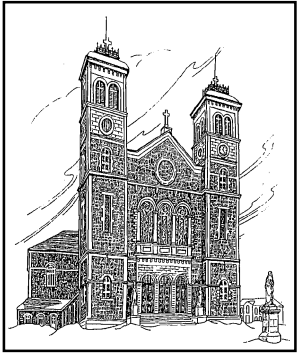


Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

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



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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 7, 2017

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

Weekday Mass: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass for one hour

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Rosary: recited in the Basilica one half hour before weekday Mass.

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

Archdiocesan Celebration in Honour of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady At Fatima

– Saturday, May 13th marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of Mary's appearances at Fatima. The Archdiocese of St. John's will mark this event with a celebration at the Basilica. **3:30 pm.** – Talk on the Apparitions at Fatima, Video of the 1955 procession by Portuguese fishermen and the citizens of St. John's with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Personal remembrances of the Procession. **4:00 pm.** – Rosary Pilgrimage through the Basilica, led by Knights of Columbus Honour Guard with music and slides. **5:00 pm. Mass** – Presider: Archbishop Currie. **Following Mass** – light refreshments. *All are welcome!* Come and bring a friend.

Prayer.... *We ask that you remember the sick of our parish...* Bernadine Brake, Gerard Carey, Rose Phillips, Donnie Butler, Dennis O'Brien, Delphine Tracey, Marilyn Power, Bill Royle. **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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 7TH, 2017

Today is often called 'Good Shepherd (sheepgate) Sunday and history tells us that in Jesus' day, the flocks of sheep brought in to the city of Jerusalem, would all be mixed together - but each sheep knew its beloved shepherd call and would respond to that voice. They knew that they'd be safe and shielded from danger. We know too that despite the anxieties of or modern world, Christ's call is safe - and we hear that word "call" throughout the readings for this Sunday. Peter tells us in the first reading that salvation is for all whom God *calls* and we are assured in the second reading that when we go astray, our shepherd will *call* us to safety. A lesson we can take from today's Gospel is that just as those early shepherds knew their own sheep and called them by name, Jesus calls each of us by name. on this Good Shepherd Sunday, we consider the image of a shepherd who cares for the weak, who calls and searches for each lost sheep. We consider what we are called to - do we work to model ourselves on the one who ate with sinners, broke down the barriers of race, sex, and religion, travelled with uneducated fishers, and loved all he met? We need good shepherds today - in our schools, our homes, our churches, our governments - in every walk of life, and we need to be good shepherds for others. How can we shepherd those whose lives we touch?

GROWING IN FAITH ... The 100TH Anniversary of the Apparitions of Mary at Fatima -- How do we discern aspects of a healthy devotion to Mary? **Saturday, May 13, 2017:** Basilica Museum in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, **9:00 AM. – 12:00 NOON.** To register call MaryLou Sweetapple at 726-3660, ext. 280. **All are welcome**

***** BAPTISM PREPARATION ***** The next Baptism Preparation will take place on **MONDAY, MAY 15TH AT 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Room.** To register, please call the Parish Office at 754-2170 or visit our website - www.thebasilica.ca as soon as possible before this date. We encourage expectant parents to register early in their pregnancy. This will allow you to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism shortly after the baby's birth. **The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated ONCE A MONTH ... except during Lent and Advent.**

PARISH SOCIAL ... In our continuing effort to build our Basilica Parish as Community there will be a Social after the 11:00 am. Mass this **SUNDAY, MAY 7TH.** We were encouraged by the large number of Parishioners who participated in our previous Socials. We invite one and all to drop by, share a treat and learn more about our various Ministries.

ANNUAL BREAKFAST OF GRATITUDE The Basilica Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to invite all those who serve in our various Ministries to attend our annual Breakfast of Gratitude. This will be held on **Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus** on St. Clare Avenue (**back entrance**). You are asked to contact your Ministry Coordinator to pick up your individual invitation. Besides a delicious breakfast, prizes will be given to lucky draws!!! We look forward to seeing you there!

