Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
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Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 2019
PARISH SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00 pm.; Sunday @ 8:30 am. & 11:00 am.
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm.
Music Rehearsal: Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 pm. New singers & instrumentalists welcome
Sacrament of Baptism: Preparation to 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

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE ... The annual Priest’s Retreat will take place this week. There will be no weekday Mass or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament celebrated in the Basilica this coming week - May 27-May 31. In the event of a death in the parish a Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Parishioners are invited to pray for the priests and to pray for vocations. Our regular weekday schedule will resume on Monday, June 3 with Mass at 9:30 am.

For Your Information .. Weekday Mass is celebrated at St. Pius X: Monday & Tuesday @ 9:30 am. & 7:30 pm.; Wednesday to Saturday @ 9:30 am.; St. Teresa’s: Monday & Wednesday @ 7:00 pm., Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday @ 8:00 am.

Prayer.. We ask that you remember the sick of our parish... Br. Dave Murphy, Rudy Singleton, Gerard Carey, Graham Wells, Frank Kennedy, Frank Fowler, Tony Murphy, Peggy Reid, Mary Rice, Robert Rice, Theresa Bruce, David Fleming, Harry Richards. 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.

BASILICA PARISH MISSION

Until June 27, EIGHT university student missionaries and TWO missionary staff are in the Basilica Parish conducting faith study small groups and other religious activities for anyone in the St. John's Area. There are be three sessions each week: We currently have 150 participants in the faith study sessions.

Our thanks to the CCO Mission Team. We still have openings for the Thursday and Saturday sessions. Please Email eric.filion@cco.ca for more information.

*** BAPTISM PREPARATION *** The next Baptism Preparation course will take place on MONDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2019 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.
Continuing to listening to the Last Supper discourse, we learn that our ability to live the new commandment will be supported by the Holy Spirit. Jesus’ final gift to us is a peace that the world cannot give. We gather each Sunday in this beautiful church building, but we know that the church is not just stones and mortar - that God is present first of all in the people themselves. We may represent different tendencies or cherish opposite ideas, but when we can discuss our ideas with mutual respect as members of the body of Christ, many difficulties can be resolved as we heard in the first reading. It is in the open sharing of our stories that we most truly find ourselves about the business of building God’s city. In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus assures us that we need not be afraid to face whatever may arise in our lives as we do our best to live as gospel people. If we trust in his word, we will know the peace that he as bequeathed us. Many of us struggle with this trust and perhaps only get glimpses of that inner peace, but Christ’s Spirit of peace and love is always with us - we need to open the eyes of our hearts to accept that healing present - to hear and believe the worlds of the hymn today ‘do not be afraid I am with you’. Thomas Merton said: ‘If you yourself are at peace, then there is at least some peace in the world’. It’s a good place to begin in a world that thirsts for peace.

RITE OF CHRISTMAS INITIATION OF ADULTS … As members of the Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, we are asked to continue to pray for Maria Nassuna and Luke Hayes who were received into the FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH at the Easter Vigil this year. We are also asked to pray for Anna Hong who is asking to be received as a CANDIDATE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

Journeying with St. Luke (with Dr. Gerard Whitty, D.Min.) We are proclaiming Luke’s Gospel every Sunday throughout the liturgical year, in Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. We invite you to come together and take a journey with Luke as he paints a picture of Jesus for his context and culture. Using various dynamics we will explore what Luke underlines as important facets of Jesus’ life and ministry like the importance of contemplative prayer, of being a welcoming community, the role of women in his ministry, the meals Jesus shared, the importance of forgiveness and many more. Our meetings will be in the PARISH ROOM at the Basilica on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. We ask you to use the parking lot behind the Basilica which is accessible through the arch or behind St. Bon’s. From there you can enter directly into the PARISH ROOM. Please call the parish office (754-2170) OR email basilica@rcsj.org to register. Next session: Thursday, June 6th.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE May 31 & June 1. The course will be held at Mary Queen of the World Parish Hall on Topsail Road Anyone wishing to register please contact Teresa Whiffen @ 726-3660, ext. 236.

2019 CEMETERY SERVICE SCHEDULE - 7:00 PM. Kilbride: Tuesday, July 2nd; Mount Carmel: Tuesday, July 9th; Belvedere: Tuesday, July 16th; Holy Sepulchre: Tuesday, July 23rd; Gate of Heaven: Tuesday, July 30th.

