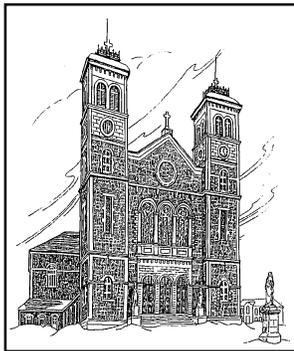


# ***Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist***

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



**Archbishop of St. John's: Most Reverend Martin W. Currie**

**Parish Priest: Father Jerome Hann**

**Secretary: Anne Carew**

**Music Director: Kiera Galway**

**Custodian: Brian Penney**

Parish Office: Tel. 754-2170 Fax: 754-5608 - open Monday - Friday 9-12 Noon; 1-4:30 pm.

E-mail [basilica@rcsj.org](mailto:basilica@rcsj.org)

Website: [www.thebasilica.ca](http://www.thebasilica.ca)

**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.

## **32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 6, 2016**

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

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

**Weekday Mass: Thursday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.**

**NO 9:30 AM. MASS celebrated in the Basilica on Monday or Tuesday unless there is a Funeral.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesday after the 9:30 am. Mass

**St. Bonaventure's College Remembrance Day Service:** Thursday, Nov. 10, 1:30 pm., Basilica

**Wedding: *Congratulations Kristopher and Amanda***

**Music Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 pm. New singers & instrumentalists welcome.**

**Sacrament of Baptism: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and last Sunday each month, except during Lent & Advent.**

**Sacrament of Marriage: At least six months notice must be given.**

**Mass at Bonaventure Retirement Home: Third Thursday of each month**

**Prayer....** *We ask that you remember the sick of our parish...* Bernadine Brake, Gerard Carey, Joan Doyle, Rose Phillips. **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 (754-2170) by Wednesday noon.

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

**SR. LILLIAN WAKEHAM, PBVM, CONSTANCE FURLONG,**

**THOMAS "CLEARY" MORRIS**

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

**Baptisms ....**

**CHLOE FAITH BREEN, ISABEL GRACE DREW, ISABELLA CLAIRE KENNY,**

**ROWAN XAVIER TAYLOR**

**You have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ.**

**May you always grow as a child of the Light.**

## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 6, 2016

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14 ... Resurrection, eternal life, and loyalty to our ideals is the focus of this reading.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2Thess 2:26-3:5 ... Paul encourages us to be confident and remain faithful to God's word.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38 ... Jesus tells us not only of God's power over life but of God's love for the living.

Today's readings all point to our Christian belief in resurrection. As we approach the end of the liturgical year, Luke's gospel turns from its focus on discipleship, to the end-times. - to the life that awaits those who have persevered in an often hostile climate and accepted the universal call to be disciples. And God hears our prayers – although we may not always hear the answer. God, our Eternal Father, is with us in the calamities that befall us, in the cries of the poor, in the lives of those who are faithful. But we can't sit idly by and expect God to do our work. We need to be the voice and hands of God. If all of us prayed while we read the news, it would be an opportunity to ask ourselves what we have done to further the cause of justice in the articles we read. Each Sunday as we gather to celebrate the good news, the dying and rising of Jesus Christ, we remember how that saving event gives meaning to our lives and renewed hope in the promise of our own resurrection. We are missioned each Sunday to witness to the God of justice ... to the 'God, not of the dead, but of the living' – for to God, all peoples, from all time, are alive.

**\*\*\* BAPTISM PREPARATION \*\*\*** The next Baptism Preparation will take place on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016, 7:00 pm. in the Parish Room.** To register, please call the Parish Office at 754-2170 or visit our website - [www.thebasilica.ca](http://www.thebasilica.ca) as soon as possible before this date. We encourage expectant parents to register early in their pregnancy. This will allow you to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism shortly after the baby's birth. **The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and the last Sunday of each month ... except during Lent and Advent.**

**NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS ... BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** has been placed on a table in the center of the Basilica. Please list the names of your deceased loved one(s) and all the people listed will be remembered in our Eucharistic celebration.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

This Friday we celebrate Remembrance Day. We pray for those who gave their lives in the cause of the peace and freedom we enjoy today. We salute our veterans and pray that God will bless them. We also pray for our soldiers who continue to risk their lives for our protection. May Friday be a reminder that true peace can only exist when we reach out to one another in love. This is the peace that the world cannot give. This peace can only come from faith in God for the Christian, faith in Jesus Christ.

