

Mass Intentions

Wednesday Sept. 5th 7:00 p.m. Marjorie Sweeney, Thomas & Gerald Coombs; Mary O'Brien; Fred Thoms; Ann Tremblett; Wince Vokey

Thursday Sept. 6th 7:00 p.m. Pat Byrne; Rosaline Boyle; Louise Conway; Jim Fitzpatrick; Scott King

Friday Sept. 7th 9:00 a.m. Julia Gendreau; Horace Gendreau; John Murphy; Arthur Reid; Alice White

Saturday Sept. 8th 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance
5:00 p.m. James & Sarah Kavanagh; James & Florence Kavanagh; Noel Bartlett; Bernard Fowler; Cecil Penny; Mary Hammond; Ralph McCarthy; Kenneth Lahey; Gertrude George;

Sunday Sept. 9th 10:30 a.m. Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Collection for Aug. 25th & Aug. 26th, 2007

Offertory Collection – 110 Envelopes.....	\$1, 455.43
Repairs & Maintenance – 1 Envelopes.....	40.00
Dues – 30 Envelopes.....	306.00
Cemetery - 1 Envelope.....	10.00
Donation in Memory of Mary O'Brien.....	25.00
Donation in Memory of Kevin Wiseman.....	25.00

Thank – You for Your Financial Support

School Openings

St. Michael's High School Opening:

Wednesday, Sept. 5th 8:30 a.m. -10:30 p.m. Senior High Students Only

Wednesday, Sept. 5th, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Grades 7-9 Students Only

Thursday, Sept. 6th. Classes Begin, Day 2 on schedule

St. Augustine's School Opening:

Wednesday, Sept. 5th, from 8:10 a.m. - 2:20 p.m. There will be a regular lunch program on that day.

Events in the Parish

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

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Sept. 8th 5:00 p.m. **Readers:** John Kent & Ros Hurley
Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Sweeney; Irene Delahunty; Raymond Gendreau; Fred Carroll
Presentation of Gifts: Shirley Murphy & Carol Clarke
Ushers: Bill Hammond; George Hickey; George Jackman; Keith Pitts

Sunday Sept. 9th 10:30 a.m. **Readers:** Valerie Gorman & Sharon Hammond
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Burt; Sarah Burt; Riv Fitzgerald; Sister Phyllis
Presentation of Gifts: Shawn Murphy Family
Ushers: Ray Kennedy; Alex Newell; Charlie O'Brien; Ray Whalen

Home Religion Program/ Sacramental Preparation

The religious education for our children is the sole responsibility of the parents/guardians. The role of the parish is to provide the religious materials and coordinate the families to participate in the program.

Children: Age 5 & 6 are invited to participate in the year 1 program.

Children: Age 7 or older can participate in the year 2 program which includes First Eucharist.

Children: Age 8 can participate in the year 3 program which includes First Penance.

Children: Age 9 or older can participate in the Confirmation Program.

Please note that these age groups are flexible. It is up to the parents/guardians to ask to have their child register for a particular program. The religion program will be completed at home and once per month we will meet with the parents/guardians to evaluate their progress.

For further information call the Parish office 488-2525 or Karen Seward at 488-2566.

Registration Forms are available at the Parish office or at the church. Please complete the form and submit a fee of \$10.00 for each program so that the parish can purchase the materials required for each child.

Memorial for Joseph Steffen

A Memorial for Joseph Steffen will take place at St. Michael's Church on **Sunday, Sept. 16th, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.** You are invited to join the family, divers, town and government officials to celebrate the life of Joe who died tragically in the flooded mine shaft of Bell Island. There will be a reception in St. Michael's Parish Hall immediately after the Church Service.

Sympathy

Our Parish family extends sympathy to the family and friends of the late Kevin Wiseman; Lillian Hibbs Briggs and Ryan Hicks. 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.

MARRIAGE*6 months notice required***PREPARATION PROGRAM – Must be completed before wedding takes place. Program takes place at the Family Life Bureau. Bonaventure Ave. Register at least 6 months in advance of your wedding. Call the Family Life Bureau at 579-0168 Ext. 400. The next schedule is as follows:**

Friday	Sept. 21 st , 2007	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	Sept. 22 nd , 2007,	9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 12 th , 2007	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 13 th , 2007,	9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday	Nov. 16 th , 2007	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 17 th , 2007	9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE INFORMATION: Are you aware that Catholics are obliged to marry in the Catholic Church? If they marry elsewhere without permission, the marriage is not recognized by the church. Permission is available and readily granted provided that both parties are free of impediments and fulfill the church's requirements for marriage. Please speak to your Parish priest for information and to apply for permission.

For a **Civil Marriage Licence** you may contact Patricia King at 488-3182 or Vital Statistics Division, Dept. of Government Services, 5 Mews Place, St. John's, NL

Hall Rental

Our Parish hall is available for rent and we encourage parishioners to support our Parish. Please maintain your building and support our efforts. For further update on the cost to rent the hall, please call the Parish office or visit our Parish webpage.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE will be hosting an Open House on **Sunday, August 26th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Tours of the school will be available. St. Bon's will open for school on Tuesday, September 4th at 8:45 a.m. The Opening Mass will be held at the Basilica at 11:00 a.m. All parents, guardians, alumni and friends are welcome to attend.

Walk For Life and Family Fun Day

The Right to Life Association's annual Walk for Life and Family Fun Day will be held on **September 15, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the Legion Hall, The Boulevard, Quidi Vidi Lake.** After the fundraising walk, join in the fun, food, and prizes. The preborn babies need YOUR help! Call 579-1500 or email nffriendsforlife@nl.rogers.com for further information or a sponsor sheet.

Welcome Home

Our Parish extends a warm welcome to all those who have returned home or are visiting the Island for the weekend. We trust you will enjoy the company of family and friends. We thank you for celebrating Eucharist with us this weekend.



St. Michael's Parish



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**TWENTY – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2007**

SCRIPTURE NOTE: THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks a parable about a great banquet and who should be the guests at such an event. His teaching ends by noting that when there is a banquet, one should invite "the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind" (Luke 14:13). This parable reminds us of the heavenly banquet, of which our participation in the Eucharist is a foretaste. One aspect of the Church's understanding of the Eucharist has always been that whenever and wherever it is celebrated, the Eucharist is a participation in the great messianic banquet that is being celebrated eternally in heaven. Heaven, we believe, is the great unending banquet around the table of the Lamb. There, no one goes away hungry; no one goes away with unmet needs. The great feast of heaven is an image of the reign of God, where there will be no more suffering, no more tears, no more sadness, no more inequality, and no more injustice. The great feast of heaven is an image of what we are journeying to in our lives of faith, here on earth.

In the Eucharist we have a taste of what awaits us eternally, at the heavenly banquet. There, when all wisdom is given to us and we have eternal life, we will enter forever around the table of the Lamb, in true and complete communion with him. When we gather on Sunday as the Church of Christ, and we eat and drink in memory of him, we are rehearsing for, we pray, what we will have and what we will do and who we will be for eternity: guests of the Lamb at his great feast of life, wisdom, and joy.

First Reading: Sirach 3. 17-20, 28-29

Work humbly, and you will find favour in the sight of the Lord

Second Reading: Hebrews 12. 18-19, 22-24a

You have come to Mount Zion, to the dwelling place of the living God.

Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF JOHN & MARY BASHA