BASILICA NATIVITY WINDOW CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT & STAINED GLASS BOOK… We have a new supply of the Basilica Nativity Window Christmas Ornament, $10 and Stained Glass Windows of the Basilica: An Illustrated Guide by John Fitzgerald (194pp, $25), to help raise funds for the restoration of the Basilica’s stained glass windows. These items available from the Basilica Parish Office during regular business hours, by calling 754-2170 or contact us by email at basilica@rcsj.org.

... THE CENTRE FOR LIFE offers free, confidential, professional pregnancy and post-abortion counselling. The Centre offers tax preparation through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Preparation for modest income seniors until April 29th by appointment only. Seniors support to help understand computers, phone texting, etc. is ongoing. For more information please call 579-1500.
"A Grand In The Hand" Basilica Parish ticket draw supporting the Archbishop’s Appeal --- the lucky winner of the $1,000.00 is ... Mary Keough, ticket #00075. Congratulations Mary. Our sincere thanks to all those who supported the ticket draw and made it possible to donate $2000.00 to the Archbishop’s Appeal helping to cover costs of our chaplaincies.

**PUPPETS AND STICKERS TO COMFORT CHILDREN IN HOSPITALS** ... Members of the Catholic Women’s League would appreciate the help of members and parishioners of the Basilica to knit finger puppets and/or donate stickers of all kinds for the Provincial Convention Project May 29-June 1, 2019. It is our hope to join with other Councils in presenting these items which will be blessed and distributed.

Look for a container on table at front of Church to welcome your donations. For further information you may contact: Harriet @ 726-3079 or Shirley @ 579-6691. Thank you for your support. **Deadline for donations:** Wednesday, May 29 after the 9:30 am. Mass.

**Children’s Boutique** ... We all know that children outgrow their clothes so quickly and we also know that children’s clothing can be costly! So, the BCB’s are going to offer a little help by having a **mini-sale** of ‘ever-so-gently used’ children’s clothing ages 6-12 ... boys and girls tees and leggings, just in time for Spring/Summer. The sale will be held in the Basilica Parish Room (entrance at back of Church) on Saturday, June 1st from 9 am. to 10:30 am. The prices will be outrageously affordable! Quantity limited ... so come early! Proceeds to our in-house Environment Committee.

**... RUAAH Counselling Centre** offers individual, couple & family counselling. Group offerings: For more information on the services available please call 579-0168, or go to www.rcsj.org

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** .... There will be a Breakfast of Gratitude for parishioners involved in parish ministries on Saturday, June 15th at 10:00 am. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on St. Clare Avenue. Please contact your ministry coordinator to get your invitation.

... Matthew 25 Outreach Inc. 2019 - In aid of a School and Orphanage in Kenya - Annual Ladies Night Fundraiser- Friday, May 31st, Corpus Christi Parish Centre. Live Entertainment/Hot Stuffed Chicken Breast dinner, Silent Auction, ticket items and giveaways. Tickets $35. Dinner served at 7:00 pm., doors open at 6 pm. For more information please contact Margie Stead @ 709-746-6492 or Denise Murphy @ 709-763-4350.

**Holy Heart of Mary Alumnae Choir**, directed by Dr. Valerie Long, proudly presents their 20th Anniversary Spring Concert at Holy Hear Theatre on Thursday, June 6 @ 7:30 pm. tickets: $20 available at the box office and at the door. 50-50 Draw in aid of choir projects. Come help us celebrate 20 years of music and friendship!

**SAVE THE DATE** ... Saturday, June 22nd. Walk for Life and Family Fun Day at St. Teresa’s Parish Hall (Mundy Pond Road) from 9 am. - 2 pm. Walk around Mundy Pond and come back to the parish hall for fun and food. Please support the work of the Centre for Life. Sponsor sheets are available on line at www.centreforlife.ca or by calling the office at 579-1500.

