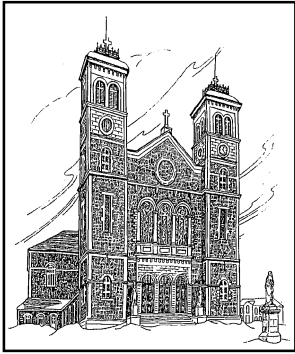


# ***Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist***

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



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**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.

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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.

## **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2018**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday at 5:00 pm.; Sunday at 8:30 am. & 11:00 am.

**Weekday Mass:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00 am.; Tuesday, Thursday 12:10 pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass for one hour

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm.

**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.

**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. ***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

***RANDY WHELAN***

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

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ... January 18-25, 2018 ... "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious is Power" (Exodus 15:6)** Ecumenical Worship Service will be celebrated this **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 3:00 pm. in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Kirk (76 Queen's Road). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed throughout the world in January of each year. We come together during this week to celebrate the central unity that binds Christians of all stripes together, along with the good we have done and continue to do in Christ's name together. A time of fellowship and refreshment will follow the Service in the Church Hall.

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How simple the call to follow Jesus in today's Gospel seems: "Come after me". The expectation is that a call from God would be infused with peace and charged with happiness. Often, in real life experience, this call is more complicated. For example, instances in the scriptures suggest otherwise. Some prophets, even Moses, were reluctant and hesitant. They often felt not up to the test at all. Sometimes they regretted that the call had even been placed. Think about the apostles. After Christ's invitation to become "fishers of men", one would think that their path would be free, clear and decisive. And yet, we know the apostles questioned and their call must surely have been experienced as a journey into frustration and failure at times.

How many setbacks can one experience and yet not question the call in the first place? We are all, in effect, pilgrims, prophets, apostles, and travelers in the world. We all have our message to give and our own roles and responsibilities to perform. This is the nature of our call into life. How will we take up that call?

**FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> is ASH WEDNESDAY** - Parishioners are encouraged to bring their last year's blessed palm to the Basilica to be burned and used for the distribution of Holy Ashes. A basket will be placed on a table at the entrance of the Church to be used for the palm.

**EMMAUS HOUSE** .... During the month of **DECEMBER** Emmaus House held 234 interviews, helped a total of 296 adults and 82 children. We would like to thank our parishioners and friends for their continued support of Emmaus House.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY - PANAMA** ... The next World Youth Day will be held in January 2019 in Panama. This pilgrimage is for young adults aged 18-35 and the theme will be "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word". (Lk 1:38) If you would like more information on this pilgrimage, please contact Sara at [sbroderick@rcsj.org](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org).

**### RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE** located at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road. . Individual, couple and family counselling available, call (709) 579-0168 or email [ruah@rcsj.org](mailto:ruah@rcsj.org) , or go to [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org) for more information. "When you see RED - for Men (Tuesdays 7-9 pm., Jan. 16-Mar. 6); Support Group for End of Relationship, Separation & Divorce (Wednesdays 7-9 pm., Jan. 31-Mar. 28); Self-Empowerment for Women (Thursdays, 7-9 pm., Feb. 1-Mar. 22).

... **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 senior's computer classes is ongoing. Please call (709) 579-1500 for more information.

../. **VIDEO GAME CONTEST** ... Are you between the ages of 12-18 years of age? Do you like playing video games? The Centre for Life is looking for your ideas to create a video game "**What Caring For Human Life Looks Like**". First prize is your choice of either \$100 Steam or iTunes card, second prize \$50 Steam or iTunes, third prize \$25 Steam or iTunes card. Top prize winner claims their name on opening screen of video game. **Contest closes January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018** and winners will be announced on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. See contest details on line at <http://www.centreforlife.ca/lifecontest/>. Any questions please email [info@centreforlife.ca](mailto:info@centreforlife.ca).

**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 relaxation, energy, wellness and joy with Wisdom Healing Qigong and T'ai Chi Chih Joy thru Movement sessions! Join us at Presentation Sisters Retreat House, 47 Parsonage Drive for a January Saturday Retreat or at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, for weekly daytime and evening cases January through March. New and returning students welcome! For more details visit the News menu bar at [www.sheilaleonard.ca](http://www.sheilaleonard.ca). You can also contact Sheila at 727-7863 or [sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca) or The Lantern at 753-8760.

... **MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND CHAPLAINCY** ... MUN Catholic Chaplaincy is open for the 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).

... **The 12<sup>th</sup> Weekend of Grace for Women** ... April 13-15, 2018, Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax, NS. Pre-registration Only / deadline April 2, 2018. For more information call (902) 405-9613 or visit [www.weekendofgrace.com](http://www.weekendofgrace.com).

... **April 25- May 6, 2018: Medjugorje Pilgrimage** with spiritual retreat on KRK Island with Fr. Zlatko Dusac, renowned stigmatist. Cost of \$3230 includes airport taxes, security fees, fuel surcharges, round trip airfare from the Maritimes, twin accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner and professional local guides. INFO: Marie Desjardins at [mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com](mailto:mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com) or (207) 868-5027

\*\*\* **The A/B E.P. Roche Assembly of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus** regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> in the meeting room of Mary Queen of Peace Church on Torbay Road. All Sir Knights are invited and encouraged to attend. Rosary begins at 7:30 pm. with meeting to follow. Sir Knights are reminded to bring their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree card and their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree card.

