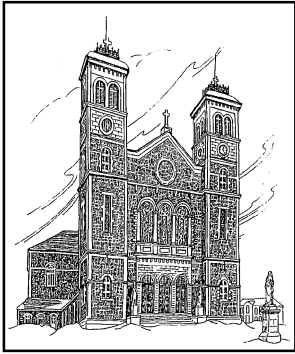


# ***Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist***

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.

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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.

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

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

**Weekday Mass DURING LENT: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 12:10 PM.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesday after the 12:10 pm. Mass for one hour

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday at 7:00 pm.

**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

**<><><> PLEASE MAKE A NOTE ... WEEKDAY MASSES DURING LENT WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 12:10 P.M. IF THERE IS A FUNERAL - IT WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 10:00 A.M. EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE CELEBRATED AFTER THE 12:10 PM. MASS ON WEDNESDAY. OUR REGULAR WEEKDAY SCHEDULE WILL RESUME ON APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>. <><><>**

***Prayer...*** We ask that you remember the sick of our parish... Bernadine Brake, Gerard Carey, Mary Joy. Lord, comfort them in their time of sickness and bless those who care for them. If you would like to have a friend / family member named in the Bulletin & remembered at our Eucharistic celebrations please call the Office by Wednesday noon.

**\*\*\* BAPTISM PREPARATION \*\*\*** The next Baptism Preparation will take place on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018 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.**

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

Lent is often characterized as a somber time, a time of deprivation and maybe sadness - yet this week's readings offer hope. They speak of floods and arks of safety, of covenantal rainbows, of being tempted yet proclaiming the Good News. The first reading is a reminder that God's covenant of love is for all generations - not just for a chosen few. This God knows well that as humans with a mind to think and a heart to love, we will be tempted to break our covenant. Not only that, but we hear today that Jesus, himself, was also tempted and had to find the strength to reject the lure of power that was presented to him. The compassion we hear attributed over and over again, to Jesus, would have been honed in the crucible of struggle and suffering. We know in our own lives that we could not really learn compassion without having suffered ourselves. We can't really share the burdens of the oppressed unless we have felt the sting of oppression. We can't dry the tears of mourners unless we have felt the sorrow of loss. We can't help others find their way unless we too have struggled in the lonely valley of darkness. Today, as we process beneath the cross - the Tree of Life - the readings remind us that God has been with us throughout all human history, and that which we learn to let go, to float on the covenantal waters of God's love, to renew our lives and retreat to our own desert place, we will have the strength to die to sin and evil. Our processional hymn reminds us that we all live the paschal mystery of dying and rising, but that when we live with our human frailties, and find our God in every person lost and broken, we too will rise with every morn.

### **Baptisms .... HAZEL JEANNIE FILLIER, LIV CHARLOTTE TOOKTOSHINA**

You have become a new creation and have clothed yourselves in Christ. May you always grow as children of the Light.

**LENT 2018 ...** It is important that there is some time for prayer every day.\*Meal time is a popular occasion for all the family to come together. This is a good time for a brief family prayer. \* Prayer at home should express the praise, thanks and needs of the family. \* Prayer is a two-way conversation. In some families moments of silence for listening to the Holy Spirit are important.

**<> Emmaus House ....** Almsgiving is a work of justice pleasing to God. In our parish, food or money may be donated to Emmaus House to help the needy. In keeping with our communal almsgiving, parishioners are asked to bring 'SUGAR' next Saturday/Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent.

**LENTEN TREE (Emmaus Tree) ...** at the entrance of the Basilica we will have our Lenten Tree decorated with little paper crosses. Written on these crosses are the names of different items which could be donated for the personal care of the needy. We invite parishioners to take a paper cross from the tree and on the following Saturday/Sunday bring back the specified item.

