



**Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's**  
**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR December 09<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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**VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Second Sunday of Advent – December 09<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

That the Lord, who is beginning the good work of choosing from among us men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to completion through our prayers and sacrifices, we pray to the Lord.

**VOCATIONS BULLETIN REFLECTION**

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Are you seeking “knowledge and full insight to help you determine” your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Call Fr. Jeff Kolonel (709) 745 – 8183; Fr. Ray Earle (709) 488 – 2525; or Fr. Philip Melvin (709) 754 – 1195 or email: [vocations@rcsj.org](mailto:vocations@rcsj.org)

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**1. ARCHBISHOP MARTIN W. CURRIE FAREWELL MASS**

The Archdiocese of St. John's cordially invites you to a farewell Mass and Reception in honour of Archbishop Martin W. Currie. Everyone is welcome!

**Date:** Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 200 Military Road, St. John's, NL

**2. THE BENEMERENTI MEDAL**

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, Archbishop Currie presented the Benemerenti Medal to Ms. Joanne Thompson. The Benemerenti Medal is an honour awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Roman Catholic Church. Ms. Thompson's work with the community, especially her creative and diligent work with the Gathering Place is very much recognized, valued and appreciated.

**3. THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, Archbishop Currie presented the award of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great to Mr. Pat Thompson. The honor is bestowed upon Roman Catholics in recognition of their personal service to the Holy See and to the Church, through examples made in their communities and their countries. Mr. Thompson's work with the Basilica Historical and Museum Committees is very much recognized, valued and appreciated.



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**4. BASILICA MUSEUM PRESENT ITS ANNUAL AWAY IN A MANGER EXHIBIT**

Once again, this year, the "Away in a Manger" exhibit will be open throughout Advent, 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. 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.

**Date:** December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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

**Location:** Basilica Museum, located in the Archdiocesan Center  
200 Military Road, St. John's, NL

**5. 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. Money collected will be used specifically for parish finances and community enhancements such as spiritual retreats, socials, etc. The Sign-up sheets will be inserted into the pledge envelopes. 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. Paul's Church, 340 Newfoundland Drive, St. John's, NL**

- December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. with the social to follow in the church and foyer.
- Deadline to return forms is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

**St. Francis of Assisi, 36 Outer Cove Rd, Outer Cove, NL**

- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. with the social to follow in the annex.
- Deadline to return forms is December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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**6. CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL: TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED BY SUICIDE**

This annual community vigil is held to remember those who died by suicide and to support survivors of suicide loss. Gather in music, poems, prayers and candle lighting. You are invited to bring a framed photograph of your loved one to be displayed during the vigil. Music by Shelley Neville, Peter Halley, Dan Dillon, Judy Brazil, & Shannon Power. Please feel free to bring along sandwiches/cookies for tea following the vigil. This vigil is open to everyone regardless of faith! All are welcome.

**Date:** Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

**7. QUINTESSENTIAL VOCAL ENSEMBLE CHOIRS**

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 Soprano star Maria Lacey as our O Holy Night soloist! Come one, come all to the show that will get everyone in the holiday spirit! Tickets available at Holy Heart Box Office & Members of QVE!

**Date:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

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

**8. 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

**9. BASILICA NATIVITY WINDOW CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT AND STAINED-GLASS BOOK**

Available for Christmas, a Basilica Nativity Window Christmas Ornament, \$10.00 and Stained-Glass Windows of the Basilica: An Illustrated Guide, by John FitzGerald, \$25.00, to help raise funds for the restoration of the Basilica's stained-glass windows. Available by pre-order by calling the Basilica Parish at 709 – 754 – 2170 and after all weekend masses at the Basilica.

**10. IRISH MESSENGER OF THE SACRED HEART**

A little magazine that is read all over the world. It's 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 (709) 738 – 3236 for further information.



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**11. NATIVITY, A COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS POETRY**

Fr. Greg Hogan, former Pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish has written a book called "Nativity" (a collection of Christmas Poetry) which is available for sale at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish office. Price: \$19.95. A great Christmas Gift.

**COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES**

**12. RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE**

We provide individual, couple and family counselling.

**Location:** The Lantern – 35 Barnes Road, St. John's, NL

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

**13. 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

**RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

**14. LATIN MASS**

**Date:** Sunday, 5:15 p.m.

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

**15. 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. Through contemplative listening we will probe evolution and incarnation, a made-flesh spirituality for today.

**Date:** The four Sundays of Advent (December 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>), 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virginia Water Retreat Centre, 47 Parsonage Drive, St. John's, NL



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**16. ADVENT MINI RETREAT**

Advent - a time of waiting, of welcoming the presence of God within us and in all creation. Come join us in an Advent Mini Retreat. We will explore four themes: Hope, Bravery, Welcome, and Being Yourself. You are also welcome to bring along a verse of Scripture, a poem, a song, a symbol or anything that speaks to you of one of these themes. To register: email: [mcej@live.com](mailto:mcej@live.com) or call (709) 722 – 0082.

**Date:** December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** You may choose from one of the following:

- 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or
- 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, 101 Mount Scio Road, St. John's, NL

**17. MISSA CANTATA**

A Missa Cantata (sung Traditional Latin Mass) will be celebrated on the Third Sunday of Advent. 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.

**Date:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

**18. ISRAEL: PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

With Father Cecil Critch & Collette Vacations and Harvey's Travel

**Date:** October 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

9 Day Tour from St. John's and experience all the sites and places where Jesus walked - including Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Cana, Caesarea, Capernaum, Jerusalem.

Celebrate mass at many of the holy sites of the bible.

For more information, contact Colleen Williams, Harvey's Travel, (709) 747 – 5018



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**19. EUROPE TRIP**

Would you be interested in a trip to Europe in the spring of 2020? This 12 day coach-tour will travel from Greece to Croatia beginning in Athens and finishing in Dubrovnik. It begins on April 27<sup>th</sup> and finishes on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Registrations are taking place now and spaces being booked. If you are interested please contact Fr. Jeff Kolonel at St. Kevin's Parish Office, 709 – 745 – 8183, or Brian Bursey, tour organizer, 709 – 576 – 4551 or e-mail: [bbbbursey@hotmail.com](mailto:bbbbursey@hotmail.com). A full, detailed Tour Information Package is available.

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

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

**21. 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)

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

**22. FR. JOHN O'BRIEN, SJ**

Is coming to St. John's to offer a retreat for young adults (18-40) on February 9<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Volunteers are not limited by the age limits - all are welcome.

**23. MUN DAILY MASS**

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