... Summer Environmental Day Camp ... Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, 101 Mount Scio Road, invites children in Grades 2 & 3 in present school year to attend July 2-5, 9am-3:30pm OR July 8-12, 9am-2:30pm. Through learning made fun and outdoor activities campers gain greater awareness of themselves as part of creation and of all creation as part of them. Registration: $60. To pre-register: email mcej@live.com or call 722-0082. Register early as space is limited to 12 children each week.

**... St. Patrick’s Mercy Home Foundation** is having a Surf or Turf Dinner and Show in support of the residents of St. Patrick’s Mercy Home. Join us with your family, visitors & friends on Thursday, June 20th at the Columbus Hall, 49 St. Clare Ave. Tickets: $50 (tax receipt $15). Call 752-8745 for tickets or information.
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, MAY 19, 2019
Sunday Offertory ... $5,866.25; Archbishop’s Appeal ... $1,150.

Acknowledged with many thanks.

Your continued support of the Basilica Parish is greatly appreciated.

It takes about $10,103.00 per week to operate the Basilica-Cathedral Parish, please consider making an extra donation in your envelopes in the weeks ahead.

CONSIDER USING PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT (DIRECT DEPOSIT). IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE THAT METHOD, COMPLETE THE NECESSARY FORM AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.

.. 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!  

Cowan Plaza – Corner of Topsail Road and Burgeo Street – seven nights a week.

Please support this Bingo as it financially supports our parish.

Knights of Columbus - St. Clare Avenue every Wednesday and Sunday.

.. The A/B E.P. Roche Assembly, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, regular monthly meeting - Tuesday, May 28, meeting room of Mary Queen of Peace Church. All Sir Knights are invited and encouraged to attend. Rosary begins @ 7:30 pm. meeting to follow. Sir Knights are reminded to bring their 3rd Degree & 4th Degree Cards.

.. St. Patrick’s Parish Annual Shindig ... Friday, June 7th @ 6:00 pm. in Columbus Hall. Games of Chance, Bingo, Live Auction & Live entertainment. Meal: stuffed chicken breast, dessert, tea or coffee. Tickets $40 each. Tickets for sale at the Parish Office and St. Patrick’s Church.

.. The Wesley Men’s Choir & Rev. Bill Mercer will hold a service on Sunday, May 26 starting @ 6:50 with sing-along. All are welcome.

.. Cochrane Street United Church Men’s Club & UCW plant, book & bake SALE - June 8, 9am-3pm. (Bannerman entrance). Admission: $1. Pop in for tea/coffee while you shop or just come by for the BBQ! Donations gratefully accepted. For further details please contact the Church Office @ 722-3023.

“Heartstrings” a fundraising concert in aid of St. Augustine’s Anglican Church on Westland Road. Featuring Yu Hang Tan (conductor); Noelle Slaney (soprano); Rebekah Lee (soprano); Suara Chamber Choir; String Quartet; & Benjamin Diamond (guitar). June 12th, 7:30 pm., St. Augustine’s Church. Please call 753-1931 or email staugustine@nf.aibn.com for tickets or purchase tickets at the door. Tickets: $20 general admission, $15 student.

.. The Philharmonic Choir of the NSO - Spring Concert - Sunday, June 9th, 7:30 pm. DF Cook Recital Hall - MUN School of Music. Soloists are Calvin Powell, Noelle Slaney, Adam Wicks. The Philharmonic will be singing the Faure Requiem and other music by Faure. Special guests are La Rose des Vents Chorale. Tickets are $20 and are available from choir members or at the door.

.. Chase the Ace --- St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, Manuels has once again begun a Chase the Ace fundraiser, Sunday evenings 5:30-7:00 pm. in the Parish Hall. Cost - Chase the Ace - 3 - $5, 50/50 - $1. Draw takes place at 7:15 pm. Come out and support the parish.

.. Traditional Latin Mass Time Change for Sunday, May 26th only. Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 pm. at St. Pius X Chapel on that day only. The regular Mass time will resume the following week.

..Traditional Latin Mass -- Missa Cantata, Sunday, June 2nd at 5 pm. at St. Pius X Chapel, Smithville Crescent. A traditional Latin Mass (for Sunday after Ascension), including organ prelude and 13 Gregorian chant hymns. Celebrant is Fr. Wm. Browne, S.J. Music is led by the Cantata Choir. Latin/English Missals and other resources are provided. Everyone is welcome, whether to participate or to observe.