**Share Lent ...** For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace! You will find inspiring testimonials in the Mini-magazine distributed in church today. During this first week our search for peace takes us to Cambodia to meet ICSO a Development and Peace partner that works with minority Indigenous communities to help them have their rights recognized by the government, defend their land against corporate interests, and develop sustainable economic activities that enable them to live with dignity.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE, BASILICA COUNCIL ....** There will be a GENERAL MEETING of the Basilica Council Catholic Women's League in the Parish Room on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 12:10 pm. Mass. Annual Fees are due at this time. We welcome new members.

**YOUTH LENTEN FAITH FORMATION ...** Chosen: *This is Your Catholic Faith* is a faith formation program that journeys through the entire Catholic faith. Stories from creation through salvation history, sacraments, prayer and discipleship are the main themes of the program. Beginning on Sun., Feb. 18, youth 13 and up, are invited to join us for a Lenten Faith Formation Series. During these sessions we will have activities, videos and discussions aimed at learning about and deepening our faith. The sessions will run from 7:00-8:45 pm. and be held in the conference room at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, attached to the Basilica. There is no cost to attend these sessions and snacks will be provided! For more information or to register, please contact Sara at [sbroderick@rcsj.org](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org). To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/chosen-this-is-your-catholic-faith-tickets-43074352548>.

**SEASON OF LENT-EASTER ...** This 90 day season, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday, is one of renewal for each person and the whole church. At the heart of the season is the paschal mystery of Jesus. Lent prepares for it and Easter celebrates it for fifty days. Can a dialogue between this Paschal Mystery and the Universal Story yield new insights for living our faith today? We invite you to come to Presentation Sisters Virginia Waters Retreat House, 47 Parsonage Dr., Sunday from 4-5pm. Feb. 18-May 20, for an hour of contemplation, reflection and dialogue. Facilitators: Phil Lewis and Gerard Whitty. Please call 754-1582 to register.

**## STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC - REVEALED ...** The Steubenville series of conferences are held across North America each year. They seek to invite teens into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, empowering them to live as His disciples. These conferences are high energy events featuring inspiring talks, amazing music and worship, and opportunities for encounter with Jesus through the Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation. Each year, young people from our Archdiocese travel to Halifax, NS to attend the "Atlantic" conference. This year, it will be held from July 6-8 at Dalhousie University. Youth between the ages of 14-21 are encouraged to join us! We will be holding an information session about this year's conference on **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.** this session will be held at the Pastoral Centre (attached to the Basilica). For more information on this conference, please contact Sara at [sbroderick@rcsj.org](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org).

**24 HOUR ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT ...** You are invited to spend an hour with JESUS from 9:30 am. March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 10:00 am. March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Mary Queen of the World Parish, 777 Topsail Road. We pray for all those in authority, especially our spiritual and political leaders, that they be filled and guided by the Holy Spirit in their decision making.

**EASTER PLUS CAMP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE ....** St. Bonaventure's College welcomes students ages 5-12, within and outside the St. Bon's community, to join us this year at Easter Plus Camp. Easter Plus is a fun and engaging camp where children will participate in a variety of activities while making new friendships and enjoying new experiences. There are two sessions: Session 1: March 26-29 (\$160), Session 2: April 2-6 (\$200). To learn more about this camp, or to register please contact our Program Coordinator Ms. Allison Anderson at [aanderson@stbons.ca](mailto:aanderson@stbons.ca) or 709-726-0024, ext. 231.

**NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT ...** Join over 3000 Catholics across Canada and the USA for the new evangelization. The summit will be on April 27-28 and will feature 6 world-class Catholic speakers on the New Evangelization including Curtis Martin, Sr. Anne Shields, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Christy Dupuis and Michael Dopp. NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. We are incredibly excited to be a host site for the NES. The conference will be webcasted from Ottawa to St. Peter's Parish, Mount Pearl. Be inspired, receive formation and connect with other Catholics. **Where:** St. Peter's Parish, 110 Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl; **When:** Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>; Registration Cost: \$40 per person; **Other: Lunch will not be provided, for more information,** please contact [catholicnl@gmail.com](mailto:catholicnl@gmail.com). **Register now at** [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca).

