



**Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's**  
**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS 16 December 2018**

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**The Archdiocese of St. John's cordially invites you to a farewell Mass and Reception in honour of Archbishop Martin W. Currie on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Third Sunday of Advent - December 16, 2018**

For men and women called by the Lord to be messengers of salvation as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that Christ's peace will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

**VOCATION BULLETIN REFLECTION**

**Third Sunday of Advent -- December 16, 2018**

"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation 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](mailto:vocations@rcsj.org)

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**1. AWAY IN A MANGER EXHIBIT DECEMBER 2-23, 2018  
BASILICA MUSEUM**

Once again, this year, the "Away in a Manger" exhibit will be open in the Basilica Museum throughout Advent (**December 2 through December 23**), Wednesday through Sunday. We will have over 150 Nativity sets from around the world on display. It is a great way to prepare your heart for Christmas, and to get in the spirit to welcome the Christ child. Hours will be:

- **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- **And by appointment**

As usual, we invite visitors, if they can, to bring a Christmas gift for a child, or a monetary contribution that will be added to the food hampers distributed through Emmaus House at Christmas. This is completely voluntary. Admission to the exhibit is free.

**2. K of C Raffle**, St. Clare Ave., **Sunday, Dec. 16, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. A great chance to win your turkey or ham for Christmas.

**3. Matthew 25 Outreach Inc. 2018 Annual Christmas Project.**



Supporting Gideon's orphanage and school in Kenya. Help us put a smile on a child's face again this Christmas. Suggested donation \$25.00. For more information on how to donate please contact Margie Stead: 709-746-6492.

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

**5. Basilica Nativity Window Christmas Ornament and Stained Glass Book to help raise funds toward the Restoration of the Basilica Stained Windows!**

**Available for Christmas**, a Basilica Nativity Window Christmas Ornament, \$10, and Stained Glass Windows of the Basilica: An Illustrated Guide, by John FitzGerald (194 pp., \$25), to help raise funds for the restoration of the Basilica's stained glass windows. Available by pre-order from the Basilica Parish (754-2170) and after all weekend masses at the Basilica.

**RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

**1. FR. GREG HOGAN** – former Pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish has a book “**Nativity**” (a collection of Christmas Poetry) available for sale at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish office. Price - \$19.95. **A great Christmas Gift.**

**2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Caroling & Social Remembering Our Loved Ones**

It is with great pleasure to announce our Second Christmas Caroling event. In the spirit of the season and in an endeavor to build our parish community spirit, we will be having a Christmas Caroling. 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. Monies collected will be used specifically for parish finances and community enhancements such as spiritual retreats, socials, etc. Envelopes can be left with Carol at the parish office or placed in the collection plate. **Hope to see you there, All are Welcomed!!**

**St. Francis of Assisi - December 16<sup>th</sup>, @ 7pm** with the social to follow in the annex.

**3. THE ADVENT SEASON** is an invitation to watch and wait - but what are we waiting for? Is it the baby Jesus? Is it to welcome the return of the risen Jesus so that the whole universe can be judged or destroyed? Perhaps, as we become more aware of the universe story, we can await the Cosmic Christ who will sanctify and renew all of creation. We invite you to gather at Virginia Water Retreat Centre on **the four Sundays of Advent (Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd) from 4-5pm**. Through contemplative listening we will probe evolution and incarnation, a made-flesh spirituality for today.

**4. Join the award-winning Quintessential Vocal Ensemble Choirs** for what is sure to be a holiday highlight this Christmas season! Featuring over 100 voices, with instrumentals, and many special guests, including rising star, Noelle Slaney as our O Holy Night soloist and Siochana's Darrin Feehan for a rendition of the Newfoundland classic, "Christmas in the Harbour". Come one, come all to the show that will get everyone in the holiday spirit! **December 16, 2018 at MQP Parish** on Torbay Rd at 7pm. Tickets available at Holy Heart Box Office & Members of QVE!

#### **5. MISSA CANTATA December 16th**

A Missa Cantata (sung Traditional Latin Mass) will be celebrated on December 16, the Third Sunday of Advent at St. Pius X Chapel, Smithville Crescent. The congregation is invited to participate in the singing of the *Missa de Angelis*. This Mass is available on several Youtube™ sites. Because of the Missa Cantata, Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m.

### **COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES**

#### **1. 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. Linda Holden (709) 579 –1500 for more information.

### **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

#### **1. 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)

**2.** Mass is offered daily at MUN (M-F) at 12 noon in UC3016. All are welcome!

**3. Fr. John O'Brien, SJ** is coming to St. John's on **February 9-10, 2019**, to offer a retreat for young adults (18-40). If you are interested in helping Fr Joe Mroz call (709)737-8589. Volunteers are not limited by the age limits - all are welcome.

**4. THE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY** (Roman Catholic Studies) is offered by the Archdiocese of St John's through Queen's College. Registrations are always being accepted, and you can apply by contacting Queen's College directly at [queens@mun.ca](mailto:queens@mun.ca). In this two-year program, participants are offered the opportunity to explore each of the areas of Roman Catholic Theology— foundations, Moral Theology, Scriptural Studies, Liturgy, Church History, Evangelization and Catechesis and Pastoral Studies and Ministry. For more information contact Anne Walsh at [amfwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:amfwalsh@gmail.com)