.. PILGRIMAGE - FATIMA, MEDJUGORJE & PRAGUE ... September 18-October 3, 2019 - Fatima (5 days); Medjugorje (8 days) & Prague (3 days). Price $3495. (taxes included) based on occupancy of 16 pilgrims. Include return airfare, accommodations, breakfast, dinner in Fatima & Medjugorje. Services of an English speaking guide in all locations. BOOKING DEADLINE: MAY 30, 2019. Required at time of booking deposit of $2100; Passport details, (Passport must be valid 6 months after departure date expiring March 2020 or later). Contact Betty Melvin (NL) 709-745-7436 or Donna Chislett (NS) 902-489-1397.
ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR PUBLISHED BULLETIN....

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 9:00 am. until after the 5:00 pm. Mass; and 8:00 am. – 4:00 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.

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

Prayer to Know Vocation … Lord, I want to be happy in this life and spend eternity with You in the life to come. From the first moment of my existence, you knew my vocation. Please help me discover Your plan for my life. Help me to know myself. Help me to overcome my fears. Help me to want what You want. Help me to trust You completely. Send Your Holy Spirit into my mind and heart so, I can see the gifts You have given me and hear Your call to serve the Church. Increase my desire to bring others to You and to help them reach heaven. Mary, Most Holy Mother of God, pray for me, that I can discover my vocation and have the courage to respond in faith. AMEN

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH
We welcome all newcomers to worship with us. If you would like to register with our parish, please complete the census forms at the back of the Church and place it in the collection next weekend or drop it off at the parish office.

MINISTRY OPTIONS FOR NEW PARISHIONERS
If you are new to the Parish, and wish to be involved in some ministry, please complete the yellow sheets at the back of the Church. They list a number of the various ministries and committees of our Parish. If you wish to be involved in any ministry you must ALSO complete a green volunteer ministry information sheet. If your ministry involves high risk categories like children and vulnerable individuals, you must ALSO compete a police records check before you can serve on that committee or in that ministry. Please consult the RISK CATEGORY sheet to see where your ministry category lies.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK … If you know of a parishioner who is aged and shut-in and would like a priest to visit them for the sacrament of the sick; or if they would like a Pastoral Worker/Eucharistic Minister to bring them Holy Communion, please contact the Basilica Parish Office (754-2170 or basilica@rcsj.org) to arrange a date and time for the visit.
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 fulfill 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION When you were baptized your parents or guardians committed to bringing you up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and neighbour. Would you now like to make your own mature, personal commitment to Jesus Christ and to your Catholic faith? If so, please contact the Basilica Office @ 754-2170 or basilica@rcsj.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 placed in the Sunday collection.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS ... The Christian community has a role in Christian Initiation of Adults. The Christian community supports the candidates by love, prayer, and witness and by testifying that they are ready to complete their initiation. Some members of the community help to instruct them in the faith of the Church. Candidates are also assisted by sponsors who walk with them in faith and present them to the community during the liturgical rites. If you are interested in the RCIA program please contact the parish office # 754-2170 or basilica@rcsj.org.

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“Those who love me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you o grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Jeff Kolonel at (709) 745-8183 or Father Ray Earle (709) 488-2525 or Father Philip Melvin (7090) 7554-1195. Or email vocations@rcsj.org.

.. SCENT FREE! In today’s society, in many public institutions, we see the sign “no perfumes/scents allowed” because people with allergies are often very severely affected by scents. We have received letters and phone calls asking that we strive to make our churches scent free. As a Church we care for the good of all so we ask your support and cooperation in our efforts to make the Basilica a scent free environment.
/// LEARNING OPPORTUNITY - Diploma in Theology and Ministry (Roman Catholic Stream)
The Archdiocese of St. John’s, in partnership with Queen’s College, is offering a two-year Diploma in Theology and Ministry. Do you wish to grow in Faith? Do you want to deepen your knowledge? Registrations for this two year program are always being accepted. For more information, go to www.queenscollegenl.ca or contact Anne Walsh at 579-0065 or amfwalsh@gmail.com.

