THE 2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS BEGINS HERE AND IN ROME IN OCTOBER: The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops with the theme: *for a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission* commences in both the Vatican and in our Archdiocese this October. Pope Francis has announced that the next Synod of Bishops, scheduled for October 2023, will not only be celebrated in the Vatican but in each diocese of the five continents of the world. This synod will follow a two-year process divided into three phases: diocesan, continental and universal. The synod will culminate with the assembly in October 2023 in Rome. On October 10th, 2021 in Rome, Pope Francis will open this two-year synodal journey with a time for encounter and reflection, followed by a moment of prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist. The official opening of the synod in each diocese will take place on Sunday, October 17th, 2021. In the Archdiocese of St. John’s, Archbishop Peter Hundt will begin our synodal journey by presiding at a special 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. John the Baptist, convening the local portion of the journey, announcing the steps that we will take on our journey, and inviting the participants of all. You may wish to attend this Mass at the Basilica, or join the live-stream of the Mass at [www.thebasilica.net](http://www.thebasilica.net). More information will follow in next week’s bulletin, and in the Archdiocesan weekly catechetical resource, *Living Faith*.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST, our fall action campaign is now underway! To bring its message to life and reach a maximum number of people, we are hosting two different virtual events on October 16:

A **Provincial Workshop on October 16, at 10:00 am NL Time on Zoom.** Join us for an hour long presentation on our fall action campaign and networking with members and supporters of Development and Peace in Newfoundland and Labrador. Learn the components of the campaign and how to bring it to your parishes. To register for this event enter the following address: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItd-qqTgjG9JPU37ejGZAze6CzRm88kH](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItd-qqTgjG9JPU37ejGZAze6CzRm88kH)

Later in the Day join our **national bilingual event on October 16, at 5:30 pm NL Time on Zoom.** The event will be a unique opportunity to meet the partners highlighted by the campaign, learn more about ways to get involved, to listen to the voices of human rights defenders and pray together for a more just world. To register for this event enter the following address: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HLdM7zuNQzqvpkEhSUspmw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HLdM7zuNQzqvpkEhSUspmw)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:** Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 Leadership Program scheduled to begin in May 2022 at Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. The program is open to all Canadian Catholic Women from all walks of life that have a genuine interest in making a difference in their community and places of work. **Application deadline is November 20, 2021** and an application form and further information can be found at [https://cwlfcana.ca](https://cwlfcana.ca) or contact Rita Janes, 722 3860; ritacjanes@gmail.com.

**WELCOME TO ALL ~ HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED WEEK!**
Saint John XXIII ~ October 11th

Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in 1881. In 1904 he was ordained a priest and served as a secretary to the Bishop of Bergamo, then as seminary teacher, sergeant in the medical corps, military chaplain, spiritual director, and Apostolic Visitor before being appointed Bishop in 1925. In 1953 he was created a Cardinal and sent to Venice as Patriarch.

At the death of Pius XII he was elected Pope on October 28, 1958, taking the name John XXIII. His pontificate, which lasted less than five years, presented him to the entire world as an authentic image of the Good Shepherd. Meek and gentle, enterprising and courageous, simple and active, he carried out the Christian duties of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy: visiting the imprisoned and the sick, welcoming those of every nation and faith, bestowing on all his exquisite fatherly care.

Pope John XXIII died on the evening of June 3, 1963, in a spirit of profound trust in Jesus and of longing for his embrace. He was canonized April 27, 2014, along with Saint John Paul II. (Adapted from Living with Christ)
**LITURGY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 13TH TO 17TH**

**Wednesday, October 13th, 7:00 p.m.:**
Thomas P., Lizeta & Joseph Fitzpatrick & Deceased Members of the Fitzpatrick, Grant & Ducey Families; William, Frank, Kevin & Gus Hynes; Howard, Carrie & Norman Walsh

**Saturday, October 16th, 4:00 p.m.:**
Philip, Winnie & Dion Walsh & DFM; George Brake; Susanna Yates, Thomas Hannam & Florence O’Keefe

**Sunday, October 17th, 9:00 a.m., Frenchman’s Cove:**
Francis & Sarah Cluett; Bridget Hanrahan; Michael Cheeseman

**Sunday, October 17th, 11:00 a.m.:**
Cheryl Stacey Barlow; Andrew Manning; Cornelius, Alice & Noreen Farrell

**Sunday, October 17th, 2:30 p.m., Fortune:**
Madonna King; Harold Coombs; Mary Perron

**Sanctuary Candle October 10th to 16th** ~ Theresa Slaney, Josephine Hillier & Theresa Strickland

**MINISTRIES – October 13th to 17th**

**Wednesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m., Marystown**
**Hospitality:** Ed Russell, Alex Power, George Hynes, Vince Antle
**Reader:** Betty Coady  **Eucharistic Minister:** Peter Fitzpatrick

**Saturday, October 16, 4:00 p.m., Marystown**
**Hospitality:** Patrick Power, Tom Baker, Terry Mallay Jr., Walter Stapleton
**Reader:** Nellie Collins  **Eucharistic Minister:** Eileen Mitchell

**Sunday, October 17, 9:00 a.m., Frenchman’s Cove**
**Hospitality:** Rowena Coady & Joan Follett
**Reader:** Sarah Walters

**Sunday, October 17, 11:00 a.m., Marystown**
**Hospitality:** Ruth Hanrahan, Jim Hanrahan, John McCarthy
**Reader:** Gary Handrigan  **Eucharistic Minister:** Nora Gaulton

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Thank you for your continued support to the parish.
VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION: “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” No one wants to turn away from the Lord sad. Bring this question to Him in prayer, and He will give you the grace to respond with a joyful “yes” to what He asks. Consider following Christ more closely as a priest on in the consecrated life. Call Fr. James Fleming, Vocation Animator for the Archdiocese, at (709) 754-1195, or email jjfleming@gmail.com, or, email: vocations@rcsj.org for more information.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2021: Missionary disciples ~ We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST CANADA 2021: Please join the world in prayer, for world peace, by praying the Rosary Coast to Coast on October 10, 2021 (Sunday), at 3pm EDT. You can get involved by becoming a prayer captain and organizing an event in your parish or neighbourhood or light a candle and pray the Rosary at home; organize a prayer cenacle at 3pm EDT, united with the rest of the world. If you are interested in becoming a prayer captain for your church, school or neighbourhood, please visit online at www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca for information on how to sign up.

40 HOURS FOR LIFE: 1-2pm each day until October 31st at the prayer garden across from Sacred Heart Church. All are invited to take part in this hour of prayer and petition for life.

CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY: Please join with us to say the Rosary on Saturday, October 16th, at 12:00 noon in the prayer garden across from Sacred Heart Church. (If the weather is inclement, we will say the Rosary inside the Church.) It gives everyone a message of HOPE as we pray the Rosary publicly. Prayer can make a difference. In this world of uncertainty, remember our Lady of Fatima gave us the solution. She told everyone to “Pray the Rosary.” If you would like to participate please call Charlie Dennis at 357-2158 so he can take your contact information including name and phone number so we can ensure sufficient seating is available and proper social distancing and COVID rules maintained. Thank you.

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES: This year World Mission Sunday is on October 24, 2021. It is a world-wide celebration and collection for the missionary Church. The funds raised will go to establish and support rural health care clinics, renovate rectories, chapels, build new churches and provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: Available to all students who graduated Grade XII with Honours in June 2021 and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. Application deadline: October 31, 2021. Information and applications may be found under scholarships on the State Council website at www.kofcnnl.org.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 11th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.