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Kitty's Chronicle

Mercy Associates Newsletter

Prayers for the Sick

Let us pray for the sick, especially our Associates, Sisters of Mercy, family members, friends and caregivers. May God touch them with comfort, healing and strength.



We pray for people who are on our list this week – Jaxon McKinney (Sister Maureen O’Keefe’s grandnephew), Diane Hickey (sister-in-law of Cathy Hickey), Theresa Lacey (sister of Annie Brown), Marilyn Thurston, Patricia King, Sylvia Flood, Kevin Drover (husband of Geraldine Drover), Marion Bonia (sister of Anne Marie Davis), Sister Theresa Boland, George Bradbury (husband of Barbara Bradbury), Rick Mahon (son of Doreen Stone), Anne Noseworthy (very good friend of Marie Higgins) and Margaret MacNeil (sister of Geraldine Drover).

(If you wish to have your name or another person’s name added to or removed from this list please let Sharon Drover know (drover.sharon@yahoo.ca.)



Prayer for the Sick

Through the Intercession of Catherine McAuley

God of Love and Mercy,
You inspired Catherine McAuley,
To serve your Son by responding

To the needs of her time.

Moved by her care for the Sick,
We ask that through Her Prayers
You reach out with Your Healing Love
And restore them to full health

We ask this in complete
Confidence through Jesus Christ, Your Son
Amen.

Catherine McAuley, Pray For Us
Amen.



