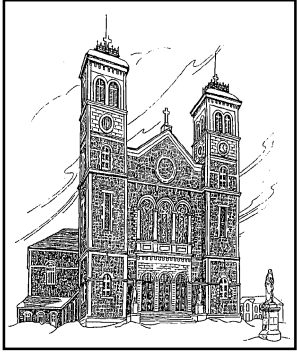


Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

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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.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY – APRIL 9, 2017

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Lenten Weekday Mass: **MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY AT 12:10 P.M.**

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Funerals We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of the late

ROY SNOOK, JOAN DOYLE, JAMES ENGLISH

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

Invitation to Polish Families ... On Holy Saturday, April 15th, members of the Polish community are invited to bring their Easter food to be blessed during Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. This blessed food will be brought back to their homes to be eaten on Easter Sunday, April 16th in keeping with their Polish tradition. We encourage our Polish parishioners and their friends to come along to Morning Prayer at 10:00 am.

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper; 11:00 p.m. Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross for families with young children

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion; 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

Members of the Polish Community will bring their food to be blessed for Easter

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Mass

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

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY - APRIL 9TH, 2017

As Lent draws to a close and we prepare for the holy Three Days, we hear again the story of Christ's passion and suffering. As we begin this most solemn and holy of weeks, we remember how the son of God was betrayed and crucified, and we pray that as Christians we respond with compassion to the suffering of all peoples around the world. We pray that the kind of injustice that nailed an innocent man to a tree be eradicated forever. We pray that we never abuse our power to hurt others, and we pray that along with the suffering servant of the Hebrew scriptures and the Jesus of Galilee, we become instruments of God's peace. *Dona nobis pacem!* There may be times when we will doubt the efficacy of our prayers as we hear of oppressive regimes that continue to bring suffering and death to so many. We might tend to lose hope as peace talks flounder, as innocent lives are torn apart by terror, violence and war, and as the gap between rich and poor appears always greater. But we know that the cross, our Tree of Life, stands before such injustice and sin, calling Christians to bring their message of reconciliation and peace to all. Indeed, each time we leave our Church we are reminded that we enter mission country as we take the Gospel message to our homes and our workplaces.

Emmaus House ... On Holy Thursday, the day of the Lord's Supper the Church asks that we bring a non-perishable food item for the needy, or an item for personal care as suggested on the crosses on the Lenten Tree.

.... GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE -- Friday, April 14th, **9:00 am.**, **St. Pius X Church** on Smithville Crescent. The Centre for Life invites the community to gather in a spiritual fellowship to pray for all human life, especially the most vulnerable members of our society. For more information please call 579-1500.

On Good Friday ... at 11:00 a.m. families in the parish are invited to join with the parents whose children are preparing for Confirmation and Communion for a celebration of the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.

Good Friday Pontifical Collection on April 14th for the benefit of the Holy Land. The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday, April 14th. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection, helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE ... Thank you for your support to the 2017 Share Lent Campaign! Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks everyone who donated to Share Lent. Thanks to your generosity, \$742.60 was collected in our parish. This sum will go towards meeting the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to make a donation, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to make a donation direct at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

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.

.... **As part of the Archbishop’s Appeal, the Basilica Community Builders is planning to put together an auction item of a gift card tree.** This worked well last year and we’re hoping it will this year, too. We are looking for **contributions of \$20 gift cards** from places such as Tim Horton’s, Starbucks, Second Cup, the liquor store, Sobey’s, Dominion, Coleman’s – in fact from any place that you think will appeal to people. The following people will be happy to receive your contribution: Bernie Conran, Cathy Hickey, and Dianne O’Mara. If you don’t happen to know these people or don’t see them when you are at the Basilica, just call Bernie at 722-6379. She will gladly arrange to get your contribution.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTRIES SCHEDULES FOR 5 PM. & 11 AM. MASSES READY FOR PICK UP IN THE PARISH ROOM.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ... The Parish Office will close at 4:30 pm. on Thursday, April 13th and will reopen at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, April 18th. The Basilica will close immediately following the 11:00 am. Mass on Easter Sunday and will reopen at 8:00 am. on Tuesday, April 18th. **WE WILL RETURN TO OUR REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH.** Mass will be celebrated **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 am. (No Mass on Monday or Tuesday unless there is a funeral).** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated on Wednesday after the 9:30 am. Mass for one hour in the Marian and Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Islam Understood Presentation ... The purpose of this event is to create an awareness of, and educate about, radicalization, promote religious harmony and dispel misconceptions about Islam. Thursday, April 13th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm., A.C. Hunter Public Library (Community Room), 125 Allandale Road. Free admission and complementary refreshments. For more information you may contact Umbran Bhatti at 902-219-90313 or umran.bhatti@ahmadiyya.ca.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICES ... Sunday, April 23rd, 3:00 pm. at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Outer Cove and 3:00 pm. at the Basilica. There will be Exposition, Benediction and Procession at the service in the Basilica.

