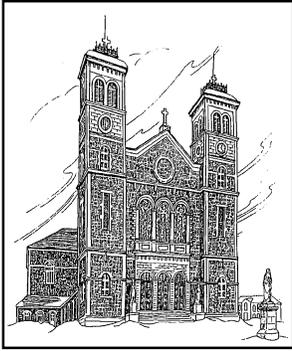


Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

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



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

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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.

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Weddings Congratulations --- Christopher & Alyssa, Stephen & Shawna

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, Rose Phillips, Carmel King, David Fleming, Mary Rice, Theresa Bruce. ***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.

Baptisms

Ava Mary Osmond, Khloe Lois Osmond, Maliyah Nicole Lillian Young

You have become a new creation and have clothed yourselves in Christ. May you always grow as children of the Light.

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.

***** BAPTISM PREPARATION ***** The next Baptism Preparation will take place on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2017 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.**

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- AUGUST 20, 2017

In today's Gospel, Jesus has argued with the Pharisees concerning their dietary laws. Jesus argued that it is not what goes into us which makes us unclean but what comes out - what comes out of our hearts makes us unclean. In today's reading Jesus has an exchange with a Canaanite woman, a woman who is not Jewish. She approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her but she is persistent. Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. But eventually Jesus is surprised by the faith expressed by this Canaanite woman and grants her request. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Salvation came to Israel first but it overflows to the Gentiles for the benefit of all. (Adapted from Loyola Press - a Jesuit Ministry)

VISITORS FROM IRELAND... At the 11:00 am. Mass next Sunday, August 27th, we will welcome 45 people from Ireland who are in St. John's attending the 2017 Newfoundland & Labrador Irish Gathering. The chief celebrant from the Mass will be His Grace, Archbishop Martin Currie and the Mass will feature symbols of our Irish ecclesiastical heritage. The Basilica choir will be joined by some of our Irish participants in the musical celebration of our faith.

GET-TOGETHER AND WORKSHOP FOR LEADERS IN YOUTH MINISTRY IN PARISHES AND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Are you a leader in youth ministry in your parish? Are you a leader in a ministry in which there are young people involved (e.g. Liturgy of the Word with Children, Music Ministry, Service projects, etc.)? Do you want to become a leader in youth ministry, but don't know where or how to start? This is the event for you!

Join us at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, as we begin to form and grow our archdiocesan outreach to young people. We will offer some basic training and explore where we are, and where to go from here. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017, 12 NOON - 4:00 PM., 200 MILITARY ROAD, ST. JOHN'S, NL when facing the Basilica, it is the building to the left.

You might choose to join the group at the Basilica for the 11:00 am. Mass in the Basilica and then make your way to the Pastoral Centre afterwards, or meet us at the Pastoral Centre for lunch as it will be provided.

For more information, or to register, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-ministry-workshop-tickets-370174170917?aff=efbneb> or contact Sara Broderick at sbroderick@rcsj.org.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND CHAPLAINCY "If you're going to MUN this fall, be sure to check out the Catholic Chaplaincy. The office is at UC 3006 (right beside the "ASK" desk in the UC - this will make sense when you get there). We have a Facebook page at MUN Catholic Community and my email is ej_mroz@yahoo.ca. Hope to see you there! Father Joseph Mroz, SJ, Catholic Chaplain, MUN>

SUMMER AT THE BASILICA

Tours ... we have guides hired for the summer to conduct tours of our Basilica-Cathedral. There is no cost for the tours. Guides will show you around our magnificent Church and give you information on our historical background. Our tour guides are available Monday through Saturday from 10:15 am. until 4:00 pm. These times are subject to change in the event of a funeral Mass or a wedding. Please contact Anne Walsh at 726-3660 for more information.

Fleming is back for a 4th Season! One man's quest to build a cathedral and unite a nation. The Basilica Heritage Foundation presents an unforgettable play and guided tour of the Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Journey back in time to the late 1840s with Bishop Michael Anthony Fleming, interpreted by award-winning St. John's actor and writer Paul Rowe, as he guides you in and around the construction site of the new cathedral. **July 4 - September 2, 2017, Tuesday-Friday at 12 Noon and Saturdays at 11 am.** Tickets: \$12 general, \$10 Seniors/Students. (Free for children 12 and under. Tickets will be available 30 minutes before show. Cash only please.

2017 NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR IRISH GATHERING ...

The NL Irish Connections Board presents the **Aloy O'Brien concert**

Featuring from Newfoundland: Sean Sullivan & Rob Slaney with guest Sheldon Thornhill, the St. Pat's Dancers & the group Tarahan.

Featuring from Ireland: Sean Callaghan, Seamus Kiely & Jack Stacey, Grainne Coyne, Riona Conoboy & Bridget O'Connell.

Tickets: \$20 and available at the Basilica Parish office, O'Brien's Music Store, Roberts Barber Shop, Mount Pearl, Loyola Hearn in Renew, Hayward Blake in Harbour Grace or by emailing contact@nlirishconnections.org may also be purchased at the door.

