

Events in the Parish

Monday and Wednesday nights at St. Michael’s Hall..... Card Game at 8:30 p.m.

Sympathy

Our Parish family extends sympathy to the family and friends of the late Margaret Ash and Tom Roberts. We assure the family of our prayers and support during this time of grief. May our loved ones share in the promise of eternal life.

Family Life Bureau

The following group will be offered Fall 2007.

The Marriage Enrichment Course (7 Week Video Series) - The marriage course is designed for **married couples** who want to enrich their marital relationship.

Topics include: recognizing each other’s needs, communicating effectively, resolving conflict, forgiveness, parents and in-laws, good sex, and more. Each evening includes a candlelit dessert, a video talk and an opportunity to discuss topics together **AS A COUPLE**.

Facilitators: Claude and Grace Pike

Begins: Tuesday, Oct 23rd, 6:30 - 9:30: **To register:** Call **Sr. Loretta Walsh 579-0168**. Space is Limited.

Blood Donor Clinic

There will be a Blood Donor clinic at St. Michael’s Parish Hall on **Thursday, October 25th, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Become a donor and save up to 3 lives.

New Archbishop for St. John’s, Newfoundland

On **October 18th, 2007** The Vatican announced that the Holy Father has appointed **Most Rev. Martin W. Currie** as the new **Archbishop of St. John’s**. Bishop Currie is presently the Bishop of Grand Falls, Newfoundland and will continue as Bishop of that Diocese. Most Rev. Martin W. Currie was born in Sheet Harbour, Nova Scotia on December 11th, 1943. He was ordained priest on May 12th, 1968. Bishop Currie served in Peru for five years and was pastor in Halifax Region until he was appointed Bishop of Grand Falls, where he has served since January 31, 2001.

Bishop Currie will be installed at the Basilica, St. John’s at a date to be announced, (usually within a sixty day period).

Fall Fair.....Sale of Works/Dinner/Card Game

On **Wednesday, November 7th, 2007** we will have our Annual Fall Sale of Work & Suppers. As in the past years, we ask for your support with donations of vegetables, rolls, baked goods and items for our Goods table. This year we will be having **Hot Turkey Suppers –eat-in or take-out, at a cost of \$8.00 each**. A giant **Card Game** with 10 great prizes will be held on Wednesday night at a cost of **\$5.00**.

Whatever you can do to help make this Parish event a success will be greatly appreciated.



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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 21st, 2007**

The Book of the Names of the Dead:

During the month of November, the Church prays especially for the souls of those who have gone before us in faith. The month begins with a special Mass of the Dead, on the commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls Day on November 2), in which we remember all those in the Parish who have died in the past year.

Throughout the month, **The Book of the Names of the Dead** may be displayed – a book which contains the names of those who have died, especially in the recent past. This book has its origins in the ancient necrologies (“list of the dead) kept in many monasteries and other religious houses.

In a way, this practice of having a parish book of the Dead – a parish necrology-is a powerful expression of our Christian faith regarding death. Recall the practice in which a saint’s feast day is determined by the date of his or her death –their **Dies Natalis**, or “day of birth” – the day they are birthed into the new and eternal life of the kingdom.

Our faith proclaims that death is nothing of which to be afraid. It is nothing of which to be afraid because our Master has gone there before us and, we proclaim, has conquered death. Rather than fearing death, we proclaim that it is our entrance into the great, eternal banquet feast of the Lamb.

First Reading: Exodus 17.8-13

Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.2

Ponder the scriptures, and thus become a skilled worker, ready for any good work.

Gospel: Luke 18.1-8

God will grant justice to his chosen ones who call out to him day and night.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE: MARGE SWEENEY & VERONICA ANDREWS
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