Come “Awaken the Energy Within” for more natural energy, wellness and joy! Join us at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road for an 8-week Wisdom Healing Qigong session on Tuesdays and T’ai Chi Chih on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Options for 10:30 am., 1:30 pm. or 7:00 pm. depending on the class. Sessions starting April 18th, 19th and 20th. New and returning students welcome! For more details www.taichichihnl.ca or contact Sheila at 727-7863 or sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca.

Our Annual Fundraiser, Archbishop's Dinner and Auction will be held this year on **Wednesday, May 17th** at Holiday Inn – Portugal Cove Road. This event is the principal means through which we raise the funds to support our many outreach programs and services. Tickets are \$200 each or a table of 10 for \$2,000. Please contact Theresa Whiffen (709) 726-3660 or e-mail: twhiffen@rcsj.org to reserve your ticket. We are seeking donations for our Live or Silent Auction, for example: Gift Certificates, Merchandise (new items only) or Crafts, etc. Any donation will be greatly accepted. Should you wish to make a donation please contact: Anne Marie Curran, 709-726-3660, ext. 227 or e-mailacurran@rcsj.org. your donation can be picked up and a charitable receipts will be issued.

Dessert Auction Donation: There is also an Auction Dessert Table where guests bid on a dessert of their choice. The highest bid, on down the line, will determine their pick of the crop! It is a fun event and an excellent contribution to our fundraising! If you would like TO DONATE A DESSERT please contact Janet Stead at 709-726-3660, ext. 230 or jstead@rcsj.org. Thank you.

Remember that when you leave this earth you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given.” (St. Francis of Assisi)

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

COLLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY, April 2nd, 2017

Offertory ... \$7,364.45; Lenten Offering ... \$160; Assessment ... \$106

Acknowledged with many thanks. Your continued support of the Basilica Parish is greatly appreciated.

Income Tax receipts for 2016 donations to the parish are available for pick up at the Parish Office. If you would like to have your receipt mailed please contact the office at 754-2170 or basilica@rcsj.org.

.. 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**

... 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.

***** St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation** is having a Variety Show in support of the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home. Join us with your family, visitors and friends on Thursday, April 20th at 6:30 pm. at the St. Patrick's Mercy Home Auditorium, 146 Elizabeth Avenue. **“Skits, Musicians, Resident Performances, Recitations, 50/50 Draw and Prizes”** Tickets \$15. Call 752-8745 for tickets or information.

... St. Clare's Mercy Hospital Auxiliary will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in the Fall of 2017. If you would be interested in attending their anniversary celebration please contact Michele at 777-5539 for more information.

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

.... Knights of Columbus Scholarship ... Applications for the K of C Supreme Scholarship are due on May 1, 2017. Applications can be requested at www.kofc.org under scholarships.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR PUBLISHED BULLETIN

Prayer For Our Parish... O God, you have made us the Church of your Son. Make our parish a family of one heart and one mind in love toward you. Grant that our common life and witness may be an example to all about us. Guide our pastor and his assistants in their ministry. Listen to the prayers of John the Baptist, our patron, and keep us secure in your love. Teach us to reach out to other parishes less fortunate. Give us a great love for all the Church, for our Holy Father, for our bishop, and all those who serve. Help us to be a haven of joy and peace within the human family. Bring us all together to life eternal. **Amen**

... 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.