--- **Thursday, August 24th, 7:30 pm. (doors open at 6:45 pm.), St. Teresa's School, 110 Mundy Pond Road. Come and enjoy a great evening of music and friends.**

. 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY ON BELL ISLAND

Members of the general public are invited to attend the celebratory Mass to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy on Bell Island ... **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 4:40 PM., ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, BELL ISLAND. A banquet will follow at 6:00 pm.**

If you would like to reserve a seat for the banquet at a cost of \$15 per person, please contact the parish office at (709) 488-2525 or stmichaelsparish@nf.sympatico.ca. **Closing date to reserve a seat is Thursday, September 7th.**

We look forward to this time of gathering to honour the Sisters who have given so much to our community.

***** 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.

*****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.

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 ... August 13, 2017

Sunday Offertory ... \$5,210.50; Assessment ... \$186.;

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**

JOB POSTING - RENEWAL PLAN COORDINATOR... The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's is looking for a Renewal Plan Coordinator to oversee the implementation of the Archdiocesan Renewal Plan which involves the transition of parishes into pastoral zones. This is a time limited position expected to be in place for eighteen to twenty-four months. Reporting to the Archbishop of St. John's and as directed by him, this individual will work with the Renewal Plan Implementation Committee to carry out the planned implementation in accordance with existing Archdiocesan protocols.

***** ANNUAL FLATROCK PILGRIMAGE ...** we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima with a special walk with the statue of the Blessed Virgin, Devotion, Mass and Eucharistic Procession. The Flatrock Pilgrimage has always been a "Penitential Pilgrimage". Please join us this year on **Saturday, September 30th** as we hear Our Lady of Fatima's plea to pray for sinners and make reparation for the sins of the world.

<<< COUPLES FOR CHRIST - CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM *"You are loved more than you will ever know". Do you want more?* Join the Christian Life Program. When: October 13-15, 2017. Time: Friday, October 13 @ 6 pm.; Saturday, October 14 @ 8:30 am.; Sunday, October 15 @ 8:30 am. Where: St. Teresa's Parish, 120 Mundy Pond Road. For more information, please contact Arman (709) 325-2059.

CATECHETICAL SESSIONS FOR ADULTS - GROWING IN FAITH SERIES

Do you want to know more about your faith. Would you like to meet with other adults who seek to learn, explore and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ? The Archdiocese of St. John's offers monthly sessions, usually on the third Saturday of the month.

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.

To register call MaryLou Sweetapple at 726-3660, ext. 280 or email: mlsweetapple@rcsj.org.

To cover expenses, a nominal fee of \$5 is suggested.

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**

COMMUNION TO THE SICK ...

The Basilica Parish is trying to rejuvenate 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.

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.

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

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE BASILICA PARISH

basilica@resj.org

... 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.

... 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

There are many opportunities in our Archdiocese for youth 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 from grade 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 or upcoming event mailing list, or if you would like to get involved, please contact Sara at sbroderick@rcsj.org.

<<< 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.

RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE located at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road. Fall group offerings:

>Co-Parenting for Separated Parents, Facilitator: Nicole Cooper, MSW,RSW, September 12-October 17, Tuesdays 7-9 pm. Fee: \$90; **>>Effective Communication**, Facilitator Robyn Hamlyn, MC,CCC, September 13-November 1, Wednesdays 7-9 pm., Fee: \$120; **>>>Stress Management**, Facilitator Jeff Parady, M.A.,M.Ed.(Couns.Psych)CCC, September 14-November 2, Thursdays 7-9 pm., Fee: \$120; **>>>>Bereavement Information & Support Program for Loss of Partner/Spouse**, Facilitator Robyn Hamlyn, September 8-November 20, Mondays 10 am. - 12 Noon (No session on Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 9th & Remembrance Day, Nov. 11), Fee: \$120; **>>>>>When you See RED for Women**, Facilitator Kim Oldford-Walters, M.Ed.(Couns.Psych),CCC, September 20-November 8, Wednesdays 11:20-2 pm. Fee: \$150; **>>>>>>Parenting Children Course**, Facilitator Susan Smart, M.Ed.(Couns.Psych)CCC, October 24-December 5, Mondays 7-9 pm. (no session Oct. 31st), Fee: \$100 (includes course manual); **>>>>>>>Special Topic Series for Single Moms**, October 16-November 27, Mondays 7-9 pm. (No session on the Remembrance Day holiday November 13), **FREE**.

... **THE CENTRE FOR LIFE** offers free, confidential, professional pregnancy and post-abortion counselling. Please email counsellors@centreforlife.ca or call (709) 579-3818. Registration for the Fall senior's computer classes is ongoing over the summer. Please call (709) 579-1500 for more information.

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

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.

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.

***** 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.

< **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.

****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.

>>> **MOM'N TOTS AND NFP SUPPORT GROUP** Please come and join other Catholic mothers, our children, and those interested in practicing NFP for fellowship and support! We meet every Thursday in the St. John's area. For more information, please contact Eleri Moore at Nlrcmom@outlook.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.

<< *"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.

... **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.

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!

... **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.

... 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.

***** 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.

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

***** 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.

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.

***** 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

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

**** 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.

"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.

"Get hold of yourselves, it is I. Do not be afraid!" Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at Fr. Ken Walsh (781-1696); Fr. Jeff Kolonel (745-8183) or Fr. Kay Earl (488-2525) or email: vocations@rcsj.org.

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.*