**Save the date - Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> .. Basilica Parish Flipper/Chicken Dinner .. K of C**

*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 ... February 11, 2018**

**Sunday Offertory .. \$5,048.25.; Assessment ... \$85.; Heat & Light ... \$40.; Lenten Offering ... \$614.**

*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*

**\*\* THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY** is looking for a representative from each parish to train as a congregational representative. If you currently are a church representative or wish to be one please e-mail Gerry Donahue at [gdonahue@crosbiejob.com](mailto:gdonahue@crosbiejob.com) or cell phone (709) 727-4513.

**... CATHOLIC RENEWAL SERVICES ...** Presents **seven sessions** of Catholic scriptural teaching on the Gospel of Luke by scriptural scholar Frances Hogan of Ireland. First session begins May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. at St. Teresa's Parish Hall on Mundy Pond Road. For more information please call Gerry at 727-4513.

**<< This is Queen's College Appeal Sunday** in all Anglican parishes across the province. Your support of Queen's College can be shown with an on-line donation at <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/16498> which will help Queen's College to continue to prepare clergy and lay people for leadership in the Church. Your support of Queen's College is one way of ensuring the Church is equipped to respond to current and future needs for generation in the Church and beyond. Thank you for your support.

**>> Celebrate Family Conference...** Celebrate is a lively Catholic, faith-filled weekend for the whole family. Inspiring talks, children age appropriate streams, Mass, drama, worship, workshops. Fun for the whole family. Taking place in Corner Brook July 14-15, 2018. More information will follow.

**// Knights of Columbus Council 7405** regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 20, meeting room of Mary Queen of Peace Church, Torbay Road. Rosary at 7:30 pm., meeting follows. All Brother Knights are welcome.

**\*\* Centre for Life Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** will be held on Mondays, March 5 - April 30 for seniors. Please call 579-1500 for more information and to make an appointment.

## **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.

**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.

**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**

**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.

**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.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY - PANAMA ... January 2019.** 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).

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### <<< **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.

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**\*\*\* HOLY FAMILY PARISH**, Paradise, will be holding a **card game** on **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** at **8:00 pm**. (doors open at 7 pm.) at **Holy Innocents Church Hall, Paradise Road**. Lots of prizes, snacks provided. For tickets call Jim at 782-1123 or the parish office at 781-1696.

**Irish Sacred Heart Messenger** ... Anyone who is interested in the magazine can contact (709) 685-2208 for more information. This is a great magazine and would be a wonderful gift for any occasion.

... **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

**\*\*\* 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.

... **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.

**\*\*\* 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.

**./ PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND** - May 19-June 2, 2018 Cead Mile Failte! Please join us for an inclusive, Catholic pilgrimage to the Ireland, including many key religious, historic, and cultural sites across the Emerald Isle. Registration includes all transportation to/from Halifax, attractions, breakfasts and dinners, daily Mass and a full religious program provided by Fr. Bryan Sabourin, CC (Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit - Lower Sackville). Spots are filling up quickly. \$4,895, pp/do. For more information call (902) 482-1173, email [helene.makuch@joewalshtours.com](mailto:helene.makuch@joewalshtours.com) , or go to [www.joewalshtours.com](http://www.joewalshtours.com).

**\*\*\* 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.

**\*\*\* The Wesley Men's Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer** along with **special guests Deborah and Keith Collins** will hold a service on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:50 pm. with a sing-a-long. All are welcome.

**--- 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).

**\* 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)

**<<< THE CONCERT CROWD** celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! One night only ... is sure to entertain and not to be missed ... Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are available at the Arts & Culture Centre Box Office ... \$25.00.

**VOWR Presents:** Spirit of Newfoundland's Dinner Theatre "**Idol Dies At You**" on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Masonic Temple, Cathedral Street. Doors open at 6:30 m. Dinners starts at 7:00 pm. Show starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$75 per person with a tax receipt for \$25. Call VOWR at 579-9233, Wesley United Church at 579-3682 or Marvin Barnes at 579-7900. Reserve your tickets early so as to avoid being disappointed, they always sell out fast!



**... 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.

**.. 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.*