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.

***** BASILICA & PARISH OFFICE OPENING/CLOSING TIMES**

The Basilica is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am. – 4:00 pm.; Saturday 8:00 am. until after the 5:00 pm. Mass; and 8:00 am. – 12:30 pm. on Sunday. The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 9:00 am. to 4:30 pm. – closed for lunch 12 Noon to 1 pm. daily. Guided tours of the Basilica and the Basilica Museum are available upon request by contacting Mr. Rene Estrada at 726-3660, etc. 223 or restrada@rcsj.org.

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 (754-2170).

COMMUNION TO THE SICK ...

The Basilica Parish is in the process of rejuvenating 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.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: I need your help to appoint two new members to the Finance Committee. It is for a 3 year term, but can be extended for another term. If you know of anyone, or if you have knowledge of finances, please let me know. A CA would be helpful on the committee but not necessary. I hope you will be able to give me the names of some people I can approach. Thank You. *Father Jerome*

THE CATECHETICAL OFFICE at the Basilica provides parents with the resources to form their children in faith and prepare them to celebrate the sacraments. This process has two foci, namely, the home and the parish. This year we will provide some materials for families to use at home. We will invite families to get involved in the various liturgical ministries at the Sunday liturgy, namely, present the gifts of bread and wine, prepare the altar, carry cross and candles and proclaim the readings. The catechetical formation at the Basilica will also emphasize the liturgical year, especially the seasons of Advent, Christmas—Epiphany as well as Lent-Easter-Pentecost because they are extremely important for faith formation. This year we will celebrate a rite of welcome for children and families who are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and first Eucharist. Part of this celebration will be to present the child with a copy of the lectionary because the Word of God is very important in the faith formation of every Christian. If you would like to enroll your child in this process of preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, please email me at Gerard.whitty@nl.rogers.com or call the Basilica office at 754-2170.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE BASILICA PARISH basilica@rcsj.org

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.

^^^ **Centre for Life Seniors Tax Clinics:** The Centre for Life will be participating in the CRA Community Volunteer Income Tax Program offering tax preparation for seniors. **For information or to make an appointment please call 579-1500. Clinics will be held on Mondays.**

^^ **Be Part of the Celebration !!!** This year, our Catholic Church's international solidarity organization, Development and Peace is entering its 50th year. To celebrate this milestone, Development and Peace is holding a 50th Anniversary Dinner on Friday, May 5th, 7 pm., Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$20 each and are available by contacting Evelyn Lundrigan at emlundrigan@hotmail.com or 368-4450. Speakers for the evening will be Archbishop Martin Currie, Archbishop of St. John's and Josianne Gauthier, Director of the in-Canada Program for Development and Peace. Entertainment will be provided.

<< **Living Well With Advanced Cancer ... *Are you living with cancer?*** Eastern Health invites you to attend an 8-week interactive support group designed to help those living with advanced cancer to reconnect with and sustain meaning in their lives. Co-facilitated by the Social Work Department of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and the Pastoral Care and Ethics Department of Eastern Health this program will start May 8th and will meet on Mondays from 2-4 pm. until June 26th at the Botanical Garden Field Centre, 306 Mount Scio Road (weeks 2,3 & 7 will meet Tuesday afternoon). For more information or to register please contact Paul Grimes at 777-7611 or Bill Haynes at 777-7990.

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

<< Rosary, Mass, and Holy Hour ... St. Kevin's Parish is inviting people to come pray for the Archdiocese and the Strategic Planning Committee each Tuesday evening. There will be Rosary at 6:30 pm., Mass at 7:00 pm., and Holy Hour immediately after Mass. Please come and join us in prayer. (Please check Parish office at 745-8183 or email stkevinsparish@gmail.com prior to coming, as Mass to be cancelled if funeral that day)

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

THE LANTERN -- EVENTS/PROGRAMS .. Mindfulness Bases Stress Reduction – 8 week course: Thursday, April 6-May 25; 6:30-9:00 pm. Cost: \$325 (includes MBSR workbook with guided m3- meditation practices, and day retreat and lunch). Facilitator: Maureen Barry, MSW, RSW. To register and/or info please call 685-6027 or email mbsr.stjohns@gmail.com.

