

Mass Intentions

Monday July 25 th	2:00pm	Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism
Thursday July 26 th	7:00pm	Pete & Nell Power; Bride Manning; Margaret & Moses Cummings; Barb Stoyles; Walter King; Michael Gosine; William Butler; Jack Butler; Nicholas & Mary Byrne; John & Kevin Bynre
	7:45pm	Rehearsal: Mike Cahill and Candi- Lee Gear
Friday July 27 th	9:30am	Michael & Margaret McLean; Lillian Fitzpatrick; Regina Barry; Art Cummings; Bernard Brazil; Jack Lahey; Douglas Somerton; Dan, Vera & Colleen Dwyer
	3:00pm	Wedding Mass, St. John's
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Saturday July 28 th	3:00pm	Wedding Service: Mike Cahill and Candi- Lee Gear
	4:00pm	Sacrament of Penance
	5:00pm	Patrick Byrne; Vince, Mae & Janet Murphy; Alice Kennedy; Thomas & Elizabeth Stoyles & dec. family; Vincent & Patricia McGrath; Anastasia & Thomas Cole; Stephen Warren
Sunday July 29 th	10:30am	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

SANCTUARY CANDLE: CYRIL, ENID & GEORGE CAHILL

COLLECTION

Offertory - 123 envelopes.....	\$1807.70
Toonie Collection.....	\$825.00
Cemetery Fund - 11 envelopes.....	\$79.55
Dues - 2 envelopes.....	\$15.00
Donation in memory of Lloyd & Johnny Pitts.....	\$30.00
Donation in Thanksgiving for Prayers answered.....	\$50.00

Thank you for your financial support

Liturgical Ministers

Sat. July 30 th	5:00pm	Readers:	Rosemary O'Keefe & Bonnie Power
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Brenda Sweeney; Mary Power; Ashley Curnew; Carol Clarke
		Presentation of Gifts:	Betty & Kevin Quigley
		Ushers:	Peter Power; Bill Hammond; George Jackman; Joey Kent; Christopher Delaney; Jason Hickey
Sun. July 31 st	10:30am	Readers:	Des & Teresita McCarthy
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Rosanne Grant; Shirley Murphy; Sr. Eileen; Geraldine Fitzgerald
		Presentation of Gifts:	Rita Lahey Family
		Ushers:	Sid Maddigan; Ray Whalen; Alex Newell; Art Whelan; Michael King; Jeff Childs

Regulations for Dances: St Michael's Parish Hall

The laws regarding the drinking of alcohol at the parish hall during dances and other functions which offer alcohol state: **that it is not permitted to bring alcohol to the property** . All alcohol must be purchased at the bar within the facility. Therefore, I wish to remind patrons that it is no longer permissible to bring alcohol into the hall or leave the hall with alcohol.

It is unfortunate that during several functions in the past, many patrons brought alcohol into the hall and did not purchase the alcohol at the parish bar.

In the future the parish will have security available that will remind patrons that they cannot leave the hall or enter the property with alcohol. If you wish to enjoy the fresh air during a dance or other function, please leave your alcohol in the hall and return to consume it at a later time.

Please respect the law and support the parish when we are catering to any event.

In Memorial

Sincere thanks to Joan Whelan who donated the flowers which were placed in front of the church sign. This donation is in loving memory of Judy Whelan . Thank you Joan for your kindness.

Matrimony & Annulments

Sometimes, it is difficult to believe that the Church really does want and encourages divorced persons to seek an annulment. The Church is pastoral and wants everyone reconciled to the Church sharing fully in her sacramental life. Because the Church is pastoral and encourages the seeking of an annulment does not mean that the Church is soft on the indissolubility of marriage.

There are some misconceptions about annulments due to misinformation. For example, some people fear that they have no case. For an annulment only a diocesan Tribunal can decide the grounds for an annulment. It is important to submit your case to the diocesan Tribunal who will decide the best grounds for your case to proceed.

_____Another misconception is that it is expensive and people cannot afford it - only the rich can afford annulments. An annulment actually costs thousands of dollars-but a person seeking an annulment is asked to contribute \$500.00(approx.) to offset expenses. If you read the diocesan financial report, there is a budget allotted to the Tribunal. The diocese covers most of the cost of an annulment.

Another misconception is that an annulment is a “catholic divorce.” Annulments do not dissolve sacramental marriages but declare that in the eyes of the Church there never was a sacramental marriage. Christ left it up to the Church to decide on what constitutes a valid and legal sacrament of marriage. Annulments by diocesan Tribunals declare that the conditions were not met. For example, consider this case. A young, pregnant teenager was forced to marry the man who had fathered her child. All her siblings remember the morning of the wedding as the mother dragged her child by the hair of the head out the door to the Church. The pregnant woman lived with the man for a year, then left the marriage and later divorced. The Church lays down freedom of consent as a condition for a valid sacramental marriage. In their case, the Tribunal said that physical force applied by the parents meant that there was no freedom of choice, no free consent and therefore, the marriage is sacramentally null and void.

Another popular misconception is that an annulment is purely a “loophole mentality.” As in the above mentioned case, being forced into marriage in not looking for a loophole or a way to get out of a valid sacramental marriage. It is naming what happened at the time of the marriage. Marriage, like any contract is not binding as a contract when force is used.

Another misconception is that an annulment makes the children born of the spouse illegitimate. It is civil law not Church law that gives legitimacy. After an annulment, an ex-spouse is still considered to have been once married by all provincial laws and standards. The civil law regarding legitimacy of children, property rights, etc, still have force.

An annulment by a diocesan Tribunal can only go forward if and when the law courts in the province has given the couple a legal divorce. The “Decree Nisi” must accompany the request for an annulment.

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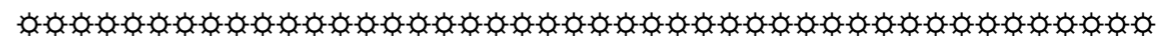
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

JULY 24TH, 2005



Focus: For a third Sunday we hear parables from Jesus to help us know more about the kingdom of God.

Our journey if faith is a quest for wisdom and understanding of the things of God. Jesus teaches us that the kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure, a fine pearl, or a net full of every kind of fish. This kingdom is worth everything we have. We ask for an understanding heart that will lead us to value the gift we are offered through Christ Jesus.

Thank you

Sincere thanks to all who cut the grass and cleaned the resting places of your loved ones. The many volunteers along with our many workers have done a superb job and we offer gratitude and appreciation.

I wish to say thank you to the RCMP and their volunteers who have or will on Sunday control the traffic flow for our cemetery mass. Your support is always appreciated.