



**Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's**  
**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

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**A Reminder:**

In the Roman Rite, including in Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of "abstinence" from meat binds those who are 14 years and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

**VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION**  
**First Sunday of Lent – February 18 2018**

That the generous lives of those who preach that the kingdom of God is at hand will invite our young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION**  
**First Sunday of Lent – February 18, 2018**

"Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Jeff Kolonel (709) 745 – 8183; Fr. Ray Earle (709) 488 – 2525 or email: [vocations@rcsj.org](mailto:vocations@rcsj.org)

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**1. THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY**

The Canadian Bible Society is looking for a Representative from each Parish to train as a congregational representative.

If you currently are a Church Representative or wish to be one please contact Gerry Donahue by:

**Email:** [gdonahue@crosbiejob.com](mailto:gdonahue@crosbiejob.com) or

**Cell Phone:** (709) 727 – 4513



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**2. QUEEN'S COLLEGE APPEAL SUNDAY**

Is in all Anglican Parishes across the province. Your support of Queen's College through this collection in your Parish or through an on-line donation at <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/16498> will help us continue to prepare clergy and lay people for leadership in the Church.

Your support of Queen's College is one way of ensuring the Church is equipped to respond to current and future needs for generations in the Church and beyond.

Thank you for your support.

**3. THE CONCERT CROWD**

Celebrates its 50th anniversary! Enjoy a magical evening of music, dance and home-spun humor as this beloved community arts group looks back on fifty years of fund-raising and fun-raising. From humble beginnings, in the old school house in Outer Cove, to main stage at the Arts and Culture Centre, this trip down memory lane, presented in the usual Concert Crowd style, is sure to entertain and not to be missed. One night only.

**Date:** Saturday, March 3, 2018

**Tickets:** \$25.00 - available at the Arts and Culture Centre Box Office

**COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES**

**4. THE CENTRE FOR LIFE**

The Centre offers free, confidential professional pregnancy and post-abortion counselling.

Please email [counsellors@centreforlife.ca](mailto:counsellors@centreforlife.ca) or call (709) 579 – 3818 for more information

Seniors computer outreach is ongoing please call (709) 579 – 1500 for more information

**5. CENTRE FOR LIFE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM**

Will be held on Mondays beginning on March 5<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> for seniors.

Please call (709) 579 – 1500 for more information and to make an appointment



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**6. 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. (Couns. Psych)

**Dates:** January 16 – March 06, 2018

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 31 – March 28, 2018 (8 Weeks)

Wednesday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Please note there will be no session on Valentine's Day, February 14th

**Fee:** \$120.00

➤ ***Self-Empowerment for Women (8 Weeks)***

**Facilitator:** Robyn Hamlyn, MC, CCC

**Dates:** February 01 – March 22, 2018 (8 Weeks)

Thursday Evenings = 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$120.00

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

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



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**RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

**7. SEASON OF LENT – EASTER**

This 90-day season, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday, is one of renewal for each person and the whole church. At the heart of the season is the paschal mystery of Jesus. Lent prepares for it and Easter celebrates it for fifty days.

Can a dialogue between this Paschal Mystery and the Universe Story yield new insights for living our faith today?

We invite you to come to Presentation Sisters Virginia Waters Retreat House for an hour of contemplation, reflection and dialogue

**Location:** 47 Parsonage Drive, St. John's, NL

**Date:** February 18<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Facilitators:** Phil Lewis, Gerard Whitty

Please call (709) 754-1582 to register

**8. 24 HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

You are invited to spend an hour with JESUS from 9:30 a.m., March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 10:00 a.m., March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

We pray for all those in authority, especially our spiritual and political leaders, that they be filled and guided by the Holy Spirit in their decision making.

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



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**9. CATHOLIC RENEWAL SERVICES**

Presents seven sessions of Catholic scriptural teachings on the Gospel of Luke by scriptural scholar Frances Hogan of Ireland.

**First Session Begins:** May 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m.

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

For information call Gerry @ 727-4513

**10. CELEBRATE FAMILY CONFERENCE**

Celebrate is a lively Catholic, faith-filled weekend for the whole family. Inspiring talks, children age appropriate streams, Mass, drama, worship, workshops. Fun for the whole family.

**Date:** July 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Location:** Corner Brook, NL

More information will follow, but mark these dates in your calendar.

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

**11. 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](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org)



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**12. YOUTH LENTEN FAITH FORMATION**

Beginning on **Sunday, February 18th**, youth aged 13 and up are invited to join us for a Lenten Faith formation series.

During these sessions we will have activities, videos and discussions aimed at learning about and deepening our faith.

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

**Location:** Conference Room  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, attached to the Basilica  
200 Military Road, St. John's, NL

There is no cost to attend these sessions and snacks will be provided!

For more information or to register, please contact Sara at [sbroderick@rcsj.org](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org)

**13. STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC - REVEALED**

The Steubenville series of conferences are held across North America each year. They seek to invite teens into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, empowering them to live as His disciples. These conferences are high energy events featuring inspiring talks, amazing music and worship, and opportunities for encounter with Jesus through the Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Each year, young people from our Archdiocese travel to Halifax, NS to attend the "Atlantic" conference. This year, it will be held from July 6-8 at Dalhousie University. Youth between the ages 14-21 are encouraged to join us!

We will be holding an information session about this year's conference on **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** This session will be held at the Pastoral Centre, attached to the Basilica.

For more information on this conference, please contact Sara at [sbroderick@rcsj.org](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org)



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**14. NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT**

Join over 3000 Catholics across Canada and the USA at this premier conference for the new evangelization. It will feature 6 world-class Catholic speakers on the New Evangelization including Curtis Martin, Sr. Anne Shields, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Christy Dupuis and Michael Dopp.

The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. We are incredibly excited to be a host site for the NES. The conference will be webcasted from Ottawa, ON to St. Peter's Parish, Mount Pearl, NL. Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics.

**Where:** St. Peter's Parish, 110 Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl, NL

**When:** Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Registration Cost:** \$40.00 per person; Lunch will not be provided.

Register now at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

For more information, please contact [catholicnl@gmail.com](mailto:catholicnl@gmail.com)

**15. 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](mailto:sbroderick@rcsj.org)

**16. MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND CHAPLAINCY**

"If you're going to MUN this winter, be sure to check out the Catholic Chaplaincy. My office is at UC 3006 (we're right beside the "ASK" desk in the UC - this will make sense when you get there).

We have a Facebook page at MUN Catholic Community and my email is [ej\\_mroz@yahoo.ca](mailto:ej_mroz@yahoo.ca)

Fr Joseph Mroz SJ, Catholic Chaplain, MUN