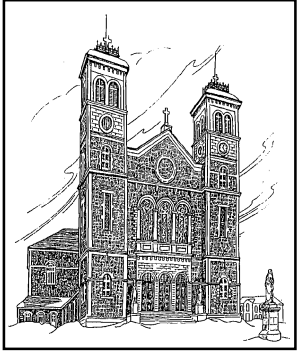


Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

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



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Secretary: Anne Carew

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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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – JUNE 4, 2017

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

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

Wedding Jerald and Tiffany - Congratulations

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE ... The annual Priest's Retreat will take place this week. There will be no weekday Mass or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament celebrated in the Basilica this coming week (June 5-9). In the event of a death in the Parish a funeral Mass will be celebrated. Parishioners are invited to pray for the priests and to pray for vocations. Our regular weekday schedule will resume on Wednesday, June 14 with Mass at 9:30 am. and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass.

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

Funerals We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of the late **MARY FITZGERALD, HARRY PHILLIPS, JR** *May the Lord console you and grant eternal rest to the soul of your loved one.*

ADVANCE NOTICE Beginning this Monday, June 5th and continuing through the summer months, the Basilica will be open weekdays from 8:00 am. until 5:00 pm.

***** BAPTISM PREPARATION ***** The next Baptism Preparation will take place on **MONDAY, JUNE 19TH 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.**

2017 CEMETERY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Kilbride: Tuesday, July 4th at 7:00 pm.; **Mount Carmel:** Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 pm.
Belvedere: Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00 pm.; **Holy Sepulchre:** Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 pm.
St. Thomas of Villanova Cemetery Mass - Sunday, June 25 @ 2:00 pm

PENTECOST SUNDAY -- JUNE 4TH, 2017

Pentecost is the day when Jesus, faithful to his promise to the disciples, sent his Spirit on them. With the coming of the Spirit, they were forever changed, and a new community of Christians was born. Today, we celebrate the Spirit's coming on that first Pentecost, and recognize the gift of the Spirit in (and through) each of us. The power that was given to the disciples has been given to all God's people, but just as the fullness of Baptism, or Marriage, or any of the sacraments, is not completed in one day but is a lifetime's work, the same is true of Confirmation, and indeed, of Pentecost. We all need to be open to the transforming love of the Spirit and willing to experience growth and change in our lives. If we cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit, we can do our part to renew the face of the earth - a world where we communicate honestly (first reading), a world where each other's gifts are honoured and valued (second reading), a world where reconciliation and peace is God's wish for us (gospel). Today we celebrate the Initiation sacraments of Confirmation and Communion. If we take our promises seriously to support - and show love - for those young people receiving the gift of the spirit in our parish and others, we all may know the joy of transforming experiences through the outpouring of the Spirit of Jesus.

GROWING IN FAITH SERIES ... Saturday, June 17, 2017: *Finding balance in life: Does the Church offer any help with this?* Basilica Museum in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, ... **9:00 AM. – 12:00 NOON All are welcome.** To cover expenses, a nominal fee of \$5 is suggested. To register call MaryLou Sweetapple at 726-3660, ext. 280.

“Come and See” for Pastoral Care Volunteers ... Saturday, June 10th Have you ever thought of offering your time as a volunteer in Pastoral Care in one of the hospitals or long-term care homes in the St. John's area? We are seeking people to serve as: > Lectors/Readers > Communion Ministers > Porters > Pastoral Visitors. The Archdiocese is in need of people who have a little time and a lot of love to offer. Want to see what it's all about? Join us from 10 am. to 12 Noon on Saturday, June 10th in the Pleasantview Towers, Newfoundland Drive, West Multipurpose Room 1W026 (ground level).

***/*/ SAVE THE DATE!!! SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH - 9:00 AM. - 12:30 PM. Centre for Life Walk for Life and Family Fun Day.** St. Teresa's Parish Hall, Mundy Pond Road. Please make your calendar and plan to attend our annual event. Your support will be greatly appreciated. See the poster at the back of the Church for more details.

PARISH SOCIAL ... In our continuing effort to build our Basilica Parish as Community there will be a Social after the 11 am. Mass this Sunday, June 4th. 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.