... Topsail United Church Good Friday Fishcake Luncheon, April 14th, 11:30 am. Menu of Fishcakes, Baked Beans, Molasses Raisin Bread, Dessert, Tea and Coffee. Adults \$12 and Children \$6. To reserve your tickets please contact the Church Office at 834-4567. No tickets available at the door. All are welcome.

>> St. Augustine's Anglican Church invites you to spend an evening with Kevin Collins featuring Ray Walsh! Friday, May 5th, 7:00 pm., doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available by calling the church office, 753-1931 or by email staugustine@nf.aibn.com. Tickets are \$25 each.

Canadian Blood Services ... New donors are critical to meeting Canada's future blood needs. It can be challenging to collect blood leading into long weekends and holidays, such as Easter. Many people travel and are busy with family, yet the need for blood remains constant. Canadian Blood Services is now open on Saturdays from 9 am. – 1 pm. for your convenience. Visit blood.ca for information or to book an appointment.

--- Volunteers are a wonderful asset to Nursing Homes and greatly enhance the lives of residents. Volunteers welcomed in assisting with a variety of social activities for residents at The Agnes Pratt Home. Meal Time companion, recreation, friendly visiting, community companions and pastoral care. If interested please call Judy Cook, Coordinator Volunteer Resources, Longer Term Care St. John's at 752-8705 or email judy.cook@easternhealth.ca.

.... Elevate – Steubenville Youth Conference --- join hundreds of other youth from Atlantic Canada in Halifax from July 7-9, 2017 as we celebrate and learn more about our Catholic faith. The Steubenville conferences are held across North America each year and offers young people an opportunity to meet new people and hear fantastic speakers and music while learning more about the Sacraments and our church. For more information or to register, please contact Sara at sara_broderick@yahoo.com or visit www.steubenville.ca.

INNER HEALING MINISTRY: Do you feel your life is out of control? Do you want to spend an hour in praise of worship? A time for peace and a time to settle! Call Roger at 895-3499 or come to Wesley Auditorium on Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm. to see if this is what you are looking for. Everyone is welcome.

<< *“For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.”* (Rom. 7:18). If we don't seem able to control our harmful eating habits we may need help. If willpower is not enough, Overeaters Anonymous might be for you. For more info visit oanl.org or -709-738-1742.

ALPHA YOUTH PROGRAM ... We are very excited to be offering the Alpha program for youth in our Archdiocese! The Alpha Youth Film Series is a 9 week program designed to engage youth in conversations about life, faith and Jesus. It invites youth to learn about, and reflect on, the basic truths of the Christian faith. Each session will start with food, followed by a short video and discussions. This series has been used internationally and has received amazing reviews. Our program will run during February and March and our leaders will be Catholic Youth Ministers from different parishes in our diocese. There is no registration fee for this program and it is open to youth from grades 6-12. For information on this program, please contact Sara at sara_broderick@yahoo.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES, October 8-17, 2017 ... there will be a 100th anniversary pilgrimage to Fatima led by Father Cecil Critch and will include visits to shrines in Barcelona and Lourdes. Highlights include – Barcelona-La Sagrada Familia, Marian Shrine, **Montserrat**, Carcassone, **Lourdes**, Grotto of Massabielle, Cathedral of Burgos, Monastery of Santa Maria Real de las Huelgas, **Fatima**, Aljustrel, Santarem. For details call Colleen Williams at Harvey's Travel at Pearlgate Mall 747-5018 / cwilliams@harveystravelcwt.com.

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

?? Thinking of Volunteering ?? If you have two hours to spare during the week, your service would be greatly appreciated at St. Patrick's Mercy Home. Volunteers are required between 10 am. and Noon, Monday through Friday to porter residents to and from the Chapel.

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

***/*/ 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.

***** 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.

GROWING IN FAITH SERIES 2016-2017 ...

Saturday, May 13, 2017: Mary: First Among Disciples , A Look at Mary and Marian Devotion Today

Saturday, June 17, 2017: Finding balance in life: Does the Church offer any help with this?

All are welcome to the sessions, and people can avail of just one session, or a number of them, or all of them, if they wish. Sessions are held in the Basilica Museum in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre. To cover expenses, a nominal fee of \$5 is suggested. To register call MaryLou Sweetapple at 726-3660, ext. 280. **ALL SESSIONS ... 9:00 AM. – 12:00 NOON**

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

.... Spousal Grief and Bereavement Support Group - supported by Eastern Health and Daffodil Place - meets on Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm., Daffodil Place, 70 Ropewalk Lane. If you are experiencing grief due to the death of your spouse, please join us at this time. This support group provides an opportunity for individuals to meet and discuss the loss of your spouse; provide support to each other; and share information that may help during the grieving process.

***** MEN, WOMEN & YOUTH** are invited to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital and/or the L.A. Miller Centre. There is a schedule and you would serve at least every fourth Sunday. You will need to be registered with the Eastern Health volunteer service - to register please contact Debbie Oakley 777-6959 or debbie.oakley@easternhealth.ca. You may contact Sr. Diane Smyth 777-5470 for more information.

*****Welcome to New Immigrants ...** Are you a new immigrant to Canada or new to St. John's? Would you like to be connected to a larger Multicultural Catholic Association? Please contact Celia Quadjovie @ 763-5757 or email mcca.diversity@gmail.com. or if you want to talk to a Multicultural Catholic Priest call 689-9647.

NEW WEBSITE ... The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's is proud to launch our newly redesigned website, www.rcsj.org the updated site includes changes to navigation, with menus that can now be viewed with the same design features on any type of screen, whether it is a desktop, laptop, or mobile device. We will be constantly updating our content with helpful information, such as articles, blogs, newsletters, and bulletin announcements, along with services that we provide. We hope you find the new website fresh and modern.

➤➤➤**If** you are a student, staff or faculty at the College of the North Atlantic, this is for you. CNA approached the chaplains at MUN to see if we could spend some time at CNA and we jumped at the chance! Details aren't worked out yet. In the meantime your Catholic Chaplain is me - Father J. Mroz, SJ. I live t St. Pius X with my brother Jesuits. My phone number is 743-0458 and my email is ej_mroz@yahoo.ca. I've started a facebook group called CNA Catholic Community. Let's get something great going!

*** **Have 2 hours to spare each week????** St. Patrick's Mercy Home is seeking volunteers to assist with chapel services, mainly portering residents to and from the chapel. The requirement is just 2 (two) hours per week between 10 am. and noon, Monday to Friday. Anyone who is interested or would like further information, please call Judy Cook at 753-8705. *Volunteering is a gift that you give and receive!*

*** **A Notice from the St. John's Hospital Chaplains to parishioners ...** A reminder for persons entering the St. John's Hospitals and who would like to see a chaplain during your stay ... make sure you or a family member tells the admitting clerk "I would like to see the chaplain during my time in hospital". You will then be asked your religious affiliation and will receive a visit from the chaplain within a day or two.

** **Seniors Resource Centre's "Friendly Visiting Program"** offers seniors a new and supportive friendship, a link to community programs and services, and regular visits from a volunteer. The Friendly Visiting Program coordinator matches a senior with a volunteer based on their shared interests. For information call Sharon at 737-2333, email: fvc@seniorsresource.ca or visit www.seniorsresource.ca

... **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.

** **Seniors Resource Centre's "Mall Walkers Club"** This program helps seniors increase their level of activity while having fun, making new friends, learning about healthy aging and connecting with programs and services of the Seniors Resource Centre NL. Volunteers walk with seniors and help to serve refreshments after their walk. For more information call Sharon at 737-2333 or visit www.seniorsresource.ca

** **On the occasion of the death of a loved one**, please consider a donation to our Heritage Foundation in memory of the deceased. Keep their memory alive in the restoration of our beautiful Basilica. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are available at the Funeral Homes and in the Basilica, or you can call the Parish Office at 754-2170. We still require approximately \$600,000 to meet our goal.

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

"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.