Welcome to The Historic Roman Catholic Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 25, 2019

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00 pm.; Sunday @ 8:30 am. & 11:00 am.
Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 9:30 am.; Tuesday & Thursday 12:10 pm.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after the 9:30 am. Mass for one hour
Rosary: Recited one half hour before weekday Masses
Music Rehearsals will resume in September
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm.
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

Night Fever at the Basilica, Saturday, August 31, 6:00 – 9:00 pm. (sponsored by ALPHA)    Join us for an open house night of Eucharistic Adoration, reflection, music, and refreshments.

Prayer.. We ask that you remember the sick of our parish... Fr. Pat Power, Br. Dave Murphy, Gerard Carey, Frank Kennedy, Tony Murphy, Peggy Reid, Marie Joy, Robert Rice, Mary Rice, Theresa Bruce, David Fleming. 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 ask their permission and call the Parish Office @ 754-3170 or email basilica@rcsj.org by Wednesday noon.

Funeral. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the late
Gregory Webber
May the Lordconsole you and grant eternal rest to the soul of your loved one

*** BAPTISM PREPARATION *** The next Baptism Preparation course will take place on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 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.

Baptism .... Nathaniel Edward Layman-Roberts
You have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. May you always grow as a child of the Light.

Wedding ... Congratulations to Philip and Vanessa
Celebration of the Investiture with the Pallium of Archbishop Hundt

The Pallium (from Latin for covering) is a liturgical vestment, symbolizing the fullness of Episcopal (Bishop's) office. It is a white, woolen, circular two-inch band worn loosely around the neck, breast, and shoulders. It is ornamented with six black silken crosses and has a weighted pendant front and back. It is worn by the Pope and by metropolitan archbishops and patriarchs. The Metropolitan Archbishop receives a pallium from the Pope or his representative as a symbol of his metropolitan jurisdiction. The pallium is also symbolic of personal loyalty to the Pope and thereby a sign of unity between a local Church and the universal Church. The Mass and Ceremony for the Investiture with the Pallium of Archbishop Hundt by the Papal Nuncio to Canada, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, will take place at the Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. This is also the 164th anniversary of the dedication of the Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. All are welcome to attend.

(For further information regarding the Pallium visit our Archdiocesan website at: www.rcsj.org)

Catechetical formation for Confirmation and Holy Eucharist

The team at catechetical office at the Basilica provides parents with the resources to form their children in faith and prepare them to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. 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 participate fully 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’s main office 754-2170.

CATHOLIC APLHA RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER. CONSIDER JOINING THE ALPHA EXPERIENCE. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God ion a friendly, open and informal environment. It is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of Christian faith. Each session looks at different questions and is designed to create conversation. TUESDAY EVENINGS - SEPTEMBER 17TH TO NOVEMBER 19TH @ 6:00 PM., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Register online https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ catholic-alpha-registration-64546638734. Registration is free. Invite a friend and try ALPHA!

>> THE LEGION OF MARY will be starting at the Basilica in September. If you would like to join the Legion of Mary at the Basilica or obtain more information please contact Debbie Power @ debbieannepower@gmail.com or text/phone 709-769-6477. Meetings take place weekly for one hour.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE The next course is scheduled for September 27/28, 2019 at St. Peter’s Parish in Mount Pearl. Registration for this course is via the Archdiocesan website - rcsj.org. Please check with your parish for registration details. If you have any questions regarding the course, please call Theresa Whiffen @ 709-726-3660, ext. 236 or email @ twhiffen@rcsj.org

DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY & MINISTRY OFFERED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE. Are you interested in learning more about your faith and growing in understanding of it? The Archdiocese of St. John's offers a two-year Diploma in Theology and Ministry through Queen's College. One weekend each month for two years, you will gather with a group of believers who are curious and committed to explore many areas of theology under with the help of qualified, committed, faithful facilitators. For more information, contact Anne Walsh at (709) 579-0065, ext 227, or amfwalsh@gmail.com
Prayer to Know My 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

21St Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 25, 2019 “Make straight paths for your feet.” Will your path of holiness be as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Jeff Kolonel at (709)745-8183 or Father Ray Earle (709)781-1696 or Father Philip Melvin at (709)754-1195 or email: vocations@rcsj.org

THE BASILICA HERITAGE FOUNDATION is sponsoring a Recital of Classical Music by Faure, Chopin and Debussy for Piano by Kong Sun Nicholas Lim, Pianist, at the Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, September 1st from 1:00-2:00 pm. Admission is by freewill offering in aid of the restoration of the Basilica stained glass windows.

