



Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's

BULLETIN FOR MARCH 19, 2017

A NOTE TO THE FAITHFUL

Archbishop Currie and the other nine bishops from Atlantic Canada will be making their Ad Limina visit to **Rome, March 12 – 18, 2017**. During this visit, the bishops will meet with Pope Francis for a discussion. The Bishops will also meet 13 times over the next five days with various heads of congregations to consult and discuss issues, which impact, on the life of the Church. Bishops are also required to celebrate mass in the four major Basilicas, St. Peter's, St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside the Wall and St. John Lateran. Please keep the bishops in your prayers that the visit may be successful and a time of learning.

AN EVENING WITH THE ARCHBISHOP DINNER & AUCTION

Our Annual Fundraiser, Archbishop's Dinner & Auction this year will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at the Holiday Inn, 180 Portugal Cove Road, St. John's, NL. This event is the principal means through which we raise the funds to support our many outreach programs and services.

Tickets are \$200.00 each or a table of 10 for \$2,000.00. Please contact Theresa Whiffen (709)726-3660 or e-mail: twhiffen@rcsj.org to reserve you ticket.

We are seeking donations for our Live or Silent Auction, for Example: Gift Certificates, Merchandise (new items only) or Crafts, etc. Any donation will be greatly accepted.

Should you wish to make a donation please contact: Anne Marie Curran in our Business Office at 709-726-3660, ext. 227 or by e-mail acurran@rcsj.org

Your donation can be picked up and a charitable receipt will be issued.

VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION

Third Sunday of Lent – March 19, 2017

“But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation?

If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, call:
Fr. Ken Walsh (709) 781 – 1696, Fr. Jeff Kolonel (709) 745 – 8183,
Fr. Ray Earle (709) 488 – 2525 or email: vocations@rcsj.org

VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION

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For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord.



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CURRENT EVENTS

1. CENTRE FOR LIFE SENIORS TAX CLINICS:

The Centre for Life will be participating in the CRA Community Volunteer Income Tax Program offering tax preparation for seniors.

For information or to make an appointment please call (709) 579 – 1500

Clinics will be held on Mondays, commencing Feb. 27th, 2017

2. CENTRE FOR LIFE

Due to severe weather conditions the documentary The Euthanasia Deception was rescheduled.

The documentary – The Euthanasia Deception was produced by Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. A thought provoking, emotionally, gripping film that will impact hearts and minds. It effectively dismantles the fallacies of euthanasia proponents' appeals to compassion and autonomy.- Dr. Richard Weikart, Professor of History at California State University, Stanislaus, and author of The Death of Humanity: And the Case for Life.

Date: Sunday, March 26, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: St. Teresa's Parish Hall, 120 Mundy Pond Road, St. John's, NL

St. Teresa's Knights of Columbus Council #7702 well sponsor this event

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Any inquiries please call (709) 579 – 1500



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3. JOB POSTING –ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The Lantern invites applications for the full-time position of Assistant Director. The successful applicant will be creative and energetic, possess excellent organizational and interpersonal skills, and have proficiency in social media marketing, webpage maintenance, and Microsoft Office, particularly Word and Excel. College/university education in the areas of community development, social justice, spirituality, leadership development, and work or volunteer experience in the charity/non-profit sector would be definite assets. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The Lantern is a busy charitable/non-profit organization that offers a variety of programs; it also supports the community work of other charities and non-profits. For more detailed information on our facilities, activities and mission, please visit www.thelantern.ca

Deadline for applications is March 24th, 2017.

Please send your resume and letter of application to:
Dr. Maureen Dunne, Director, The Lantern
35 Barnes Road,
St. John's, NL,
A1C 3X1

Or e-mail to: administrator@thelantern.ca

4. MATTHEW 25 OUTREACH

We are having a St. Paddy's day afternoon tea in aid of supporting an Orphanage and School in Kenya.

Date: Sunday, March 19, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Corpus Christi Center, 260 Waterford Bridge Rd., St. John's, NL

Tickets: \$5.00

There will be tea, coffee, cookie's, juice for the kids, Entertainment and Give-a-Ways.

Each ticket enters your name in a draw for \$500 in Gift Cards.

If you cannot attend, you can still buy a ticket to have your name entered in the Draw!

For More Information contact: Margie Stead 746-6492



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All Ages Welcome!

5. THE LANTERN – EVENTS/PROGRAMS

MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION

Is a well-respected and researched program developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn, now offered all over the world. The Course is a powerful approach to stress management. It teaches mindfulness practices that help focus on the present moment to change the way we handle stress, pain, illness and the overall challenges of daily life.