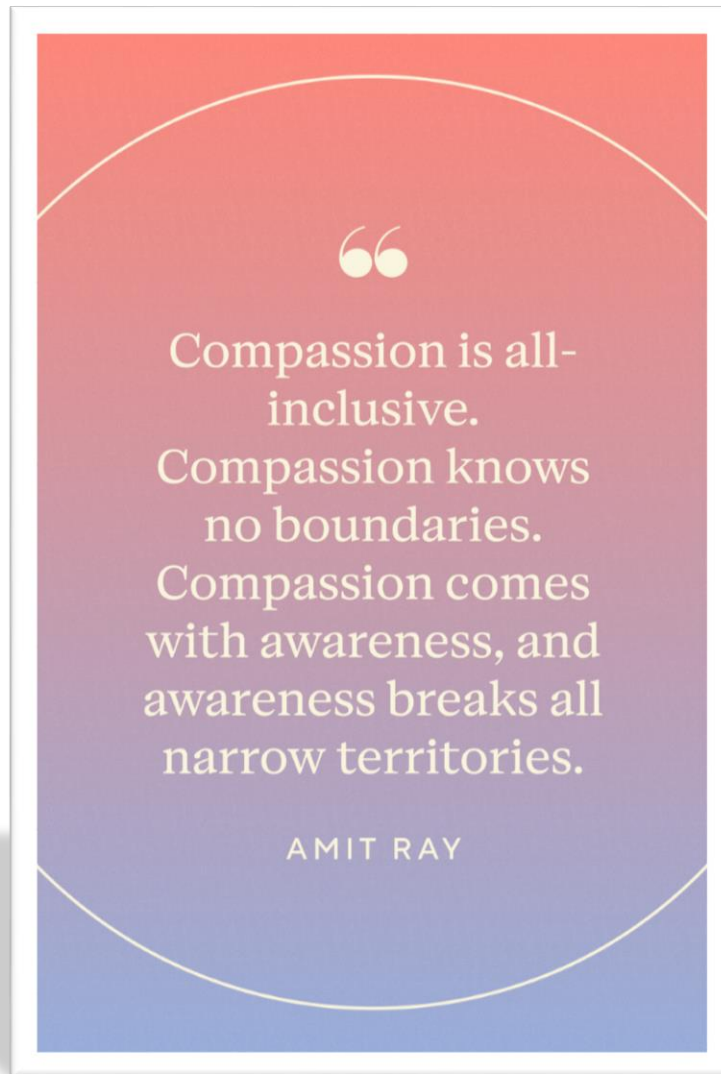
Light a Candle

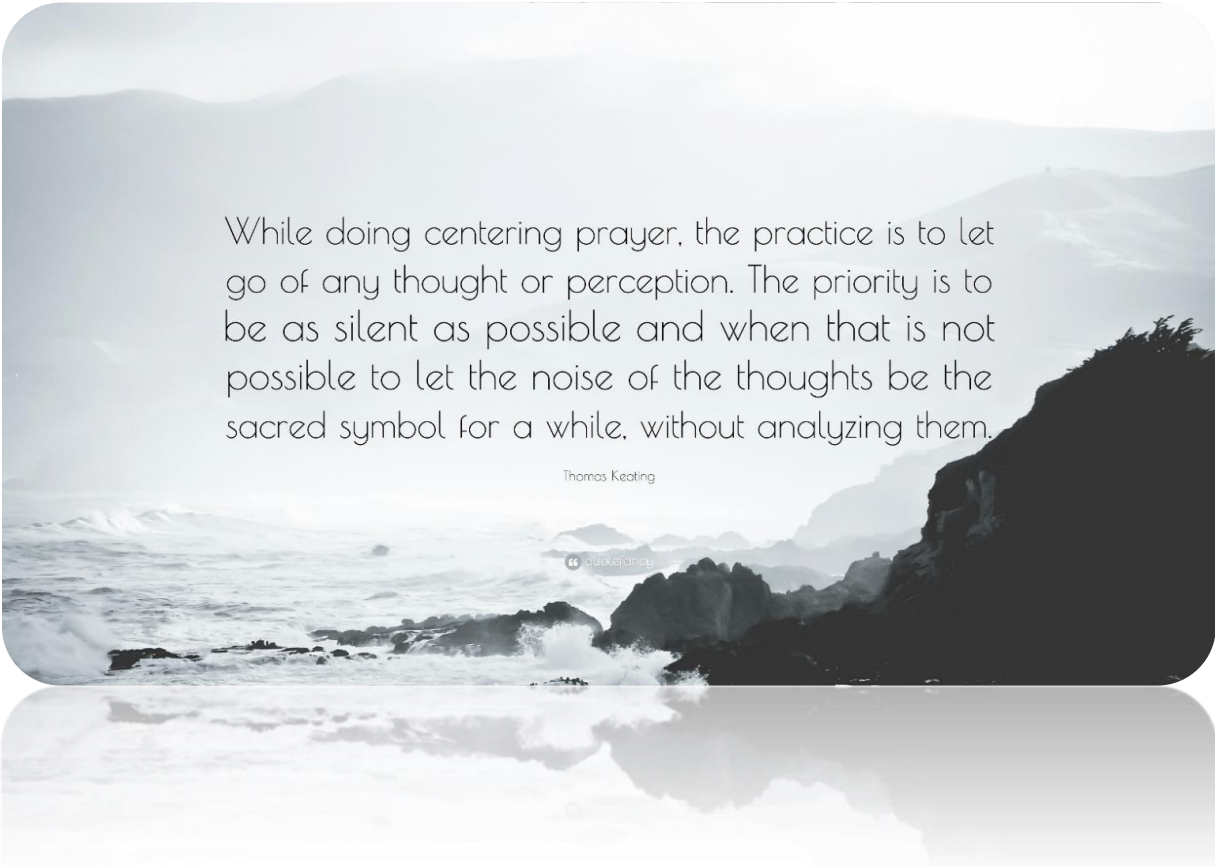


Let us continue, in solidarity with Mercy Sisters, Associates and Colleagues around the world, to light a candle and pray for justice and peace.

From the Wisdom Circles

Circle of Compassion





While doing centering prayer, the practice is to let go of any thought or perception. The priority is to be as silent as possible and when that is not possible to let the noise of the thoughts be the sacred symbol for a while, without analyzing them.

Thomas Keating

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Integrity of Creation

“See God in all things, for God is all things.
Every single creature is full of God and is a book
about God. Every creature is a word of God!”