**PLEASE NOTE ...** The Basilica will close immediately after the 9:30 am. Mass on Friday and will reopen at 5:30 pm. for the NSO Masterworks performance. The parish office will be closed all day.

**NEXT Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 am. Mass,** Father Jerome will invite the community to welcome families whose children & grandchildren are preparing to celebrate Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion on June 4, 2017 (Pentecost Sunday). If you are interested in celebrating these sacraments please register now by calling the Basilica Catechetical Office 754-2170, ext. 256. There will be a meeting immediately following the November 13<sup>th</sup> 11 am. Mass, in the upstairs Conference Room.

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*Come and join us for an evening of delicious food .....*

**“Turkey / Jiggs” Dinner, dessert, tea & coffee**

*Great entertainment .....*

**Kilmainham with Father Jerome Hann**

**Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> , Knights of Columbus, St. Clare Ave., (upstairs) 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$25.00 per person. Tickets available at the Basilica Parish Office (754-2170) and the Basilica Religious Articles Store. **No Take-Outs. Deadline for ticket purchase: Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.****

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE – BASILICA COUNCIL** will **NOT** be selling tickets after Masses **THIS WEEKEND. TICKETS SALES WILL RESUME ON NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> IN THE PARISH ROOM.** Tickets are on a **Homemade Quilt. Tickets are \$1.00 each.** The draw will take place on **November 26<sup>th</sup>** at the Basilica. We appreciate your continued support. **The proceeds of this draw are in support of the BASILICA CHRISTMAS HAMPERS.** Contact persons, Harriet @726-3079, Rose @576-0369 and Shirley @579-6691 and at the Parish Office.

**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 glad tidings of Christmas continue to be evident in the flowers and decoration from Christmas Eve until the Feast of the Baptism - and 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...**

**“ADVENT FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND SCRIPTURE”  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 7:30 P.M. IN THE BASILICA.**

**\*//\* JUBILEE OF PRISONERS ...** Pope Francis has declared Sunday, November 6 as the Jubilee of Prisoners. He will be visiting prisons and prisoners in Rome on that day, and encouraging all of us to pray for those who are imprisoned, and for those harmed and scarred by crime in any way.

Did you know the Archdiocese provides the services of a chaplain to HMP? The ministry offers a safe place for inmates to talk about the past and plan for the future. Our chaplain helps inmates continue a relationship with their families, especially children, through a project that allows the men to record bedtime stories to their kids.

We pray for and with those who are incarcerated, and walk the journey with them on their release. If you would like more information on our chaplain’s services, contact [hmpchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:hmpchaplain@gmail.com). Here in the Archdiocese, Archbishop Currie will be honouring the Jubilee of Prisoners by visiting Her Majesty’s Penitentiary to attend a prayer service and to spend time with the men and their chaplain, Gerry Phelan. “Remember those who are in prison, as if in prison with them.” (Hebrews)

◊◊ **STRATEGIC PLANNING ...** The Strategic Planning Committee has encouraged much conversation among all priests and parishioners on the proposed plan for pastoral zones with pastoral teams. It was promised that the next step would be meetings in each proposed pastoral zone to hear your input and advice. **The meeting for Zone 2, which includes the Basilica Parish, is scheduled for THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 PM., ST. PIUS X PARISH HALL.** We strongly encourage as many as possible to attend.

*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.**

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**COLLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016**

**Offertory ... \$6,576.38.; Dues ... \$290; Assessment ... \$43; Needs Canadian Church ... \$20; Evangelization Of Nations ... \$150; Students to the Priesthood ... \$20;**

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

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... **DID YOU KNOW?** ... that 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**

**24 Hour Adoration** at St. Kevin’s Parish, Goulds will take place from **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** (after 9:30 am. Mass) to **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** (after 9:30 am. Mass). All are welcome.

**PLEASE NOTE ... This** weekend (November 5/6) we have with us a guest speaker representing “Holy Land Christians”, who after the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Afterward, hand carved religious articles from Bethlehem will be available for purchase in the Parish Room.

**\*\* DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE “COLECTION FOR HAITI DISASTER”** In response to the hurricane disaster in Haiti Development & Peace have already sent \$50,000.00. They are requesting the help of other Churches in Canada so that they may help in rebuilding homes, roads, etc. to help with this effort our diocese will take up a collection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November (6 November, 2016). The parish has provided some envelopes on the tables at the entrances to the Basilica. This collection will be forwarded to D&P. If anyone wishes to donate directly they may do so by contacting D&P. Once again we ask you to hear the cries of the poor and respond generously to those in need.

