



Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's Bulletin Announcements 17 March 2019



An Evening with the Archbishop Dinner & Auction

On **May 8th, 2019** at the **Delta St. John's Hotel and Conference Centre**, we will be celebrating our **11th Annual Archbishop's Dinner & Auction**. Our theme this year is "**New Beginnings**" as we welcome Archbishop Peter J. Hundt to our Archdiocese.

Last year's event was a great success and allowed the Archdiocese to continue to improve its many Outreach Programs. We need your support to make this year's event the most successful ever! **We are currently seeking donations for the dessert, silent and live auctions.** If you would like to make a donation please contact Anne Marie Curran at 726-3660.

Tickets for the event will be going on sale soon! Tickets are \$200 (\$140 charitable donation receipt). Thank you for your support!

VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

March 17, 2019 - Second Sunday of Lent

That all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, will be strengthened in their life and mission, we pray to the Lord.

VOCATION BULLETIN REFLECTION

Second Sunday of Lent -- March 17, 2019

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call Father Jeff Kolonel at (709)745-8183 or Father Ray Earle (709)488-2525 or Father Philip Melvin at (709)754-1195 or **email: vocations@rcsj.org**

CURRENT EVENTS

1. The following are the dates for upcoming Marriage Preparation Courses to be held at Mary Queen of the World, Topsail Road, St. John's.

March 29 & 30, 2019

May 10 & 11, 2019

May 31 & June 1, 2019

*Anyone wishing to schedule for these courses, please call **Theresa Whiffen at 726-3660 ext 236***

2. THE LEGION OF MARY



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The Legion of Mary will hold their annual Acies Ceremony for all active and auxiliary members at St. Patrick's Church on **Sunday, March 24 at 3:30 PM.**

3. MARY QUEEN OF THE WORLD on Topsail Road will be hosting a **24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** beginning with **Mass at 9:30 a.m. on April 11** and **ending with Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Friday April 12.** We are praying for our priests but also praying that others will choose the priesthood for their vocation. Please join us for as little or as much time as you have available. All are welcome.

4. ST. PATRICK'S PARISH – St. John's

Saturday March 16 - Following 4:00 Mass Irish Stew will be served in the Parish Room. Come and enjoy live music and an Irish sing along!

Our Parish Feast Day, Sunday March 17, St. Patrick's Day- We will have a weekend of prayer and celebration to mark the Feast Day of the patron Saint of our Parish, St. Patrick!

Sunday March 17 - Join us at each mass to herald our patron with the singing of Hail Glorious St. Patrick. After Mass share in some Irish fellowship with tea and coffee and some

5. St. Pius X Parish Paddy's Day Party

St Pius X Parish will be hosting its annual Paddy's Day Party, on **Sunday, March 17, after the 11:00 am Mass** (approximately 12 noon) Homemade Irish Stew, Irish music and lots of fun. Featuring the St. Pat's Dancers. Admission is a monetary donation to our Jamaica Project Committee, to help support and educate the children of our twinned parish in Kingston, Jamaica.

RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

1. Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Service For Life April 19th 9 am at St. Pius X Church on Smithville Crescent .The Centre for Life invites the community to gather in a spiritual fellowship of reflection and prayer for all vulnerable human life in our society. Everyone is welcome. For information please call 579-1500.

2. St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation is having its 1st Mixed Dart Tournament in support of the residents of **St. Patrick's Mercy Home.** Join us for a day of friendly competition with prizes to be won on **Saturday, March 23, 2019** at **Columbus Hall, St. Clare Avenue.** Cost is \$30 per person (meal included), 5 persons per team with a minimum of 2 females. Call 752-8745 for tickets or information.