Symposium of Spirituality... The Hindu Temple hosting the 12th Annual Multi-faith Symposium on Spirituality on Saturday, May 13th, 8 am.–1:30 pm. Theme: "Is there a Role for mysticism in one's Spiritual Growth?". There will be a coffee break and lunch will be served at the conclusion of the symposium. Leaders from Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhists, Baha'I and Sikh faiths have been invited to make presentations of behalf of their respective faiths. In the mean time you may register by e-mailing Mr. Sanjay Ralhan at Farhan.sanjay1@fmail.com or calling 233-5232. For the participants who are attending this symposium we plan to have a nominal registration fee of \$10 per person which may be paid on the day of the symposium. All interested persons invited to attend.

BASILICA PARISH FLIPPER DINNER ----

ALTERNATE DINNER: CHICKEN BREAST - \$25.00

Dinner, Dessert, Tea & Coffee >>> Thursday, June 1st, Knights of Columbus, St. Clare Avenue
Take-out dinners available at 5:30 pm. (downstairs); Eat-in dinners served at 6:00 p.m. (upstairs)

After dinner entertainment -- Deadline for ticket purchase: Thursday, May 25th

Tickets available at: Parish Office – Monday through Friday (except Monday May 22nd) 9 am.–Noon; 1-4:30 pm.; Parish Religious Articles Store – Saturday before & after 5 pm. Mass, Sunday after 8:30 am. Mass & before and after 11 am. Mass, Dianne 754-0982. Purchase your tickets early Limited number available

An Evening with the Archbishop Dinner & Auction - Update on Gift Cards ... Thanks to everyone who contributed gift cards to be auctioned off at the dinner on May 17. In all we collected 51 cards for a value of \$1,060.00. This very generous donation allowed the Basilica Community Builders to prepare three baskets for the auction. We will let you know after the dinner how much money the cards brought in. Thanks again to all who contributed.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY ... The Archbishop's Appeal is a fundraising campaign conducted by the Archdiocese of St. John's - specifically, the programs, services and projects that benefit families, the sick, the elderly, the disadvantaged, the imprisoned and those who are in any way vulnerable, ignored or oppressed. The Archbishop's Appeal gives each of us the opportunity to look beyond the boundaries of our own parish towards the larger needs of the People of God. People in all of our parishes, missions, societies and organizations are invited to make a contribution to this important cause. Please be as generous. For more information contact Mr. Rene Estrada, restrada@rcsj.org, Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre 709-726-3660.

ENVELOPES are attached to the Bulletin for your convenience. Please return your contribution during this month.

Annual Fundraiser, Archbishop's Dinner and Auction 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.

LATIN MASS TIME CHANGE - MOTHER'S DAY ONLY (May 14), St. Pius X Chapel, Smithville Crescent. Mass will be celebrated at **1:00 p.m.** Return to regular scheduled time of 5:15 pm. on Sunday, May 21.

... 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.

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.

COLLECTION ... April 30, 2017

Sunday Offertory ... \$4,962.25; Assessment ... \$6.00; Archbishop's Appeal ... \$17.00

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

.. DID YOU KNOW? ... If you attend weekend Mass at a church other than your own Parish Church and use your parish envelope for your weekly offering, that offering will be returned to your own Parish.

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

****** SUMMER ENVIRONMENTAL DAY CAMP ...** Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, 101 Mount Scio Road invites children in Grades 2&3 in present school year to attend week of June 26-30, 9 am.-2:30 pm. or July 4-7, 9 am. - 3:30 pm.; Grades 4&5 present school year week of July 10-14. Through learning made fun, participants gain a greater awareness of themselves as part of creation and of all creation as part of them. Registration: \$60. To pre-register email mcej@live.com or call 722-0082. Register early as space is limited to 10 children per week.

<><> Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference Registration Meeting ... Steubenville Conferences are a series of youth conferences which feature inspiring speakers, great music as well as opportunities to learn about our church and the Sacraments. These conferences provide opportunities for encounters with Christ through Scripture, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliations, Mass, praise and worship, and talks. Join us from July 7-9 as we travel to Halifax, NS for the 11th Atlantic conference! For information on this conference including the date and time please email catholicyouthministrynl@gmail.com.

.... St. John's Choir Presents "A Spring Bouquet" Looking for a unique way to celebrate Mother's Day? Come join the St. John's Choir, as we celebrate Spring & Mother's Day with songs that will lighten and brighten your day! The concert will be held on Sunday, May 14th at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, The Kirk, on Queen's Road starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling 747-4760 or at the door. Get your tickets early as this concert is usually sold out.