**--- NSO, Masterworks Series – Honour, Reflect, Remember**, Friday, Nov. 11, 8 pm., Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, Royal Newfoundland Regiment Band, Philharmonic Choir of the NSO. Tickets A: \$45/40; B: \$35/30 (plus ACC service fee), available at the Arts & Culture Centre Box Office 729-3900 or online at artsandculturecentre.com, or at the door.

... **CANTUS VOCUM CHAMBER CHOIR** presents **FOR THE FALLEN**, Songs of War and Peace on Friday, Nov. 11, Salvation Army Citadel, Adams Avenue, 4:00 pm. This year’s concert will include a tribute to the sacrifice of Newfoundlanders at Beaumont Hamel. Tickets \$20/15, available at the door.

\*// **St. Patrick’s Parish – Bridge & Luncheon**, Columbus Hall, St. Clare Ave., Thurs., Nov. 17, 12:30 sharp, \$15 per person. To register contact Kevin Breen 351-7256 or 753-2043 or Parish Office 754-1195. Please register before November 10.

... **CHASE THE ACE**, St. Kevin’s Parish Hall – Goulds, Wednesdays 6-8 pm., Jackpot \$1,650+, Tickets 3/5

<< **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES SALE** ... Help impoverished peoples in the Developing World: Buy Fair Trade Handcrafted Christmas Gifts. A Ten Thousand Villages Sale, sponsored by the Mercy Centre for Ecology & Justice and Development & Peace will be held at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, **Thursday, Nov. 24:** 12:30-8:30 pm.; **Friday, Nov. 25:** 10 am. – 8:30 pm.; **Saturday, Nov. 26:** 10 am. – 3 pm. Admission is free. The Sale offers skilled artisans in more than 30 developing countries in Africa, Asia and South America opportunity to earn a just wage and thus supply the basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter and education for their families. Simply Beautiful! Simply fair!

## 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**

**MONDAY/TUESDAY MASS(ES) CELEBRATED:** St. Patrick's: Monday 9:30 am., Tuesday 7:00 pm.; St. Pius X: Monday & Tuesday 9:30 am. and 7:30 pm.; Corpus Christi: Tuesday 7:00 pm.; St. Teresa's: Monday 7:00 pm., Tuesday 8:00 am.; Mary Queen of Peace: Tuesday 9:30 am.

**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 MISSION – November 20-23<sup>rd</sup> , 2016 ...Due to unforeseen circumstances the Mission has to be postponed until 2017.**

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**CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST ... If you are a teenager or a young adult who wishes to be Confirmed or celebrate first Eucharist please call the Catechetical Office at the Basilica 754-2170, ext. 256.**

**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](mailto:Gerard.whitty@nl.rogers.com) or call the Basilica office at 754-2170.

### **\*\*\* 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](mailto:restrada@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.

**\*\* RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults \*\*** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's way of extending a friendly invitation to people who feel the desire to know more about Christianity in the Catholic Tradition. How can you, the parish community, become involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults? The parish community has an important responsibility in the process of initiation. The community of the faithful should be ready to greet and respond to those who wish to ask questions and tell their stories; understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized; be prepared to give help to those who are searching for Jesus Christ; and be present whenever possible and take an active part in the responses, prayers, singing and acclamations. Any adults seeking to become a Catholic initiated into the community by the community. Are you interested or do you know of anyone thinking about becoming a Catholic? Contact the Basilica Parish at 754-2170 or email: [basilica@rcsj.org](mailto:basilica@rcsj.org)

**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE BASILICA PARISH .... [basilica@rcsj.org](mailto:basilica@rcsj.org)**

**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*

**... 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.

**... RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE GROUP OFFERINGS** (formerly The Family Life Bureau) Please go to [www.rcsj.org](http://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. (Please Note: Ruah Counselling Centre, 35 Barnes Road (The Lantern). Individual, couple and family counselling available. To register, or for further details, visit <http://rcsj.org/content/line-registration-form>, call 579-0168, or email: [ruah@rcsj.org](mailto:ruah@rcsj.org).

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATMA 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND LOURDES & BARCELONA, October 8-17, 2017 ...** led by Fr. Cecil Critch with Collette Vacations & Carlson Wagonlit harvey's Travel. For more information, please contact Colleen Williams, Carlson Wagonlit Harvey's Travel (709) 747-5018.