Meister Eckhart O.P

“Diversity is having a seat at the table, inclusion is having a voice, and belonging is having that voice be heard.”

Liz Fosslien



Notes from the Associates/Sisters

ITEMS OF INTEREST



November is the eleventh month of the Gregorian calendar. It is the ninth month of the Old Roman year, which began before Caesar's reform in March. The name was originated from a Latin novem – that is translated as nine. November is one of four months that lasts 30 days. This is the last month of the autumnal calendar in the Northern Hemisphere and the spring in the Southern.

November is the month of struggle between autumn and winter, during which the snow time is substituted by the periods of heat and bad weather. Although people celebrate the end of the autumn on the 14th of November, but in fact those days are most likely to remind you of warm times; people call this period of time the Michaelmas (celebrated on November 21). Despite this, it is considered that winter

comes long before the time before the actual calendar days, namely on November 19 and 22. The real winter days begin on November 25, and on December 4 you can already see rivers and lakes covered in ice. November gives quite accurate predictions for the future, and if you closely monitor the physical phenomena that are taking place this month, you can give a forecast not only for the coming winter, but also for the future harvest.



We strongly encourage you to go to our mercy website: www.sistersofmercynf.org and have a look at the ASSOCIATE section. There are many new additions, lots of photos and some videos. new additions, lots of photos and some videos.

We hope that you will enjoy and be encouraged to keep working for the growth of our Mercy Associate relationship.



Saint Clement - November 23

Saint Clement's Day was traditionally, and in some places still is, celebrated on 23 November, a festival between Halloween and Christmas. Pope Clement I is the patron saint of metalworkers and blacksmiths, and so these workers traditionally enjoyed a holiday on his feast day.

The anchor is now St. Clement's symbol. He is sometimes represented with a fountain near him, which is said to have sprung up when he and his fellow workers were dying of thirst in a desert place among the quarries where he was condemned to work.



The Archival Moment

The Archival Moment is contributed by Sister Charlotte Fitzpatrick.

Sister M. Teresa O'Halleran

Margaret O'Halleran, born in County Kerry, arrived in St. John's in September of 1881 to enter the Sisters of Mercy. She was admitted to the novitiate on March 11, 1882, receiving the religious name Sister Mary Teresa Xavier.



She was professed in May of 1884 and in August of that same year she became part of the founding community of St. Bride's Convent, Littledale. Her keen interest in the schools and her remarkable business aptitude prepared her well for the ministry ahead.

Prior to the opening of St. Bride's Convent and Boarding School, Sister M. Teresa and Sister M. Bernard Clune, the superior of Mercy Convent went to Halifax to look at boarding schools in the area and to familiarize themselves with new programs and teaching techniques. Sister M. Teresa spent twelve years at Littledale, much of this time as bursar. Her responsibilities at Littledale included care and supervision of the whole property, even the extensive farm. Her frequent letters to her niece in Rhode Island were full of anecdotes about her ordinary day-to-day experiences and give a glimpse of what life was like at Littledale in the early years of the twentieth century. Copies of these letters can be found in the Archives of the Sisters of Mercy in St. John's.

In 1896 Sister M. Teresa became superior of St. Anne's Convent in Burin. There she found scope for her business ability in several projects she undertook to improve living arrangements for the sisters – enlarging the convent and building a beautiful oratory. Under her capable direction the school in Burin flourished and

reports from the Superintendent of Education claimed that the Burin Convent school was “one of the best outport schools.”

In 1919 the General Chapter of the newly formed Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland elected Sister M. Teresa as Treasurer General. She held this office, along with her work as bursar at Littledale until she became ill in 1934. She died at St. Bride’s Convent on February 4, 1937, having lived fifty-six of her eighty-one years as a Sister of Mercy in Newfoundland.



November 11 Tribute



Remembrance Day Parade, Ceremony and Road Closures

The Royal Canadian Legion Newfoundland and Labrador Remembrance Day parade and ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 11 at the Sergeants’ Memorial, Queen’s Road at 10:15 a.m.