Facilitator: Maureen Barry MSW, RSW

Mindfulness Dates:

Free Information Session: Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Register by email)

8 Week Course: Thursdays, April 6 – May 25, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Retreat: TBA

Course Cost: \$325.00 (includes the MBSR workbook with guided m3p meditation practices, and day retreat and lunch)

To register and/or for more information please call (709) 685 – 6027 or email: mbsr.stjohns@gmail.com

Women to Women: Sharing the Wisdom

Come and sit around the fireplace and help keep the W2W flame alive!

The Lantern Library Fireside Guest – Stephanie Hickman, BA, LLB

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(Doors open at 7:00 for refreshments and networking)

Admission: Free for those who attended the November W2W Empowering Leadership conference; \$20.00 for new participants who are most welcome.

Drop-ins are always welcome but to ensure your seat at the fireside, please register at information@thelantern.ca



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A Mindful Way through Fear and Uncertainty

Do you feel anxious, or even angry, when you listen to the news these days? Recent events south of the border and around the world have been fuelling an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty. This weekend workshop will explore how Mindfulness and meditation practice can help us navigate these turbulent waters. You will learn time-tested techniques, tools, and strategies for working with these everyday challenges.

Facilitator: Andrew Safer.

Date: Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 8, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Admission: Friday night talk: \$10.00
Saturday: \$60.00 (Discounts available)

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2017

Call (709) 722 – 2716 to register or andrew@safermindfulness.com

6. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION

This year, our Catholic Church's international solidarity organization, Development and Peace is entering its 50th year.

To celebrate this milestone, Development and Peace is holding a 50th Anniversary Dinner on **Friday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall – 49 St. Clare Avenue, St. John's, NL

Tickets: \$20.00 each and are available by contacting:
Evelyn Lundrigan = emlundrigan@hotmail.com or (709) 368 – 4450

Speakers for the evening will be Archbishop Martin Currie, Archbishop of St. John's and Josianne Gauthier, Director of the In-Canada Program for Development and Peace.

Entertainment will be provided



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COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES

7. RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE

Located at The Lantern – 35 Barnes Road, St. John's, NL

Winter Group Offerings:

- **When You See RED For Women (8 weeks)**
Facilitator: Kim Oldford-Walters, M.Ed, CCC
Dates: February 08, 2017 – March 29, 2017
Wednesday = 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Fee: \$150.00 (price includes course materials)

- **Support Group for End of Relationship, Separation & Divorce (8 weeks)**
Facilitator: Nicole Cooper, MSW, RSW
Dates: February 06, 2017 – April 03, 2017 – No class on March 20, 2017
Monday = 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Fee: \$120.00

- **Self-Empowerment for Women (8 weeks)**
Facilitator: Deidre Keating, M.Ed. (candidate)
Dates: February 09, 2017 – March 30, 2017
Thursday = 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Fee: \$120.00

To register, visit: <http://rcsj.org/ruah-counselling-centre/group-registration>

For further details, visit <http://rcsj.org/ruah-counselling-centre> or call (709) 579 – 0168 or email: ruah@rcsj.org

Individual, couple and family counselling available also



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RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

8. LENTEN REFLECTION

Lent - a time for prayer and reflection. We invite you to explore with us the story of the EUCHARIST and how it connects with our life story and the Unfolding Story of the Universe.

Date: Each Sunday, Beginning March 5th from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Presentation Sisters Retreat House, 47 Parsonage Drive, St. John's, NL

Lent Facilitators: Gerard Whitty, Philip Lewis and Mary Dower

To register please call (709) 754 –1582

Donation Gratefully Accepted

9. EZRA CHAPLAINCY PRAYER REQUEST

EZRA Chaplaincy is a non-denominational Christian ministry which serves the Church in outreach ministry to workers and their families in challenging industrial workplaces and other unique circumstances, including, for example, ministry to those working offshore. They have received a request asking that the Church Community offer a special prayer intention today for this ministry, remembering their Chaplains, leadership, trained members and the people they serve in our community.

INTERCESSION FOR EZRA CHAPLAINCY AND THOSE THEY SERVE

For the ministry of EZRA Chaplaincy, their chaplains, members and leadership, ministering to travellers and to workers and their families in the offshore /onshore Oil Industry, Aviation, Construction Sites, Motorsports and Community Services. We pray to the Lord...

10. ACTS OF THE APOSTLES - 8 DVD SESSIONS

8 DVD Sessions in a row over 8 Wednesdays on the Acts of the Apostles by scholar Frances Hogan.

Date: February 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: St. Teresa's Church, 120 Mundy Pond Road, St. John's, NL
Msgr. Summers Room (Downstairs)
Outside entrance is west of the Church



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Call (709) 727-4513 for more information.

11. "MISSA CANTATA" (A SUNG MASS IN LATIN)

Fr. William Browne, SJ will preside.

Location: St. Pius X Chapel – 16 Smithville Crescent, St. John's, NL

Date: March 26, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

The Cantata Choir will lead the music, which includes 15 Gregorian-chant hymns.

Everything needed to follow and participate will be provided. Everyone is welcome."

12. INNER HEALING MINISTRY

Do you feel your life is out of control? Do you want to spend an hour in praise of worship! A time for peace and a time to settle!

Call Roger at (709) 895-3499 or come to Wesley Auditorium, 101 Patrick Street, St. John's, NL, on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. to see if this is what you are looking for. Everyone is welcome!

13. 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.

Place: Basilica Museum (in the Pastoral Centre, just west of the Basilica)

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.



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14. CENTRE FOR LIFE "SAVE THE DATE" - THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH

Living in a society that has been "pornified" by a porn industry that is as ever-changing as modern technology allows, this problem has become an epidemic, a public health issue that must be addressed. Children, teens and adults all over the world desperately need to understand the science and research that is coming out daily on the harmful effects of pornography and its' link to human trafficking. This engaging address focuses on exposing these truths using only science, facts and personal testimonies. If you are a parent, or an adult seeking insights and powerful tools for dealing with pornography in today's world this presentation is for you.

Location: Cineplex Cinemas – Mt. Pearl Studio 1 – 760 Topsail Road, St. John's, NL

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Presenter: Craig Bakker, Program Director, Fight the New Drug
www.fightthenewdrug.org

Admission: Free with donation to the Community Food Sharing Association

For information contact: centreforlife@centreforlife.ca or call (709) 579 –1500

15. 24 HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

You are invited to spend an hour with JESUS. We pray to the Holy Spirit for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, in our Archdiocese, and spiritual support of existing vocations.

Date: 9:30 a.m., April 6, 2017 to April 7, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Mary Queen of the World Parish
777 Topsail Road, Mount Pearl, NL

16. WILL IT! – SPIRITUAL BOOTCAMP

A Lenten Retreat for men age 20-55. Spiritual Advisor: Fr Joe Mroz

Date: Saturday, April 8th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Location: St. Pius X Parish Hall, 16 Smithville Crescent, St. John's, NL

Registration: \$10.00



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To register or for further information email ed@ejcmfinancial.com

17. GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

The Centre for Life invites the community to gather in a spiritual fellowship to pray for all human life, especially the most vulnerable members of our society.

Date: Friday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.

Location: St. Pius X Church, 16 Smithville Crescent, St. John's, NL

For information, please call (709) 579 – 1500

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

18. ELEVATE - STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Join hundreds of other youth from Atlantic Canada in Halifax from **July 7 – 9, 2017** as we celebrate and learn more about our Catholic faith.

The Steubenville conferences are held across North America each year and offer young people an opportunity to meet new people and hear fantastic speakers and music while learning more about the Sacraments and our church.

For more information or to register, please contact Sara at sara_broderick@yahoo.com or visit www.steubenville.ca.

19. CHAPLAIN – MUN /COLLEGE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC

The MUN chaplains are also CNA Chaplains!

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Our office is room B113B, inside the common room.

MUN

Weekday Masses are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 12:00 p.m. (noon) in UC 4011

Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at St. John's College with adoration until 11:45.am.

Sincerely,

Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ, MUN/CNA Chaplain



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20. 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 our upcoming event mailing list, or if you would like to get involved, please contact Sara at sbroderick@rcsj.org

21. ALPHA YOUTH PROGRAM

We are very excited to be offering the Alpha program for youth in our Archdiocese!

The Alpha Youth Film Series is a 9 week program designed to engage youth in conversations about life, faith and Jesus. It invites youth to learn about, and reflect on, the basic truths of the Christian faith. This series has been used internationally and has received amazing reviews.

Beginning on February 12th, our Alpha will run on Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:45 pm in the Conference room of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre. We will also have a retreat at the end of March.

Each session will start with a game followed by prayer, a short video and small group discussion. Each session will end with food and further large group discussion.

There is no cost for this program and it is open to youth in grades 6-12.

For more information on Alpha itself, you can visit [Alpha Youth Film Series | Alpha Canada](#)

Please register on our event page - [Alpha Youth Film Series](#)

For any other questions please email us at catholicyouthministrynl@gmail.com