BASILICA WINDOW CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS, STAINED GLASS BOOK and COLOURING BOOK We now have available our 2019 Christmas ornament and a limited supply of our 2018 ornament at a cost of $15 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 are available from the Basilica Parish Office during regular business hours, by calling 754-2170 or contact us by email at basilica@rcsj.org and at the entrance to the Basilica.

15th ANNUAL FLATROCK PILGRIMAGE Friday evening, Sept 6th and Saturday, Sept 7th, Due to this year’s 15th anniversary of the traditional event, there will be added devotions taking place on Friday, Sept 6th at 7:00 p.m. - public consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, One-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic procession and Benediction. Devotions will take place in St. Michael’s Church or in Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto - weather permitting. On Saturday, Sept 7th 10:30 a.m., the traditional pilgrimage walk will begin at the junction of Windgap and Torbay Roads (Duffett’s Parking Lot) and end at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at approximately 12:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available in the adjacent community hall. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin at 2:30 p.m. preceded by Confessions. For information please contact Suzanne Rowe 709-727-5809.

... THE CENTRE FOR LIFE offers free, confidential, professional pregnancy and post-abortion counselling. Please email counsellors@centreforlife.ca (709) 579-3818, Linda Holden (709) 579-1500 for more information.

... RUAH 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

BOOK STUDY - THE REBIRTHING OF GOD: CHRISTIANITY’S STRUGGLE FOR NEW BEGINNINGS Virginia Waters Retreat House, 47 Parsonage Drive, St. John’s is hosting a five week book study exploring John Philip Newell’s book “The Rebirthing of God: Christianity’s Struggle for New Beginnings”. Starting on September 17th, the group will meet on Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm. This study will be led by Gerard Whitty and Phil Lewis. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Robyn or Holly at virginiawatersretreat@gmail.com or by phone 709-754-1582.
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.

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. 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, SEPTEMBER 19TH.

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 - SUNDAY, August 18, 2019
Sunday Offertory ... $6,328.05; Assessment ... $91.; Votive Candles ... $597.25
Acknowledged with many thanks.
Your continued support of the Basilica Parish is greatly appreciated.

It takes on the average 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. Please also consider donating to the Basilica Parish if this is your regular place of worship.

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.

MUSIC UNDER THE DOME - A Summer Lunchtime Concert - Cochrane Street United Church, 12:15 pm.-1:00 pm. Enjoy some great local music over your lunch break. There is a suggested minimum donation of $10. August 27th: Saltwater Strings - Dominic Green & Brett Vey.

ADVANCE NOTICE ... The Kidney Foundation of Canada - Kidney Walk St. John’s - Sunday, October 6th @ 9:30 am. - King George V Soccer Club. To register: call 753-8999 or visit kidneywalk.ca. Help support those living with kidney disease!

CAFE OF MEMORIES 2019 .... An afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers. Events will be held on September 12, October 1 and November 5, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Freemason’s Hall, 115 Carson Avenue, Mount Pearl.
Please register by calling Alzheimer Society at 709-576-0608 or email events@alzheimernl.ca
ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR PUBLISHED BULLETIN....

.. 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.

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 complete 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. (Some ministries require training and special abilities).

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.

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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.

.. 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.

** On the occasion of the death of a loved one, please consider a donation to our Basilica Heritage Foundation in memory of the deceased. Keep their memory alive in the restoration of our beautiful Basilica and our current major restoration project- the Stained Glass and Exterior Windows.

>> Traditional Latin Mass - Sundays - The Traditional Latin Mass is celebrated at St. Pius X Chapel, Smithville Crescent will commence at 5:00 pm.

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

... 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.

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.

/>/ Do you have a few spare 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.

--- 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.

... 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.

.. 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)
Overeaters Anonymous (OA). Are you struggling with unhealthy eating behaviours? Give us a call. We are a support group whose program is based on physical, emotional and spiritual healing. We are a Twelve Step program for people facing serious eating problems. Call 709-738-1742, email info.ca.nl@gmail.com or visit our website: oanl.org.

**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.

*** 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.

* 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

“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.