<< The Celtic Fiddlers (under the direction of Korona Brophy) will be having a concert on May 19, at the George Street United Church with Newfoundland (the band) from Ireland. Tickets are \$20 each and available from Heather O'Brien (754-4006) or at the door.

>>> Celebrating 150 years! 50th Anniversary of The Singing Legionnaires and the 100th birthday of Dame Vera Lynn. Shelley Neville and The Singing Legionnaires in concert with songs of WWI and WWII and the eras. Sunday, June 4th, 3:00 pm., St. Mary's Church. Concert in aid of The Singing Legionnaires. Tickets: \$20 each and available at Reid Music, O'Brien's Music, Fred's Records, RC Legion Branch 1 and Branch 56, members of The Singing Legionnaires and at the door.

... JOB OPPORTUNITY ... The Presentation Sisters NL are currently accepting applications for: One Full-Time Cook. Each employee plays an important role to provide support to the Sisters in their home. Employee responsibilities are performed in keeping with the philosophy and belief that the Sisters and their families are the focus of all care and activities. If you have related work experience, ability to work a flexible schedule and interest in being a member of our Team at Presentation Convent, we'd like to hear from you! Interested candidates please send your cover letter and resume to Jacqueline Small, Director of Human Resources and Operations, Presentation Sisters NL, P.O. Box 758, St. John's, NL A1C 5L4 or email jsmall@nf.aibn.com.

/// PLEASE JOIN US on May 26, 2017 in celebrating the **40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of the Very Rev. Francis Puddister, V.G.** Mass 5:30 pm. at MQP Church, Dinner/Dance, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 56, Pleasantville, 7:00 for 7:30 pm. Stuffed Chicken Breast \$35 each. Tickets can be purchased from Mary Queen of Peace Parish Office, 135 Torbay Road or before each weekend Mass at Mary Queen of Peace. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 21, 2017. Limited number of tickets available.

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.

... 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.

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

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.

< **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.

>>> **2018 TOUR OF GREAT BRITAIN** Are you interested in seeing England, Wales and Scotland? We are promoting this 11 day tour, May 3-13, 2018, with direct flights to and from St. John’s to London. This coach-tour, with a maximum of 40 participants will cover the English countryside from the Cotswolds Hills, with its quaint picturesque villages and hamlets, near Stratford up to Liverpool with tours from the Roman medieval-walled town of Chester into North Wales between the Welch coast and the Snowdonia Mountains. Then on to Scotland from Glasgow to historic Stirling ... travelling into the Scottish Highlands and Glens to Loch Ness with a stopover in Cairngorms National Park and eventually arriving at the final destination of Edinburgh. If you are interested in this tour or would like some further information, please contact either Father Jeff Kolonel at St. Kevin’s Parish office (Goulds) at 745-8183 or Brian Bursey at 576-4551 or e-mail at bbbbursey@hotmail.com - a fully detailed tour information package is available through e-mail. Nearly half the space are already signed up, so, if you are interested, don’t delay ... check it out as soon as possible.

Wesley Church – 3 separate Flipper Dinners (dessert, tea/coffee) – Thursdays, May 11th, 25th, & June 8th. **No take-outs available.** Tickets \$25 & only valid on the night for which they are purchased. Call Pheobe 726-1689, Marvin 579-7900 or the Church Office 579-3682 for tickets.

+++ **June 6th, 2017** marks the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion of Normandy by the Allied Forces in WW2. Canadians from coast to coast play a significant role in this part of our history. E&B Travel Service – TPI and Trafalgar Canada are offering a 10-day tour to mark this event. Please visit www.dday752019.com for information or attend an information session at Branch 1 Legion, Blackmarsh Road, 7 pm., May 8th.

<< **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.

... **RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE GROUP OFFERINGS** (formerly The Family Life Bureau). Please go to www.rcsj.org for more information. The Parenting Children Course; Co-parenting for Separated Parents; Stress Management; Anger Management for Men, Anger Management for Women; Bereavement Information and Support Program; Support Group for End of Relationship, Separation & Divorce; Self-Empowerment for Women; Living a Passionate Life in Challenging Times.

<<< **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.

St. Clare's Mercy Hospital Auxiliary has openings for **daytime** volunteers in their Gift Shop. If you have a few hours a week that you are willing to offer providing customer service to our patients and visitors please call Volunteer Resources at 777-5539 for further information.

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

<< **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.

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.

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.

... **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.

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.

***** 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

**** 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.