

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL BASILICA PARISH

YEAR OF OUR PARISH: NEW BEGINNINGS - JUNE 2023 TO JUNE 2024

Welcome to Our Parish!



Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Rosary 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

Confession Times

Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. to noon.

Confessions available Monday to Thursday by appointment.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Saturday: Immediately following 9 a.m. Mass until 12 noon in the Marian Chapel.

Vocations

Father James Fleming: jjfleming@gmail.com

**All Masses are live-streamed on basilica.net,
or on our parish website:
www.thebasilica.church**

Please, contact us at:

Telephone (709) 754-2170, or Fax (709) 754-5608
Office hours are Mon. to Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(closed from noon to 1 p.m.)

Email: basilica@rcsj.org

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200 Military Road, St. John's, NL Canada A1C 2E8

June 23, 2024



SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

We welcome you to worship with us.
If you would like to register with our Parish,
please contact the Parish Office (754-2170), or pick-up
a registration form at the back of the Church.



THE HOLY ROSARY is prayed **30 minutes before each weekday Mass.** Please, come and pray for Our Heavenly Mother's intercession.

Prayers for the Sick

Prayers for the Sick: David Fleming, Theresa Bruce, Madge McDonald, Patricia Quigley, Mary Rice, Gerard Carey, Donna Power, Francis Xavier Doyle, Charlie Conway, Margaret Roach, Anita Flynn, Michael Doucette, Kimberly MacDonald, Keith Smith, Florence Earle, Mary Ann Lewis, Isabella Dye, Catherine Butler, Chelsie Coombs, Madonna Wheeler, Isabel Goodridge, Charlie Furey, John Abbott, Patrick Redmond, Debbie Lucas, Rick Cooper, Faith Nuna, Christopher Anthony, Father Philip Melvin, John O'Dea, Evan Murphy, Father Nelson Boren, Sister Margie Taylor, George Andrew Stillman, Gerald Murphy, Rosemary Butt, Joseph Dobbin, Esther Lane, Yvonne Steiner, Denise Carter, Norma Saunders, Cathy Melee, Ellen St. Croix, Tony Skinner, Robert Redmond, Betty Redmond, Anita Fagan, James Finn, Sister Roisin Gannon, Brenda Skanes, Malcolm White, Mary White, Debbie Hanlon, Emily Sullivan, Larry Whitten, Donald O'Neill, Florence Carroll, Catherine Cull

Parish Team

Archbishop of St. John's
Most Reverend Peter J. Hundt
Rector, Parish Priest
Father Cecil Critch, P.P., V.G.

Administrative Assistant
Ms. Geraldine Boland
Music Director
Ms. Patty Fowler

LET US KNOW YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

This Coming Week in Our Parish Community

Monday – Solemnity of The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist

9:00 a.m. Mass for Janet Tobin **Watkins**, Neil **Flynn**, Edward **Clemens**

Tuesday – Matthew 7.6, 12-14

9:00 a.m. Mass for Maddison **Fleming**, Gladys **Matichuk**, Norma **Forbes**

Wednesday – Matthew 7.15-20

9:00 a.m. Mass for John **O’Leary**, deceased members of the **Dominic** family, Claude **Ring**

Thursday – St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor

9:00 a.m. Mass for Apollonia Daley **Teats**, Father Pat **Power** & deceased family members, Mary **Seward**

Friday – Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

9:00 a.m. Mass for Jean **Roley**, Mary **Craig**, Kyle **Murphy**

Saturday – Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

9:00 a.m. Mass for Marina **Redmond**, Robert **Tucker**, Kay **Sudom**

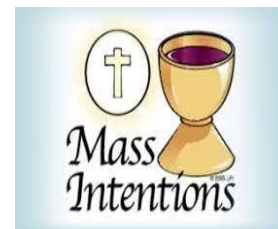
5:00 p.m. Mass for Louise **Doyle**, Kevin **Barron**, John P. **O’Brien**

Sunday – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass for Francesca **Tang**, Angela **Philpott**, John William **Thistle**

11:00 a.m. Mass for **the intentions of all parishioners**

7:00 p.m. Mass for Bill & Sheila **Kelly**, Brendan **Kelly**, Elom & Edem **Attikpoe**



ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: For information regarding the next Marriage Preparation Course, please contact Mr. Ed Connolly (Director of Family Catechesis) at 709-726-3660. Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](#). Once registered, couples will receive additional information outlining the session and schedule.

PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS

All your weekly collections go *directly* to pay for parish operations – assessment (monthly contribution to the Archdiocese), insurance, rent, salaries, supplies, etc: Assessment \$15.00, Candles \$565.00, Collections \$7,320.00, Funeral \$400.00, On-line \$1,872.70, Other \$111.00, Tap \$715.00, Wedding \$375.00
Total: \$11,373.70

PARISH EXPENSES		
	Per Year	Per Month
Rent (including utilities)	\$387,000.00 (incl. 50% HST)	\$32,250.00
Salaries & Benefits, Staff	\$180,000.00	\$15,000.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$102,195.72	\$ 8,516.31
Insurance (tenants, liabilities)	\$ 63,962.40	\$ 5,330.20
Office & Church Supplies	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$793,158.12	\$66,096.51
Total Needed Per Week	\$ 15,263.04	
Collections This Week	\$ 7,320.00	
Other Income This Week	\$ 4,053.70	
Total Income This Week	\$ 11,373.70	
Deficit This Week	\$ 3,889.34	



BINGO: PLEASE SUPPORT THE **COWAN AVENUE PLAZA BINGO** THAT **DIRECTLY SUPPORTS** THE BASILCA.