From St. Pius X Parish --- There are no Friday evening Masses in St. John’s, nor in Mount Pearl, so we have begun having a First Friday evening Mass, here at St. Pius X a 7:00 pm. Working people who like to attend can now do so. These First Friday Masses will focus attention on the Sacred Heart devotion. Date: June 7th.

>> Traditional Latin Mass - Permanent Time Change … The Traditional Latin Mass is celebrated at St. Pius X Chapel will commence at **5:00 pm. -- Sunday, May 26 @ 1:30 pm. (this day only)**

>>> MASS is offered daily at MUN (M-F) at 12 Noon in UC3016. All are welcome.

Health Sciences Centre PASTORAL CARE …. VOLUNTEERS are needed as part of the Health Sciences Centre Pastoral Care Ministry to bring Communion to Catholic patients about once a month on Sunday mornings. Patients and their families are truly appreciative to receive the gift of the Eucharist. Please consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister at the Health Sciences Centre. if you are interested, please contact: Maurice Arsenault at 576-0675 or 764-5092. Thank you for your consideration.

YOUR BLOOD DONATION MATTERS - It matters to every patient across Canada. Because it is something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow. Canadian Blood Services, 7 Wicklow Street: Tuesday & Wednesday 3 to 7 pm., Thursday 9 am. - 3 pm., Friday 9 am., - 1 pm., Saturday 10 am. - 2 pm.

... 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.

**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.

*** The Irish Messenger of the Sacred Heart is a little magazine that’s read all over the world. It’s a wonderful, inspirational gift that keeps giving. If you would like to give someone this gift or get it for yourself, please call 738-3236 for further information.

...Wesley Church - Flipper Dinner … Wesley United Church will be holding 2 Flipper Dinners (with dessert, tea & coffee) on the following **Thursday, June 6, 6:00 pm. Eat-In only, there are no take-outs available.** Tickets are $25. Please Call Pheobe Sheppard 726-1689 or Marvin Barnes @ 579-7099 or the Church Office @ 579-3682.
... St. John’s Choir Celebrates Spring With Song ... Sunday, June 2nd, George United Church starting at 7:30 pm Special guests: Aurora Women’s Choir. Tickets: $20. To purchase please call or text 746-8947, e-mail stjohnschoir.info@gmail.com, contact any member of the Choir or pick up at the door.

... Les Ms. Choir with Lori Cooper Band presents Belles, Blues and Boogie ... One Night Only ... Saturday, May 25th, 7:30 pm. (doors open at 6:30 pm.) THE BELLA VISTA., 26 Torbay Road. Tickets: $40. Hors d’oeuvres and snacks. Cash Bar, 50-50 Draw.

... Coastal Sounds Choir Association announces its 6th Annual Summer Music Program, “Wake Up & Sing”, July 15-19, mornings only, at Topsail United Church. Registration deadline June 15th. Fee: $125. For more info and to register visit www.coastalsounds.ca/summermusic

<> <> EUROPE TRIP ... Would you be interested in a trip to Europe in the spring of 2020? This 12 day coach-tour will travel from Greece to Croatia ... beginning in Athens and finishing in Dubrovnik. It begins on April 27th and finishes on May 8th. Registrations are taking place now and spaces being booked. It you are interested please contact Fr. Jeff Kolonel at St. Kevin’s Parish office, Goulds (745-8183, or Brian Bursey, tour organizer at 576-4551 or e-mail bbbbursey@hotmail.com. A full detailed TOUR INFORMATION PACKAGE is available.

.. If you attended a Jesuit institution other than in St. John’s please contact Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ at ej_mroz@yahoo.co (chaplain at MUN)

/>/ Do you have a spare 2 hours in your week? Pastoral Care at St. Patrick’s Mercy Home is offering you an opportunity to fill these hours as a volunteer. Volunteers are needed to porter residents to the chapel, to be Lectors and Communion Ministers. The time commitment is two hours between 10 am. and 12 Noon Sunday to Friday. For further information, you may contact Judy Cook, Volunteer Services at 752-8705 or Theresa Ryan at 752-8716.

*** 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.

** 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.

--- 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.
* 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

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

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

Stewardship Prayer .... Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging your mercy and humbly admitting our need, we pledge our trust in you and each other. Filled with desire, we respond to your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of your gifts. As stewards, we receive your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor. Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that you who have begun his good work in us will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen