



Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's

BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 10, 2017

VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION

Second Sunday of Advent – December 10, 2017

“He will feed his flock like a shepherd.” If God may be calling you to nourish His people as a priest or in the consecrated life:

Contact: 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 chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. CHASE THE ACE

Come out and support the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish. This Sunday's Jackpot is **\$ 32,443.00, Only 7 cards left.** 50/50 also available.

Date: Sunday, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, Topsail Road, CBS

2. IRISH SACRED HEART MESSENGER

Anyone who is interested in ordering the Irish Sacred Heart Messenger magazine. This is a great magazine and would be a wonderful Christmas gift for your friends or your loved ones!

Contact (709) 685 – 2208 for more information

3. MATTHEW 25 OUTREACH INC. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Supporting Gideon's orphanage and school in Kenya. Help us put a smile on a child's face this Christmas. Suggested donation \$25.00.

For more information or to donate please contact Margie Stead: (709) 746 – 6492



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4. CORPUS CHRISTI PEWTER CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

To commemorate their 100th year as a parish, Corpus Christi has commissioned a pewter ornament that would make a beautiful gift this Christmas. They are now available for purchase at a cost of \$15.00

They can be picked up at the parish office, 260 Waterford Bridge Road, or by calling the parish office (709) 368 – 9751

5. CANDLELIGHT VIGIL: TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED BY SUICIDE

This annual vigil is held to remember those who died by suicide and to support family and friends who are survivors of suicide loss. Gather in music, poems, prayers and candle lighting. Everyone is invited to bring a framed photograph of their loved one to be displayed during the vigil. Music by Shelley Neville, Peter Halley, Dan Dillon, & Judy Brazil.

Please feel free to bring along cookies /cake for tea following the vigil. All are welcome!

Date: 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 10, 2017

Location: St. Patrick's Church, 6 Patrick Street, St. John's

Parking is available in Church Parking Lot on Patrick Street.

For additional information please contact:

Kim = (709) 864 – 8101, (709) 691 – 8978 or kakelly@mun.ca

Tina = (709) 726 – 4223 or tgdavies99@gmail.com

6. 25TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

Come join the Quintessential Vocal Ensemble choirs. Enjoy traditional Christmas favorites as well as contemporary works by Kim Andre Arnesen, Daniel Elder, Z. Randall Stroope and Eric Whitacre. "O Holy Night" special guest soloist is mezzo-soprano Sonya Gosse.

Date: Sunday, December 17th, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Mary Queen of Peace Church, 135 Torbay Road, St. John's, NL

Tickets: \$25.00 Adult, \$20.00 Student/Senior and Children under 10 get in free!

Tickets available through Holy Heart Box Office, Choir Members, and at the door.



COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICE

7. RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE

We provide Individual, couple and family counselling.

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

Winter Group Offerings:

- **When You See Red – For Men (8 weeks)**
Facilitator: Jeff Pardy, BA, MA, B.Ed., M.Ed. (Couns. Psych)
Dates: January 16 – March 06, 2018 (8 Weeks)
Tuesday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$120.00

- **Support Group for End of Relationship, Separation & Divorce (8 weeks)**
Facilitator: Nicole Cooper, MSW, RSW
Dates: January 17 – March 14, 2018
Wednesday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Please note there will be no session on Valentine's Day Holiday, February 14th
Fee: \$120.00

- **Self-Empowerment for Women (8 weeks)**
Facilitator: Robyn Hamlyn, MC, CCC
Dates: January 18 – March 08, 2018 (8 Weeks)
Thursday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$120.00

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

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

8. THE CENTRE FOR LIFE

The Centre 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



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RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

9. AWAY IN A MANGER – NATIVITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Location: The Basilica Museum, 200 Military Road, St. John's, NL
(Immediately west of the Basilica)

Date: December 3 – 23, 2017

Hours: The exhibit is open every day from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., and evenings by request.

Admission: A Gift for a Needy Child (You can leave gifts under our tree)

Please call to book a visit if you are bringing a large group

For More Information:

Call Rene Estrada, (709) 726 – 3660, ext. 223 or email: restrada@rcsj.org or Anne Walsh, (709) 726 – 3660, ext. 233, or e-mail awalsh@rcsj.org

10. INVITATION TO ADVENT REFLECTION

All are welcome to come join us for Advent Sunday Reflections

Theme: Who do people say I am? Who do we say Jesus is? What new insights are emerging for us today to reflect on and contemplate?

To register please call: (709) 754 – 1582

Facilitators: Gerard Whitty and Philip Lewis.

Date: December 10th and 17th, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.,

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



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11. CHRISTMAS CAROLING & SOCIAL REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

In the spirit of the season and in an endeavor to build our Parish community spirit, we will be having a Christmas Carol sing and social. Put the stress of holiday preparations aside and come and relax and enjoy beautiful music to reflect the true meaning of Christmas, followed by a social.

Carols may be requested in honor of a loved one (living or deceased) for a \$5.00 donation per name. All names will be entered into a Christmas Caroling book to be kept in the Church during the holiday season. Sign-up sheets and pledge envelopes to request carols for loved ones will be available on the table in the foyer at St. Paul's and the back of the church for St. Francis starting the weekend of October 28th. Envelopes can be left with Carol in the parish office or placed in the collection. Hope to see you there

St. Paul's

Date: December 10th, 2017

Location: 340 – A Newfoundland Drive, St. John's, NL

St. Francis of Assisi

Date: December 17th, 2017

Location: 49 Outer Cove Road, Outer Cove, NL

12. ADVENT REFLECTION

Advent is a time of waiting, watching and preparing our hearts so that the first spark of God's love, the love which ignited the Big Bang and became visible in Christ Jesus, may birth in us a new consciousness. You are invited to come aside from your busy schedule. Relax, reflect and discover new ways of engaging your faith for the creation of a better society through the Living out of Laudato Si'

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, 101 Mount Scio Road, St. John's, NL
Next to Rainbow Riders and across from the Savory Farm

To register please call (709) 722 – 0082 or email teersm@hotmail.com
Registration is required as space is limited.

Light refreshments will be served.



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13. ADVENT DAY OF AWARENESS

Come and spend some time reflecting on hopeful expectancy and patient unknowing as we once again prepare for the celebration of Incarnation – God committing totally to human flesh. Together, let us ponder: God's great self-giving in Jesus. What self-giving means in a culture that substitutes the giving of stuff for the giving of self. How we can continue that Divine self-giving in our personal, family, and community/church settings?

Date: Saturday, December 16, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, 101 Mount Scio Road, St. John's, NL
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To register please call (709) 722 – 0082 or email teersm@hotmail.com
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14. GROWING IN FAITH SERIES – ADVENT RETREAT—WAITING FOR THE LIGHT

Join us for a morning of Advent reflection and prayer.

Date: Saturday, December 16, 2017, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Location: 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



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15. ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILGRIMAGE

A major relic of St. Francis Xavier is coming to Canada from Rome. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist.

Who was St. Francis Xavier?

St. Francis Xavier was a famous Jesuit missionary to India and Japan, bringing hundreds of thousands of people to faith. It is said that he was the greatest missionary since St. Paul the Apostle. The major relic that will be venerated during the pilgrimage is his right arm, usually venerated at the Church of the Gesù in Rome. It is rare that this relic leaves its usual home, and so this is a unique opportunity to venerate and to thank God for the work of this great missionary, and for the gift of faith.

Schedule of Events:

- Friday, January 5th 12:10 p.m. = Mass, with the relic present
- All afternoon = Veneration open to the public
- 7:00 p.m. = Archdiocesan celebration of Prayer Service, Confessions and Veneration of the Relic.

Location: 200 Military Road, St. John's, NL

16. 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PATRICK'S MERCY HOME

The Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy and St. Patrick's Mercy Home invite you to celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy to commemorate this special occasion.

Date: January 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

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

Reception to follow at St. Pius X Parish Hall

RSVP Lana Morgan, (709) 752 – 8732 or email lane.morgan@easternhealth.ca



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

17. 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

18. WORLD YOUTH DAY – PANAMA

The next World Youth Day will be held in January 2019 in Panama. This pilgrimage is for young adults, aged 18 – 35 and the theme will be “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” (Lk 1:38).

If you would like more information on this pilgrimage, please contact Sara at sbroderick@rcsj.org

19. VIDEO GAME CONTEST

Are you between the ages of 12 – 18 years of age? Do you like playing video games? The Centre for Life is looking for your ideas to create a video game: WHAT CARING FOR HUMAN LIFE LOOKS LIKE.

First Prize: Your choice of either \$100.00 Steam or iTunes card

Second Prize: \$50.00 Steam or iTunes

Third Prize: \$25.00 Steam or iTunes card.

Top prize winner claims their name on opening screen of video game.

Contest closes January 31st, 2018 and winners will be announced on February 28th, 2018.

See contest details on line at <http://www.centreforlife.ca/lifecontest>

Any questions please email info@centreforlife.ca