Also, at 7:45 p.m.0 on Sunday nights, BINGO is held at the Terra Nova Council, K. of C.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT THE BASILICA

THE SEARCH: Spring sessions for this Program have concluded. *Stay tuned for future program dates.*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA): If you are an adult and wish to become fully initiated (a Baptized/Confirmed member of the Catholic Church), or, as a Catholic, you would like to learn more about your faith, please join our RCIA Program on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office to register (709-754-2170), or visit basilica@rcsj.org

2024 CEMETERY LITURGY SERVICES

Date	Cemetery	If poor weather, service will be held at same time & date in the following place (places)
June 25, 7 p.m.	Gate of Heaven	Our Lady Queen of Families
July 2, 7 p.m.	Kilbride	St. Teresa's
July 9, 7 p.m.	Mt. Carmel	Basilica
July 16, 7 p.m.	Belvedere	Basilica
July 23, 7 p.m.	Holy Sepulchre	St. Teresa's & Basilica

Official Notification of the Amalgamation of St. Patrick's Parish, St. John's with St. John the Baptist Parish, St. John's:

On June 12, 2024, Archbishop Hundt met with members of St. Patrick's Parish to discuss the future of St. Patrick's Parish and its possible amalgamation with St. John the Baptist Parish. At meetings of the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council (i.e. Council of Priests) on March 13, 2024 and May 16, 2024, the Archbishop also consulted the Council on this matter.

At these meetings, the following reasons for such an amalgamation were presented:

- the number of actively practicing parishioners in St. Patrick's Parish has decreased in recent years to the point where the total regular attendance for the three weekend Masses is less than 600 people in a church having a seating capacity of 900;
- that over the last number of years there has been a marked decrease in the number of parish baptisms and weddings, decreasing from 116 baptisms and 34 weddings in 2009 to 34 baptisms and 15 weddings in 2019;
- that the declining number of practicing parishioners, and the rising operating and capital costs of maintaining both the large and aging parish church building and the large and aging rectory makes it increasingly difficult for St. Patrick's Parish to operate as an independent, stand-alone, Catholic Community.

Having consulted the Presbyteral Council and the Members of the Faithful of St. Patrick's Parish, the Archbishop issued a decree amalgamating St. Patrick's Parish in St. John's with St. John the Baptist Parish in St. John's on June 17, 2024. A copy of the decree is available on request via post at 200 Military Road, St. John's A1C 2E8 and via email at: archdiocese@rcsj.org

MASS OF THANKSGIVING: At 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, June 24**, we will celebrate **Father John Costello's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood**. A reception will follow in the Basilica. We look forward to celebrating with you.



FILL THE CRIB PROJECT: In partnership with the Centre for Life, we will be collecting items for the entire month of June. **PLEASE HELP US HELP NEW MOMS.** For more info., contact 709-579-1500.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: In order to continue our on-line subscription of **FORMED**, we are looking for a donation of **\$1,725.00** to cover a year's subscription. If you can help us in ANY way, it would certainly be appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

AFTERNOON TEA: The Basilica Community Builders are excited to announce the following dates for Afternoon Teas at the Basilica, **2-3:30 pm: July 11, July 18 and July 25**, as well as **August 1, August 15 and August 22**. It's a **one-of-a-kind atmosphere** where you can sit and relax while admiring the **magnificent** architecture of the **Basilica**. In addition to delicious homemade **sweets**, this year we will be featuring an assortment of **sandwiches**. Admission is only **\$20 per person** (cash only). Once again, we will be using our **BEST** chinaware, teapots and hand tailored napkins.

CONGRATULATIONS: This weekend, we wish ALL of our university and high school graduates many congratulations for their remarkable accomplishments. May God bless you with a restful and wonderful Summer.



PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your Mother's womb, God named you.
At your birth, God's breath filled you with life.

Today, we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray:

God of our beginnings, we thank You for the gifts of these graduates:
their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, and their open speech & encouraging words.
Their contributions have blessed and challenged us,
and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

As they step forward into the world that awaits,
please comfort their fears with the full knowledge of Your divine presence.
Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day Disciples
in a world that needs their spirit.
Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness
while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of light.
We ask this blessing upon each of them, Lord.

In the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Amen
(National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers)

GARDEN PARTY: **SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024, noon to 3:00 p.m.** Rain date is Sunday, July 28. The Garden Party Committee has been very busy ironing out details for our upcoming Parish event. We have been actively collecting donations of food and drinks from the business community, as well as contacting potential entertainers. The lineup will be announced soon.

We wish to thank the parishioners who have generously contributed gift cards for our **Gift Card Tree**. To date, we have a Gift Card Tree valued at approximately \$600.00. Tickets will go on sale soon. Thank you, as well, to the parishioners who have contributed to the **Fish Pond** activity. One of our parishioners has secured the use of a 10 X 12 tent for use as shade. Terrific! It's all coming together!



GARDEN PARTY COLD PLATES: Starting this coming Monday, tickets go on sale in the Parish Office for the cold plates (prepared by K. of C. Council 1452 **Chef Don Howlett**) that will be available at the Annual Basilica Garden Party. We have 75 tickets (\$15.00 each, cash only, no phone reservations). First come, first served. **Pick-up cold plates in the Parish Room on July 21 (rain or shine) between noon & 3:00 p.m.**