

Mass Intentions

Tuesday May 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Peter & Nell Power; Phoebe Byrne; Agnes Reid; Regina Barry; Bernard Brazil; Betty Brazil; Margaret Flynn; Emma Joy
Wednesday May 24 th	9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Marie & John Hunt & Dec. Family; Peter & Francis Jackman; Jack & Catherine Delahunty; Margaret Flynn Regional Pastoral Council Meeting, Bell Island
Thursday May 25 th	9:30 a.m.	Michael Simms; Walt Fillier; Marion Sweeney; William & Sarah Curnew; James & Maria Kelly; Charles & Rita O'Brien
Friday May 26 th	9:30 a.m.	Agnieszka Jaskot; Thomas J. Brazil; Edward Brown; Martin Butler; Gertrude Byrne; Cyril Cahill;
Saturday May 27 th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Marie & Benedict Farrell; Edward & Josephine Jackman & Family; Darlene Bourdreau; Ed Hammond; Catherine Irene McCarthy; Marge Sweeney; Stephen Hawco; Art Cummings; Richard Foley
Sunday May 28 th	10:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life Ecumenical Service, Hoyles Home, St. John's

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Father Richard McHugh

COLLECTION

Offertory - 143 envelopes.....	\$1344.90
Lent - 1 Folder.....	25.00
Toonie Collection.....	13.00
Dues - 4 envelopes.....	25.00
Donation in Memory of Marion Sweeney.....	10.00
Donation in Memory of Margaret Flynn.....	20.00
Donation in Memory of Emma Joy.....	20.00

Thank you for your kind support

Liturgical Ministers

Sat. May 27 th	5:00 p.m.	Readers:	Kevin George & Pat Craig
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Helen Pitts; Jocelyn Murphy; Joey Kent; Raymond Whelan
		Presentation of Gifts:	Mable & Mary Ann Gendreau
		Ushers:	George Jackman; Joey Kent; Christopher Delaney; Bill Hammond; Peter Power
Sun. May 28 th	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	Kelly Whelan & Karen Seward
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Sid Maddigan; Rosanne Grant; Sister Elsie Lahey; John Kent
		Presentation of Gifts:	Valerie Gorman & Family
		Children's Liturgy:	Teresita McCarthy
		Ushers:	Ray Whalen; Sid Maddigan; Art Whelan; Michael King

Church Cleaning Team - 4- for week of May 23rd to May 26th
Team 4

First Eucharist

On **Sunday, June 4th**, the children of our parish who have prepared for the Sacrament of Eucharist will celebrate this joyful moment in their lives with the parish at our 10:30 a.m. mass. All parishioners and families are encouraged to attend. Following the mass, a social will be held at the parish hall.

Archbishops Appeal

During the coming week you and your family will receive a letter from the Archbishop as well as a letter from our parish. This letter will update you on the annual collection for the Archbishop's Appeal and what the money will be used for. Our parish has been selected to do a pilot project with reference to this campaign. This means that every parishioner on Bell Island, whether one goes to church or not, will be given a letter and asked to contribute. On **Sunday, May 28th and June 4th**, you are asked to make your donation. Your gift large or small will make a difference. Please support the Appeal and once again be generous according to your means. "We pray that God may bless our parish and our diocese, and strengthen our faith by opening our hearts to the needs of the Archbishop's Appeal."

Annual Financial Campaign

Pastoral Care Services are provided to hundreds of people on a daily basis in our hospitals; university; nursing homes; School for the Deaf, and prison. They receive a visit from a pastor or member of a parish team. These services are the responsibility of our chaplains and pastoral workers, and are offered on a twenty-four hour basis. Services are funded by the Archdiocese NOT the Health Care Corporation or government agencies. Although we receive support from our local religious communities, it is not enough. Therefore, we depend upon the generosity of others to assist us fund and continue these ministries.

Did you know...that all Bishops are required to travel to Rome every five years for their ad limina visit at which time they visit the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul to seek the guidance of these two "pillars" on which the Church of Christ is built. Archbishop O'Brien is presently in Rome, along with the other bishops of Atlantic Canada. He will meet with Pope Benedict XVI to discuss the pastoral mission of this Archdiocese and will also meet with the heads of the various Roman dicasteries that assist the Holy Father in governing the Universal Church. The Archbishop will return from Rome on June 1st.

St. Michael's Spring Recital

St. Michael's High School will be holding their Spring Recital on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Michael's High School gym. Tickets are \$2.00 each and can be purchased at the door. Please come and enjoy some great music.

Cemetery Clean Up

This is the time of year we start the annual clean up of our cemeteries. Please visit the resting places of your loved ones during the coming weeks and remove any old fences or debris. It is important that the resting places of our loved ones is cared for and cleaned. It is our expectation that any fences that are in poor condition or not painted ought to be removed from the site and no new fences erected. Thanks for your support and let us continue to show our love for our deceased and to ensure that our tourists and all of us acknowledge that our loved ones are given the highest respect and reverence in the manner we maintain their resting places.

A Celebration of Spring

The Philharmonic Choir of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra will be having a Spring Concert on Sunday, May 28th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's R.C. Church in Carbonear. Admission at the door: \$8.00; Students & Seniors: \$5.00 and children under the age of 10 years will have free admission.

*This week our parish bulletin is donated in loving memory of
Father Richard McHugh
May they rest in peace. Please continue to pray for our loved ones.*

† St. Michael's Parish †

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Reflection for: The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 21st, 2006

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. Gospel: John 15: 9-17 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Sixth Sunday of Easter: NO GREATER LOVE

The first Christian community had been exclusively Jewish. Now comes a turning point - the reception of the first Gentiles. Cornelius was the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism. The reading from Acts tells of his baptism, and shows that God's salvation is offered to all.

In the Gospel Jesus talks about the love that binds him to the Father, and the love that should bind the disciples' to him and to one another. Jesus' love is modelled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son: as he has observed the Father's commandments, so they should observe his. Obedience arises out of love, and obedience is love. Now he is going to give them the supreme proof of his love - giving his life for them. He has chosen them and sent them into the world to bear fruit - the fruit of love.

In the Second Reading John says that Christians must love one another because love comes from God. Love is of God's essence. God has shown his love for us by sending his Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Loving is the only way we can really know God and share in God's life.

REFLECTION

THE WOUNDED HEART

If only the heart was right, we could give so much more. But, alas, the heart is often empty. It is often cold and unwelcoming. It is often hard and unyielding. It is often weighed down with worry. It is often sad and lonely. It is often in darkness. It is often wounded. And it is sometimes broken. We have to heal the wounds of the heart in order to be able to love. Lord, touch our hearts and heal them, so that we may be able to bear the fruits of love. Amen.