latin mass will be celebrated at St. Pius X Chapel, Smithville Crescent at 5:00 pm.

**GROWING IN FAITH ...** *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 next Growing in Faith session will be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am. - 12 Noon. Topic: "What's new with the Saints?" New and inspiration from the newly-canonized. To register, contact MaryLou Sweetapple at 726-3660, ext. 280. Admission is free, but a goodwill offering of \$5 is always welcome to cover the cost of snacks.

**### RUAH Counselling Centre** - We provide individual, couple and family counselling. Fall Group Offerings. Registration still ongoing for the following: ***Parenting Children*** - Tuesdays 7-9 pm., October 24-Dec. 5; ***Special Topic Series for Single Moms*** - Mondays - 7-9 pm., until November 27<sup>th</sup>; ***Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for Parents and Caregivers***, Thursday/Friday, November 2-3, 8:30 am. - 4:30 pm.; ***Emotion Focused Family Therapy***, Monday/Tuesday, November 20-21, 9 am. - 4 pm.

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

.... **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.

**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**ne 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.

**\*\*\* There will be a reception after all the Masses next weekend. This will be a good time for those who may be thinking about volunteering for ministry to meet our present Ministers.**

>>> **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 ONLY** 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 HAVE ALREADY COLLECTED** all colours, shapes and sizes of these items and they'll be marked to sell at incredible prices! This sale is 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.

**\*/\*/ 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).

**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 available at the **Parish Office** and at the **Religious Articles Bookstore** at the back of the Basilica. Get your tickets early ... seating is limited.

*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 ... October 15, 2017**

Sunday Offertory .. \$5,447.30; Dues .. \$55.; Student/Priesthood .. \$55.; Centre for Life .. \$95.

*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*

>> **Fall Fair - Holy Trinity Parish, Torbay ... Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Fall Fair Raffle 2-4 pm.** with goods wheel, Nevadas, bake sale, craft sale, white elephant table, 50/50 draw \$2 each. **Bingo at 8 pm. Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> Card Game at 8 pm.,** tickets \$10, includes chance to win \$100 door prize plus all draws during the night, attendance not required. All events at Parish Hall.

... **TheA/B E.P. Roche Assembly** of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, October 24**, meeting room of Mary Queen of Peace Church, Torbay Road. All Sir Knights are invited & encouraged to attend. Rosary at 7:30 pm., meeting to follow. Sir Knights are reminded to bring their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree card to the meeting.

... **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FORUM ...** To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Development and Peace - Carita Canada, the St. John's Diocesan Council is holding a Forum at The Lantern (35 Barnes Road) on **October 27-28**, called "We Are One". The forum will explore the sphere of Social Justice within the Global Village: our Past, the Present, and our hopes within an evolving future. Presenters - including Dominican Priest Fr. Michel Cote, Mary Gordon, author of Roots of Empathy, and Dr. Rob Greenwood, Executive Director of the Leslie Harris Centre at MUN - will discuss our Past, Present, and Future in the context of the theme "We Are One". The Forum will conclude with a presentation on our 2017 Fall Campaign, 'Women at the Heart of Peace'. To register (tickets \$20), email [dpatlantic@devp.org](mailto:dpatlantic@devp.org) or call Dave Dyer at (709) 722-4883.

.... **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.

... **Les Ms. & Friends Sing for Care 2017**, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm., Holy Heart Theatre, 7:30 pm. Performances by Atlantic Boy Choir, Concert Choir, Training Choir, Les Ms. Women's Choir, Holy Heart of Mary Alumnae Choir, Let's Make A Choir 2017. Tickets \$25 + \$2 admin fee, available at Holy Heart box office 579-4424 or [www.holyhearttheatre.com](http://www.holyhearttheatre.com). 100% of the proceeds of the concert are in support of the Patient and Family Support Fund of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation.

<< **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.

## 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.

... **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.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES**

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference Launch Party. Youth in junior high and up, as well as young adults are invited to join us for the annual Steubenville Atlantic Launch party! This event will be held at Mary Queen of Peace Church on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00 pm.

We will be joining youth from across Atlantic Canada for a live-streamed event, which will feature inspiring speakers, prayers and great music. There will be snacks available and time for questions and a social at the end. This event is usually a great evening of praise and worship, prayer, as well as excellent talks. It's also a great chance to meet other youth from our conference, which is held in July in Halifax. For more information or to register 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.

... **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition** is hosting a symposium from 9 am. to 5 pm. on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Toronto. The symposium can be viewed live-online. Speakers include Dr. Mark Klomrad, Professor & Psychiatrist, Dr. Ramona Coelho, MD, Kevin Dunn, Producer, Jen Romnes, Author, Dr. Jacqueline Abernathy, End-of-Life Policy Researcher, Amy Hasbrouck and Taylor Hyan from Not Dead Yet, and Charles Lewis, anti-euthanasian activist and journalist. For more information on accessing this event you may call 519-439-3348 or 1-877-439-3348 or email [info@epcc.ca](mailto:info@epcc.ca).

**\*\*\* St. Teresa's Parish**, St. John's is seeking an individual for the position of Catechetical Coordinator. This is a seasonal part time position (15 hours per week; September - June) reporting to the Parish Priest. This individual, in collaboration with the Parish Priest, will work to develop and maintain comprehensive parish catechetical programs for families and children, working closely with the various parish Liturgical Committees and Parish Council. Qualified individual should have Catechetical training, experience, or a combination of both, a good understanding of Catholic teaching, Scripture, Liturgy, and Catholic Tradition, some knowledge of the General Directory for Catechesis, knowledge of effective teaching techniques and strategies and excellent facilitation and communication skills. A detailed Job Description is available on St. Teresa's Parish website at [stteresa.ca](http://stteresa.ca) or on the Archdiocesan website at [rcsj.org](http://rcsj.org). Resumes to be forwarded to Theresa Whiffen, Human Resources Manager, RCEC at [twhiffen@rcsj.org](mailto:twhiffen@rcsj.org) or faxed to 709-726-3615. Deadline for applications is October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

**CANTUS VOCUM CHAMBER CHOIR** presents "**FOR THE FALLEN**", a Concert of Remembrance on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm., Salvation Army Citadel, Adams Avenue. Appearances by The Atlantic Boychoir and the Salvation Army Citadel Band in addition to Cantus Vocum. Tickets \$20/15, are available from choir members or at the door. Follow us on twitter. Like us on Facebook, [www.cantusvocum.com](http://www.cantusvocum.com).

**FALL FAIR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH**, St. John's. Come join us for our Parish Fall Fair on **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm., Columbus Hall** on St. Clare Avenue. There will be lots of attractions for the young and seniors of our community. Dessert Table, Tea and Coffee will be available at a cost of \$5 per person. You can purchase your ticket at the Parish Office or the Church.

**\*\*\* 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.

**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))

**... YOU ARE NOT ALONE ANYMORE!** No matter what your problem with food -- compulsive overeating, under-eating, food addiction anorexia, bulimia, binge eating or over-exercising -- 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.

**\*\* 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.

**##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.

**\*\*\* 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.

**\*\*\* 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.

**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.

**\*\*\* 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.

>> **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.

**\*\*\* 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.

**\*\*\* Topsail United Church** will be holding a Harvest Festival Hot Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6Z:30 pm. Tickets \$25 and are available by calling the church office at 834-4567. Musical entertainment after the meal.

.... **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.

**\*\*\* Bible Study at Wesley Church ...** Rev. Bill Mercer will be holding a Bible Study each Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm. at Wesley United Church, 101 Patrick Street. All are welcome to attend.

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

--- **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.

**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.*