



## **Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's Bulletin Announcements 15 September 2019**

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### **VOCATION GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

#### **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 15, 2019**

For the holiness of all those called to be examples to those who would come to believe in Christ for eternal life as priests, deacons and consecrated men and women, we pray to the Lord.

### **VOCATION BULLETIN REFLECTION**

#### **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 15, 2019**

"This brother of yours was dead and has come to life." Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? 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)

## **RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

### **1. CATHOLIC ALPHA RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER 2019.**

CONSIDER JOINING THE ALPHA EXPERIENCE. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. It is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of Christian faith. Each session looks at different questions and is designed to create conversation. TUESDAY EVENINGS - SEPTEMBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 19 @ 6:00 PM., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Register online <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/catholic-alpha-registration-64546638734>. Registration is free. Invite a friend and try ALPHA!

### **2. BOOK STUDY - THE REBIRTHING OF GOD: CHRISTIANITY'S STRUGGLE FOR NEW BEGINNINGS**

Virginia Waters Retreat House, 47 Parsonage Drive, St. John's is hosting a five week book study exploring John Philip Newell's book "The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings". Starting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, the group will meet on Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm. This study will be led by Gerard Whitty and Phil Lewis. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Robyn or Holly at [viriniawatersretreat@gmail.com](mailto:viriniawatersretreat@gmail.com) or by phone 709-754-1582.

**3. MUN** weekday Mass has started, 12:15. In the UC - check UC3006 for location. Sincerely, Fr Joe Mroz SJ, MUN Chaplain,



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### **4. 2019 MERCY-PRESENTATION SPEAKERS FORUM**

Registration is now open for the 2019 Mercy-Presentation Speakers Forum featuring our speaker, John Philip Newell. A description of this year's forum, together with registration and payment information, is detailed below. This information is also provided in an attachment that you may print or forward to anyone you feel may be interested in attending.

If you are registering for more than one participant, please provide all names and contact information and whether payment will be made in advance or at the door. Similar to last year, there will be an express lineup for prepaid attendees.

If you have preregistered during the summer, thank you for your interest; you will be contacted shortly.

### **5. New this Fall on Salt + Light TV!**

Canada's Catholic television network invites you to watch these featured series and other new and returning programs this Fall:

- Our new documentary style program ***Behold*** will feature Catholic stories of beauty, truth and goodness on a variety of intriguing topics.
- Featuring different dioceses across Canada, ***This Place: Real People. Real Faith***, is a new upbeat, fresh and joy filled TV series about Catholics who share us the faith of their local community.

We strive to provide a variety of live event coverage, masses and devotions, as well as programs and documentaries that focus on spreading the joy of the Gospel message and the light of Christ to the world.

You can to subscribe to Salt + Light TV from cable and satellite carriers throughout Canada. Check your local provider or visit [www.saltandlighttv.org/subscribe](http://www.saltandlighttv.org/subscribe) for more details. **Don't miss out and become a subscriber today!**



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### **COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL SERVICES**

#### **RUAH**

**1. Fall 2019 Group Offerings - Ruah Counselling Centre. Please go to [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org) for more information:** *Parenting Children 0-10 years*

(6 weeks beginning September 24, 2019 on Tuesday afternoons 12pm-2pm) *Parenting your Children After Separation and Divorce* (6 weeks beginning October 3, 2019 on Thursday evenings 7pm-9pm) *Effective Communication Skills* (8 weeks beginning September 24, 2019 on Tuesday evenings 7pm-9pm) *Introduction to Meditation* (6 weeks beginning September 26, 2019 on Thursday afternoons 12pm-1pm) *Mantra Meditation* (6 weeks beginning September 27, 2019 on Friday afternoons 12:10pm-12:50pm).