Fintan Terrence Penney: Son of Alphonsus and Catherine Penney of St. John's;
Uncle of Catherine Penney-Ryan and Sister Eileen Penney

Royal Air Force: 152 Squadron; Stationed in London England

Died November 26, 1942 - Age 22 while on day leave with friends he stumbled from a lorry on Vauxhall Bridge Road in Westminster and was fatally injured.

Buried at Brookwood Military Cemetery, United Kingdom alongside other fallen Newfoundlanders.





Thomas William Drover: Son of William and Sarah Drover of St. John's, a life-long member of the Basilica Parish, and father-in-law of Sharon Drover.

Tom was born in 1918 and joined the Royal Navy in 1939 to help protect Great Britain overseas. He trained in Scotland and his first ship was the *HMS Aurania* that participated in the search and finding of the *Bismarck*. He was assigned to his second ship the "*HMS Tracker*". The *Tracker* was a warship and aircraft carrier.

Tom travelled to the Territory of Gibraltar, to the countries of Africa and Australia, and to South America during his years of service in the Royal Navy, finishing his various assignments in Australia.

Unfortunately, many of the men with whom Tom had enlisted in St. John's were assigned to the *Prince of Wales* that went through the Suez Canal. The *Prince of Wales* was sunk by land-based bombers and torpedo bombers of the Imperial Japanese Navy on December 10, 1941. In Japan, the engagement was referred to as the **Naval Battle of Malaya**.

Thomas William Drover was released to shore on 04 March 1946. He married Margaret Kidney and raised a family of 6 children. Tom died in 1984 and is buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery.



Reflection 2024



Remembrance Day 2024: A Time For Reflection & Appreciation.

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Every year, on November 11th we celebrate Remembrance Day.

A memorial day originally dedicated to the fallen heroes of the first world war, however it's evolved into a moment of reflection, and appreciation for all those in uniform.

A Brief History

In 1919, following the end of the first World War, King George V of the British Empire established a memorial known as Armistice day throughout most of the territories within the empire. This memorial was meant to celebrate, honor, and remember the men and women who served during the war, and lost their lives. The original date for this memorial was on the second Monday of November. However, this ended up colliding with Canadian Thanksgiving, and was eventually changed to the 11th, and renamed "Remembrance Day" in 1931.

When Armistice Day was renamed to Remembrance Day, it brought back interest in recalling the wars, and great sacrifices that were made. Eventually, two minutes of silence at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day, poppies, and the recitation of Flanders Field became custom.

Remembrance Day, Today.

Growing up, I always remembered taking two minutes of silence to reflect on the soldiers who gave their lives for us, and it always stuck with me. It's an extremely important day, as I know people close to me who fought in the Afghanistan Wars, and were never the same after they returned. Soldiers are put through hell, from training, to conflict, and beyond, which brings me to my next point.

Ever since it's birth, Remembrance Day has unfortunately fluctuated in popularity and celebration. Many employers don't seem to value its importance, and refuse to give their employees **TWO** whole minutes to reflect. Which is undeniably disappointing as these troops sacrificed their lives for our country, and witnessed many gruesome, and unforgettable, life-changing things.

Especially these past few years with the pandemic, it seems that celebration for the memorial is at an all time low.

Indigenous Veterans Day

One of the more overlooked memorial days, is the Indigenous Veterans Day which occurs on November 8th. This day is meant to celebrate first nation soldiers, often volunteers who fought side-by-side with fellow "Canadian" troops. Why they were referred to as fighting alongside Canadians, instead of AS Canadians is because during the time their platoons were considered a "separate entity". However, many first nations in the current day are fighting to decolonize Remembrance Day, and essentially combine both days.



Additional information [Link](#)



In Flanders Field

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

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- We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

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- Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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~ John McCrae ~
1872-1918

In the spotlight....