... **RENEWAL PLAN UPDATE** ... The implementation of the Archdiocesan Renewal Plan “A Promise of New Life ... Courage to Renew” has begun. We have hired a full-time Coordinator, Mr. Peter Whittle and a new Implementation Committee, with Monsignor Francis Puddister as Chair and Dr. Rick Singleton as Co-chair, in moving the challenging process forward. Discussions in the first Zone - St. John’s East (St. Pius X, Mary Queen of Peace, St. Pauls & St. Francis of Assisi) are going very well. We will begin work with the Mount Pearl-Goulds-Petty Harbour and CBS zones in January. Your support of this process will ensure the renewal of pastoral life in our Archdiocese. We pray for the courage and guidance of the Holy Spirit and thank all of those involved in the planning and implementation process for their dedication. For more information and further updates go to [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org).

... **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.

**SNOW CLEARING** ... during the winter months when there is a heavy snowfall the east and west doors of the Basilica will be the first to be cleared. These entrances are to be used by all attending daily Mass. The main entrances will be cleared only after the east and west have been cleared. A reminder -- when the schools in the city are closed because of inclement weather, the Mass for that day will be cancelled. Of course sometimes it does snow on the weekend ... if in doubt about whether or not Mass is being celebrated please tune in to the local radio stations and/or call the parish office at 754-2170.

*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.**

**PLEASE NOTE ... The 2018 offertory envelopes** are available at the back of the church. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order of your last name. Please make an effort to pick up your envelopes. If you do not currently use offertory envelopes, but would like a set, please fill in the form on the table and they will be available for you the following weekend. Thank you for your continued support of the Basilica Parish.

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**COLLECTIONS ... January 14, 2018**

**Sunday Offertory .. \$5,085.45.; Assessment ... \$162.; Heat & Light ... \$271.**

*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.

**... 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 placed in the Sunday collection.

**Bingo!** *Cowan Plaza – Corner of Topsail Road and Burgeo Street – Seven nights a week  
Knights of Columbus - St. Clare Avenue every Wednesday and Sunday*

**... Come to St. Augustine’s Anglican Church**, 1 Westerland Road, for a good old fashion Kitchen Party! The “Airport Kitchen Party”, that was all over social media, is coming to St. Augustine’s on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Featuring Sean Sullivan, Rob Slaney, Sheldon Thornhill and the young, but talented, Liam Corrigan, we are sure you will have a great time. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Please call the office at 753-1931 or email [staugustine@nf.aibn.com](mailto:staugustine@nf.aibn.com) for more info or to book your tickets.

**>>> Atlantic Light Theatre ...** Step back into the glitz and glamour of 1940’s New York City for GUYS & DOLLS! Presented by Atlantic Light Theatre, this show is full of laughs, with hilarious characters and well-loved tunes for “**Luck be a Lady Tonight**”, “**Bushel and a Peck**”, and “**Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat**”. The show stars Krystin Pellerin, Peter Halley, Dana Parsons and Justin Nurse. Director: Jacinta Mackey-Graham; Musical Director: Doug Vaughan; Choreographer: Miranda MacDonald-Butler. Enter to win Free Dinner for 6 at Piatto and a VIP reception with the cast in our Guys and Dolls DATE NIGHT contest - go to [www.atlanticlight.ca](http://www.atlanticlight.ca). don’t miss the joy of Guys & Dolls, February 1-4, 2018 at the Arts & Culture Centre - [www.artsandculturecentre.com](http://www.artsandculturecentre.com) or 729-3900.

**... Wesley United Church** will be holding a **Pancake Supper & Card Game** on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Pancakes, sausages, bologna and baked beans will be served along with dessert and tea or coffee. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 and can be purchased by calling Marvin at 579-7900, Pheobe at 726-1689 or the 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**

**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.

***RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS ...***The Christian community has a role in Christian Initiation of Adults. The Christian community supports the candidates by love, prayer, and witness and by testifying that they are ready to complete their initiation. Some members of the community help to instruct them in the faith of the Church. Candidates are also assisted by sponsors who walk with them in faith and present them to the community during the liturgical rites. At present we have one adult who is asking to be received as a candidate for Confirmation. We ask you to keep him in your prayers.

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE ....** Recordings of the Basilica’s 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Advent Festival of Carols and Scripture, held December 3, are available in DVD and CD format, \$10 each. Please contact the parish office (754-2170) if you would like to purchase a copy.

... **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.

... **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 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.

### <<< **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.

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

... **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.

\*\*\* **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.

... **Rev. Bill Mercer with the Wesley Male Choir** have invited Dr. Ian Sutherland, Dean of Music at Memorial along with some of the music students to take part in the evening service at Wesley United Church on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:50 pm. This should be an interesting service highlighting the talents of some of the music students, and the spoken word with Rev. Bill. Light refreshments will be served in the Lecture Hall after the Service.

\*\*\* **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.

**Irish Sacred Heart Messenger ...** Anyone who is interested in the magazine can contact (709) 685-208 for more information. This is a great magazine and would be a wonderful gift for any occasion.

**WEBSITE ...** The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's, [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org). 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 website fresh and modern.

**--- 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.

**\*\*\* 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)

**\*\* 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)

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

**\*\* 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.*