... **Alumni, Clergy, Friends, Benefactors, Students and Faculty of Queen's College** ... You are invited to a Presentation and Social at Queen's College to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 07 at 7:00 pm. at Queen's College Faculty of Theology, 210 Prince Philip Drive, St. John's, NL. The Reverend Dr. Frank Cluett will present a talk *Queen's College in the Three Tenses Past, Present and Future*. Canon Cluett's presentation will be followed by some open discussion and social time. Please pass along this invitation to those who might be interested in Queen's College's past, present and future. Parking permits are not required. We have made arrangements for free parking in Parking Lot 19 for that evening. Please indicate if you plan on attending by replying to this e-mail [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca) or phoning 709-753-0116.

\*\*\* **Women to Women Empowering Leadership** is a unique career development opportunity for professional women of all ages, presented and led 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](http://www.w2nl.ca).

### **GROWING IN FAITH SERIES 2016-2017 ...**

**Saturday, November 19:** Mercy – The Language God Speaks is it my language too?

**Saturday, December 17:** Advent Retreat

**Saturday, January 21, 2017:** Laudato Si – Care for our Common Home – Part I

**Saturday, February 18, 2017:** Laudato Si – Care for our Common Home – Part II

**Saturday, March 18, 2017:** Roots and Wings: Exploring our Irish Roots and Celtic Christian Spirituality

**Saturday April 8, 2017:** Lenten Retreat

**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**

**\*/\*/ 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!

**?? 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.

**<<> YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES ...** There are many opportunities in our Archdiocese for you to get involved with the church, learn more about their faith and meet other young people. Youth groups, youth conferences, evenings of prayer, bible studies, catechesis, social events like movies, bowling, games, and opportunities to volunteer – just to name a few!

There are currently activities for youth grades 6-12, and this year we will be adding some events specifically for youth in grades 4-6, as well as adults who are interested in getting involved with youth ministry. If you would like to be added to our upcoming event mailing list, or if you would like to get involved, please contact Sara at [sara\\_broderick@yahoo.com](mailto:sara_broderick@yahoo.com).

**\*/ Life and Light Campaign - Time changed to 7:00 pm.** 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.

**... Topsail United Church, Celebrated Loved Ones Lost,** with a joint Choral And Band Concert on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm., Topsail United Church. Featuring the Church's Mixed and Men's Choir, the Courage Children Choir and Inspiration Youth Band with special guests The Aurora Woman's Choir. Admission, free will offering, with receipts being issued for donations of \$10 or more. All are welcome.

**<> Wesley Church Christmas Dinner & Dance ...** Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm., Freemason's Hall, Masonic Drive in Masonic Park. The dinner will be stuffed chicken breast. Tickets: \$30 and can be obtained by calling Marvin 579-790, Pheobe 726-1689 or the Church Office 579-3682. Tickets must be ordered by Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**... 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.

**√√√ May 5-15... Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE and PORTUGAL, with Fr. Robert Savoie for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.** A not-to-be-missed experience of a lifetime! Cost \$2895 (+ airport taxes security, fuel surcharges \$650) and includes return airfare from Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodations, daily breakfast & dinner, tours per itinerary, professional English speaking local guides, all entrance fees to places of interest. Limited seats!! Info: Hector & Cecile Caissie (506) 857-2295 or [hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca](mailto:hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca).

**... Wesley Church Healthy Lifestyles ...** weekly Fall sessions as follows: 9:15-9:30 – Walking, 9:30-10:30 – Exercise (same schedule on Thursdays); 2:00-4:00 – Social Bridge. For further information phone 368-0434.

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

**//<< VOWR** presents John Curran and Friends (Wilf Curran, Ray Walsh, Brenda Gatherall) in concert at Wesley United Church, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm. tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Fred's Records, O'Brien's Music, Outfitter's Army Navy Store (Topsail Road) or by calling the Wesley Church office at 579-3682.

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**AVAILABLE** .... a limited number of the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis "**Amoris Laetitia**" *The Joy of Love*, at our religious articles store and at the Parish Office \$12 each.

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**\*\*\* St. Clare's Mercy Hospital Auxiliary** has openings for day time 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.

**NEW WEBSITE** ... The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's is proud to launch our newly redesigned website, [www.rcsj.org](http://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.

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

**>>>>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](mailto: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](mailto:fvc@seniorsresource.ca) or visit [www.seniorsresource.ca](http://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](http://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.

**... 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 recently 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.

**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.*