Sister Alita Sanchez Sanchez

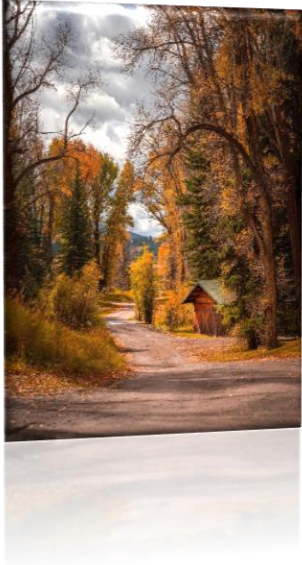
Sister Alita is visiting from the Peruvian community and staying at St. Joseph's convent on Signal Hill Road. Sister Alita has been taking this time to visit the sisters in their Mercy ministries.



Sr. Alita, Sr. Eileen Penney & Sister Diane Smyth

Enjoying some crochet time together!





The Colours of Autumn

The trees they bend their branches in sorrow
you can see this stately dance for a mile.

Leaves are falling and covering the green mantle
as they are collected and raked in a pile.

It's a beautiful gift this rainbow of colors
enjoyed by the bluejays as they swoop and fly..

Oh how every year our Autumn comes so gently
making us ready for those cold winds that blow and stay
for awhile.

C. Ryan





From Kitty's Kitchen

YMCA - Yesterdays Meal Created Again

Ingredients:

Cooking spray
3 cups leftover stuffing
4 cups chopped leftover turkey or Chicken or Ham
2 cups leftover cooked vegetables
¾ cup mayonnaise
3 cups leftover mashed potatoes
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
⅛ teaspoon ground paprika

Directions:

Gather Ingredients. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Spread stuffing evenly in the bottom of the prepared baking dish.

Mix Turkey/Chicken or Ham, vegetables, and mayonnaise together in a bowl until well combined; spoon over stuffing and spread into an even layer.

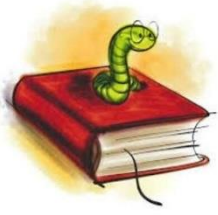


Mix mashed potatoes and Cheddar cheese until well combined; spread over the turkey mixture. Sprinkle paprika over top.

Bake in the preheated oven until heated through, 30 to 40 minutes.

Enjoy your YMCA Meal.





From Kitty's Library

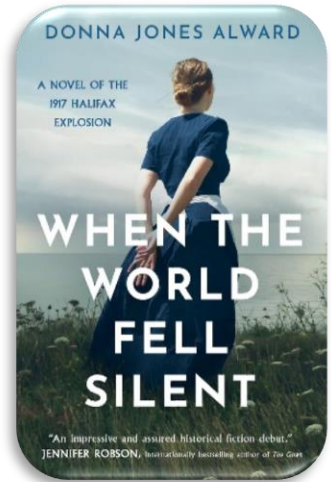
A Good Read...

A Novel of the 1917 Halifax Explosion by *Donna Aylward*

Nora Crowell wants more than her sister's life as a wife and mother. As WWI rages across the Atlantic, she becomes a lieutenant in the Canadian Army Nursing Corps. But trouble is looming and it won't be long before the truth comes to light.

Having lost her beloved husband in the trenches and with no-one else to turn to, Charlotte Campbell now lives with his haughty relations who treat her like the help. It is baby Aileen, the joy and light of her life, who spurs her to dream of a better life.

When tragedy strikes in Halifax Harbour, nothing for these two women will ever be the same again. Their paths will cross in the most unexpected way, trailing both heartbreak and joy in its wake...



Pause for Thought ...

“Twilight ~ a time of pause when nature changes her guard.
All living things would fade and die from too much light or too
much dark, if twilight were not.”

Howard Thurman

Just a friendly reminder....



The Last Word...

“Thus we go on...flourishing in the very midst of the Cross,
more than a common
share of which has latterly fallen to my lot, thanks be to God.
I humbly trust it is the
cross of Christ. I endeavor to make it in some way like his by
silence.”

Letter to Frances Warde May 15, 1838