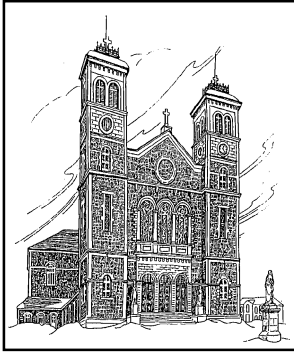


Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

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.

E-mail basilica@rcsj.org

Website: 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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 8, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

Music Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 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

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 by Wednesday noon.

Funeral We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the late

SISTER ROSALIE MORRISSEY, pbvm.

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

Baptisms

LIAM GEORGE FARCOT, IVY SARA SHARP

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

May you always grow as a child of the Light.

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.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – JANUARY 8TH, 2017

In ancient tradition, the Epiphany was an even more important feast than Christmas. It was considered the climax of the Christmas season as the implications of the incarnation became manifest. We hear today of the wise ones who came from the east – who followed a star – to worship the newborn ‘king of the Jews’. The story tells us that upon finding him, they ‘knelt and paid him homage’, accepting him in the name of all peoples as their king too. Like these wise ones of old, we too are on a journey as we try and follow the light of our visions and hopes. Like them, we can expect to run into difficulties as well as joy filled moments on this life journey. However, they probably won’t run into our God in a cave or stable in some faraway place – we encounter God in the people around us – in our families and friends – in the strangers we see every day. The gifts of respect and dignity that we give to those whom we interact with, not only enriches them but ourselves as well. The wise ones from the east then are metaphors and models for us as we follow our visionary stars and recognize our God in the unlined faces of tiny babes and the worn faces of the elderly. When we encounter and are aware of being with God in these regular, every day ways, it cannot help but affect the way we live our lives.

***** BAPTISM PREPARATION ***** The next Baptism Preparation will take place on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 7:00 pm. 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.**

<>>< LIGHTS OF LOVE >< <> Again this year the Basilica Parish held a special project during the Christmas Season called the *Lights of Love*. Lights adorned a tree on the Basilica grounds and remain lit until the end of the Christmas Season.

During this past week lights were lit for:

Deceased members of the Brennan Family, William & Ellen Brennan, Living & Deceased members of the Bonia Families, Deceased members of Kelly & McGrath Families, Lee & Bonia Families, Deceased members of O’Brien Family.

GROWING IN FAITH SERIES 2016-2017 ...

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

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**

<< 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** – third Sunday of each month, 1 pm., Basilica Marian Chapel,(January 15th). 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.

**** 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

At present, we have one person who has completed the inquiry stage and he is asking to be welcomed as a candidate for full Communion and one child who has asked to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

... COUNSELLING & PASTORAL SERVICES – Winter 2017 Group Offerings – Ruah Counselling Centre, 35 Barnes Road, (The Lantern). Please call 579-0168 or go to www.rcsj.org for more information: >Support Group for End of Relationship, Separation & Divorce (Mondays 7-9 pm., Jan. 23-Mar. 13); >>Parenting Children (Tuesdays 7-9 pm., Jan. 24-Feb.28); >>>When you see RED (for women) (Wednesdays Noon-2pm., Jan. 25-Mar. 15); >>>> Stress Management (Wednesdays 7-9 pm., Jan. 25-Mar. 1); >>>>> Self-Empowerment for Women (Thursdays 7-9 pm., Jan. 26-Marc.16). (Please Note: 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.

<<> 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.

?? 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.

SNOW CLEARING ... during the winter months when there is a heavy snowfall the east and west doors of the Basilica will be the first to be cleared. These entrances are to be used by all attending daily Mass. The main entrances will be cleared only after the east and west have been cleared. A reminder - when the schools in the city are closed because of inclement weather, the Mass for that day will be cancelled. Of course sometimes it does snow on the weekend ... if in doubt about whether or not Mass is being celebrated ... please tune in to the local radio stations and/or call the parish office (754-2170).

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

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

COLLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY, January 1, 2017

Offertory ... \$5,213.75; Heat & Light ... \$1,107.00; Assessment ... \$375.

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***

2017 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

There are still some envelopes not picked up ... they are located on the tables at the main entrance to the Basilica. If you are not presently using the Sunday collection envelopes but would like to obtain a set, please fill in the form on the table or call the office (754-2170) or email (basilica@rcsj.org) and the envelopes will be ready for you during the week.

... 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.

.... 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. Our group will begin meeting and planning in January. For more information or to register, please contact Sara at sara_broderick@yahoo.com or visit www.steubenville.ca.

WEEKEND OF GRACE FOR WOMEN ... April 28-30, 2017, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Pre-Registration Only – Registration: \$185.00. Deadline for registration is April 17, 2017. Pre-registration form available online at www.weekendofgrace.com/women/regform.html. Accommodations available at Lord Nelson Hotel, guest room availability is limited. Preferred rates are guaranteed only until Friday, April 7, 2017. To reserve your room online <https://res.lordnelsonhotel.com/booking/default.aspx?Group-27239>; by phone 1-800-565-2020 (toll free) or (902)423-6331 / Group ID: 27239. For more information call (902)405-9613 or visit www.weekendofgrace.com. (Poster in the entrance to the Basilica)

.. QUEEN'S COLLEGE is the oldest degree granting institution in the province. Its mission is to prepare people for ministry, both ordained and lay and to provide programs to assist people in their spiritual journey. We offer a variety of courses at our St. John's campus, in Clareville, and by webinar, skype or correspondence, which count as credit towards a degree, the Associate in Theology designation, or a Diploma in Theology. For more information please checkout out our web site at www.queenscollegenl.ca or telephone toll free at 1-877-753-0116.

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

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**

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.

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.

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*

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.

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

... 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.

***** 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, 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!

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

***/* 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.

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 of Montserrat, Carcassone, Lourdes, Grotto of Massabielle, Cathedral of Burgos, Monastery of Santa Maria Real de las Huelgas, Fatima, Aljustrel, Santarem. An information meeting will be held at St. Edward Parish Hall, Kelligrews, December 7th at 7 pm. and at St. Bonaventure's College, Bonaventure Avenue, December 8th at 7 pm. for details call Colleen Williams at Harvey's Travel at Pearlgate Mall 747-5018 / cwilliams@harveystravel-cwt.com.

.... 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 100th 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. **Due to the already very limited seats a deposit of \$1,500 is now required to reserve.** Info: Hector & Cecile Caissie (506) 857-2295 or hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca.

***** 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.

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.

***** 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

... EMMAUS HOUSE ... is in need of supermarket bags and twist ties. If you have any at home you may drop them off at Emmaus House, Monday to Friday 1-3 pm. or you may bring them to the Parish Office. Your support of the needy of our Parish is greatly appreciated.

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

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

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

“Secure your vehicle while in Church” Over the past number of years many incidents of vandalism to parked cars have taken place on the Basilica grounds during Church services. As of late there has been an increase in vandalism. Please ensure that when parking your vehicle that there is nothing left visible, that everything is secure.

... **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.*