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3. Pontifical Collection of Good Friday on April 19, 2019 for the benefit of the **Holy Land**. The Pontifical collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday, April 19, 2019**. Each year on Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

With gratitude, Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land

4. CCO Annual Founders' Dinner is Saturday, March 23

For details and to register please go to cco.ca/stjohnsgala

Please join us for CCO's annual fundraising dinner. We will hear from CCO's President Jeff Lockert and we will also hear from students involved with CCO who have been impacted by God through their involvement. This is a highlight for many of our friends and supporters - don't miss it! This event will take place at Columbus Hall, 49 St. Clair Ave. in St. John's. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner will be served at 6pm. Register at cco.ca/stjohnsgala. Email eric.filion@cco.ca with any questions.

5. ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies** multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4, and 5 May this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org>

6. ST. PIUS X CHURCH, SMITHVILLE CRES.

Formation Sessions for Liturgical and Sacramental Preparation Ministries - All **current and new** Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, members of Baptism Preparation teams and members of Bereavement Teams in **St. Francis of Assisi, St. Paul's, Mary Queen of Peace** and **St. Pius X** Parishes are invited to attend a workshop to refresh us, build new skills, and offer and training. We ask all current and new participants in these ministries to make every effort to take part. The workshops will take place at St. Paul's Parish on the following dates:

Baptism Preparation Teams: Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm

Bereavement Teams: Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00pm

Hospitality Minsters: **Tuesday, April 16** at 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 30 – Make up Night (If Necessary)



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7. Matthew 25 Outreach

(Supporting an Orphanage and School in Kenya)

**We are Hosting St. Paddy's day Afternoon Tea!
Sunday March 17th 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Corpus Christi Center Waterford Bridge Rd.**

There will be Tea, Coffee, Cookie's, Juice for the kids, Entertainment and Give-a-Ways. **Tickets are \$5.00 each.**

Each ticket enters your name in a draw for **\$500 in Gift Cards. All Ages Welcome!!!**
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.**

8. TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS - PERMANENT TIME CHANGE

Traditional Latin Mass at St Pius X Chapel, Smithville Crescent, will commence at 5:00 p.m. **This is a permanent time change.**

9. PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND MEDJUGORJE

Interested in going to Fatima and Medjugorje?

We are planning a pilgrimage to go to both of these locations in September. The trip will be approximately 14-16 days and will include return airfare, accommodations in Fatima and Medjugorje, breakfast/dinner, as well as the services of an English-speaking guide in both locations.

Right now, we are trying to determine how much interest there is to join us in this pilgrimage. For more information, please contact Betty Melvin at (709)745-7436; or email: bmelvin1@hotmail.com

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 or call (709) 579 – 3818. Linda Holden (709) 579 –1500 for more information.

Fatal Flaws is a thought- provoking documentary that journeys through Europe and North America to ask one of the most fundamental philosophical questions of our time: should we give doctors the right in law to end the life of others by euthanasia or assisted suicide? Filmmaker Kevin Dunn uses powerful testimonies and expert opinions from both sides of the issue to examine the impact on society over time especially the most vulnerable. The Centre for Life will be hosting a viewing of this documentary on Tuesday

March 26th at 7 pm at St. Teresa's Hall. Everyone is welcome. Any inquiries please call 579-1500.



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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference - July 2019

Youth aged 14-21 are invited to join us for Steubenville Atlantic this July!

Steubenville conferences create the opportunity for teens to encounter Jesus Christ and His Church through inspiring talks, amazing music, group discussion and the Sacraments. Each year, a group of young people travel from our Archdiocese to Halifax, NS to attend this conference - it has always been an amazing experience!

This year, the conference will be held from **July 5-7** at Dalhousie University. For more information, please contact Sara at sbroderick@rcsj.org.

2. Catholic Alpha for Youth - New Start Date!

Alpha for Youth is an interactive series that explores the basics of the Christian faith as well as questions about life, faith and God for a new generation. Each session will start with a meal, followed by a short video. After the video, we break into small groups for a relaxed discussion.

This series is open to all youth in our Archdiocese and is appropriate for ages 12-18. There is no cost for registration! Sessions start **on Sunday, April 7th** at **St. Peter's Parish in Mount Pearl**. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alpha-youth-series-tickets-33741358311> or contact Sara at sbroderick@rcsj.org.

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