An Evening with the Archbishop Dinner & Auction 2017

This year's Dinner & Auction was a great success! A significant amount of money was raised to continue for our many Outreach Programs. We are very grateful and appreciative for your ongoing interest and support for this event. Over the past nine years, we have raised about one million dollars. To achieve this success it took your cooperation, your participation and your generous gifts of tables, auction items and out of this world desserts!

Thanks again, for helping us help others. Speaking on behalf of our Outreach recipients we thank you!
Dinner & Auction Committee

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL >> The Archbishop's Appeal is a fundraising campaign conducted by the Archdiocese of St. John's. Our goal is to raise funds to support the outreach and spiritual care services of 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 as your means permit. For more information contact: Rene Estrada: restrada@rcsj.org. Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre 709-726-3660.

... 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.

****** 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.

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.

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 ... May 28, 2017

Sunday Offertory ... \$5,643.70; Archbishop's Appeal ... \$835; Papal Charities ... \$165; Assessment ... \$87.

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**

Please Note --- The regular monthly meeting of Archbishop Howley Assembly, 4th Degree, scheduled for June 1st has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 8th, at 8:30 pm., election of officers will take place at that time. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.

Last Chance for a Flipper Dinner (with dessert, tea & coffee) at Wesley ... Thursday, June 8th, 6 pm., Eat-in only. Tickets \$25, call Pheobe 726-1689, Marvin 579-7900 or the Church Office 579-3682 - leave a message if you do not get an answer. There are only a few tickets left!

****// St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation** is having a Dinner & Show in support of the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home on Thursday, **June 22**, 6:30 pm. come and enjoy a Surf or Turf Dinner at Columbus Hall, St. Clare Avenue with musical entertainment provided by Jim Payne and Fergus O'Byrne. Tickets are \$50 (tax-in) and a tax receipt is available upon request. Tickets available by calling St. Patrick's Mercy Home 752-8745. Come and enjoy an evening of great food, fun, friendship and entertainment sprinkled with tickets on some great prizes!

... 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.

***** Les Ms. Choir in Concert** (final concert for the Spring season), Wednesday, June 7, 7 pm., St. Michael & All Angels Church, Kiwanis Street (off Kenmount Road), in support of the Choral Scholars Program. Admission to the concert is by a Free Will Offering which can be made at the door.

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.

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

The Basilica is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am. – 5:00 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.

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

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.

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.

>>> **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.

... **CORDIALLY YOURS** Choir, under the direction of Janet Bradbury-Pennell presents their “upbeat and inspiring” Spring Concert on Sunday, June 4th, 2 pm., St. Teresa’s Church, Mundy Pond Road. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door or by calling 725-7525.

... **Holy Heart Alumnae Choir**, directed by Dr. Valerie Long, present their 17th annual Spring Concert & Sing-A-Long at Holy Heart Theatre on Sunday, June 4th at 7:30 m. Special guests are the 150 members of Let’s Make a Choir 2017. Admission: \$25. Tickets are available from Holy Heart box office or at the door.

< **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.

***** PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**, October 25-November 3 ... Cost: \$3634 includes airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Maritimes, transfers, superior tourist hotels based on double occupation, daily buffet breakfast & dinner, all tours by deluxe motor coach, English speaking professional guides and all entrance fees to places of interest. INFO: Marie Desjardins mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com or (207) 868-5027.

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.

>>> 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 spaces are already signed up, so, if you are interested, don't delay ... check it out as soon as possible.

***** AURORA WOMEN'S CHOIR 3rd** Annual Spring Concert, Sunday, June 4, 8 pm., Topsail United Church. Special guests the world-class Duo Concertante (Nance Dahn, violin, Timothy Steeves, piano). Tickets \$20/15, children 12 & under free. Get yours at coastalsounds.ca, Taylor's Fish Market or from choir members. Reception to follow. Food donations for the CBS Food Bank greatly appreciated.

*****REGISTRATION** is now open for the 5th Annual Coastal Sounds Summer Music Program! Adult Choir Camp August 14-18, Topsail United Church. Enjoy a 'stay-cation' and join a choir for a week! Registration includes rehearsals & instruction, vocal and other workshops, lunches, social activities and more. Fee: \$250 per participant. Deadline: July 1st. See our Facebook event or visit www.coastalsounds.ca to learn more and register.

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

***** 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.

<< 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.

<< 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)

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.

***/*/ 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!

<< “*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.

?? 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.

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

... 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.

***/ * 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.

*****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.

/... 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.

... 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

.. 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.*