**Ruah Counselling Centre also provides individual, couple, and family counselling. Please contact Samantha Lake at 579-0168 for more information.**

#### **CENTRE FOR LIFE**

**2.** The Centre for Life 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.

### **CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **1. DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY**

**OFFERED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE**

Are you interested in learning more about your faith and growing in understanding of it? The Archdiocese of St. John's offers a two-year Diploma in Theology and Ministry through Queen's College. One weekend each month for two years, you will gather with a group of believers who are curious and committed to explore many areas of theology under with the help of qualified, committed, faithful facilitators. For more information, contact Anne Walsh at (709) 579-0065, ext 227, or [amfwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:amfwalsh@gmail.com)

**2. CHASE THE ACE –** St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, Manuels has once again begun a Chase the Ace fundraiser, Sunday evenings **5:30 – 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Cost – Chase the Ace – 3 - \$5.00, 50/50 - \$1 each. Draw takes place at 7:15. Come out and support the parish.



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### **3. CAFE OF MEMORIES 2019**

An afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers. Events will be held on September 12, October 1 and November 5, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Freemason's Hall, 115 Carson Avenue, Mount Pearl. Please register by calling Alzheimer Society at 709-576-0608 or email [events@alzheimernl.ca](mailto:events@alzheimernl.ca)

### **4. MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

The next Marriage Preparation Course is scheduled for September 27/28, 2019 at St. Peter's Parish, Mount Pearl. Registration for this course is via the Archdiocesan website – [rcsj.org](http://rcsj.org). Please check with your parish for registration details. If you have any questions regarding the course, please call Theresa Whiffen at 709-726-3660 ext. 236 or email at [twhiffen@rcsj.org](mailto:twhiffen@rcsj.org)

**5. THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. CLARE'S SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI** will be celebrated on September 25th at 7:30pm with Eucharistic Celebration in the original chapel of St. Clare's. A reception will follow at conference room 3rd floor. We invite all Alumni Members, their families and friends.

### **6. EASTERN HEALTH'S PASTORAL CARE**

#### **ETHICS & BEREAVEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Eastern Health's Pastoral Care, Ethics & Bereavement Services Department invites people grieving the loss of a loved one to join an 8-week Bereavement Information & Support Group. There are two groups available. The first group meets at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital and begins September 16, 2019. Sessions are held Monday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The second group meets at Health Sciences Centre and begins September 19, 2019. Sessions are held Thursday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. For more information, or to register, please contact the Pastoral Care Office at 777-6959 or Scott Parsons at 777-7611 (Health Sciences) or Jenna King-Poirier at 777-5908 (St. Clare's).

### **7. GENERAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

The General Hospital Auxiliary is seeking new members to join their team of volunteers at the Health Science Centre. If you are interested or would like more information please call Michele in Volunteer Resources at 777-5539.



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### **8. ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE – Grand Service Program**

St. Bonaventure's College is looking for volunteers for our Grand Service program (grandparents, parents of alumni, alumni and anyone who is energized by being around enthusiastic young people). You will help with administrative tasks and support, including enhancements to our safe school procedures.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Ms. Lori Bragg at [lbragg@stbons.ca](mailto:lbragg@stbons.ca) or 709-726-0024 ext.201.

### **9. BRIDGE FUNDRAISER for L'ARCHE AVALON – Mark your calendars!**

You are invited to an afternoon of Bridge at St. Pius X Parish Hall, 16 Smithville Crescent on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4 pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Bring your own cards. Afternoon tea of sandwiches and cookies at 2:30. Silent auction, 50-50 draw and lots of prizes.

L'Arche is an organization that establishes homes, programs and communities for adults with intellectual disabilities. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the establishment of homes in the Avalon area.

To register or for more information, call or text Lorraine at 689-2936 or Kit at 730-4948. Tables must be booked by September 23.

[www.larcheavalon.ca](http://www.larcheavalon.ca) Facebook: L'Arche Avalon

**10. ST. PIUS X PARISH AND ST. JOHN'S EAST PARISHES** are offering a Parish Mission, ***God is Alive: Light the Fire***. Are we alive with God's love or do we need/want to re-kindle the fire of faith and start again?

The ***three main themes*** are:

- Wake Up, the Time is Now
- Are You Ready?
- Pick Yourself Up, Dry Yourself Off and Start All Over Again!

**When:** Sunday, September 22 - 7:00 - 8:15 pm  
Monday, September 23 - 7:00 - 8:15 pm  
Tuesday, September 24 - 7:00 - 8:15 pm

**Where:** St. Pius X Church

**Facilitator:** Greg Moulaison is a skilled and experienced mission/retreat director.