

**MASS INTENTIONS**

There will be No Masses for the week of Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

The following intentions are special requests for loved ones during Christmas.

**Saturday: Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance  
5:00 p.m. Mass

James Power; Frank Pendergast Jr. & Sr.; Mary & Steve Hawco; Elizabeth, William, Patrick & Johnny Ezekiel & Christine McDonald; Robert Quigley; William & Elaine Yetman & Josephine Power; Jeff Crosby; Patrick & Minnie Doherty, Fred Watson & McCarthy Families; William & Sarah Curnew; Charles & Rita O'Brien; James & Maria Kelly; Michael, Annie & Jim Cummings; Michael & Bella Clarke; Art Cummings; Mary & Dole Clarke; Peter Kent; Granville Hunt; Margaret Crane; Reg Durdle; Evelyn & Des Galway; Ambrose & Blanche Brown; John & Derm Luffman; Robert Cardwell; John, Helen & Tom Brazil; Michael, Margaret & Jack McLean; Marie Farrell; Robert Kennedy, Patrick Jackman & Gordon Lahey; Susan Gorman; Patrick Littlejohn; Dan, Vera, Colleen & Colin Dwyer; Mary Cobb; Cheryl Smart; Phyllis Pear Smith; Bride Maddox; Robert Blackwell; Andrew Winsor; Ronald & Ricky Brown; James & Agatha Galway. Also Mass requested in Thanksgiving

Sunday 10:30 a.m. For Parishioners Living and Deceased  
Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> St. Michael's Parish

\*\*\*\*\* **Please note: The Advent Penitential Service is cancelled for Sunday, Dec. 14th**

**Collection for Week of Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Offertory - 111 Envelopes-----	\$1,082.50
Dues – 5 Envelopes-----	58.00
Adult Advent Folders – 2 Envelopes-----	40.00
Children's Advent Folder 1 Envelope-----	2.00
Christmas Flowers in Memory-----	335.00

**Thank –You for Your Financial Support**

**Welcome Home:** Our Parish family extends a warm welcome to all those who are visiting the Island and have returned home for the Christmas Season. We trust you will enjoy the company of family and friends. Thank you for celebrating the Eucharist with us.

**Al-Anon or Alateen:** Are you or family members bothered by someone else's drinking? If so maybe Al-Anon or Alateen family groups can help. For further information please call 722-2666.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Saturday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Harriett Taylor &amp; Jody Whelan</b>
		<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Tasha Brazil; Raymond Whalen; Cecilia Kent; Betty Quigley</b>
		<b>Presentation of Gifts:</b>	<b>Lisa Fitzgerald &amp; Linda Fitzgerald-Kent</b>
		<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Joe Bartlett; John Galway; George Hickey; Fred Carroll</b>
<b>Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Jean Williams &amp; Sister Phyllis Corbett</b>
		<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Patricia King; Rosanne Grant; Connie Cole; Riv Fitzgerald</b>
		<b>Presentation of Gifts:</b>	<b>Bev &amp; Sid Rees</b>
		<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>Teresita McCarthy</b>
		<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Ray Kennedy; Alex Newell; Ray Whalen; Charlie O'Brien</b>

**Events in the Parish**

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

**Funeral Masses:** In Canada, a Funeral Mass may be celebrated any day **except Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Sunday.** During the Christmas Season **no** Funeral Masses are permitted on **Christmas Day & New Year's Day** which are **Holy Days of Obligation.**

**2009 Envelopes:** The 2009 Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church.

**Dates to Remember:**

**Christmas - New Year's Mass Schedule:**

<b>Christmas Eve.....</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Christmas Eve Midnight Mass.....</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Christmas Day.....</b>	<b>Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Regular Saturday Mass.....</b>	<b>Feast of St. John Apostle: December 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm.</b>
<b>Regular Sunday Mass .....</b>	<b>Feast of Holy Family: December 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>New Years Eve.....</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>New Years Day.....</b>	<b>Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 @ 10:30 a.m.</b>

**Sympathy:** Our Parish family extends sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of the late Peter Kent and Gordon Jewer. We assure the families of our prayers and support during this time of grief. May our loved ones share in the promise of eternal life. Amen.

**Church Parking Lot:** We have designated two parking spaces for the physically challenged near the main entrance of the Church. It is kindly appreciated that these two spaces be respected and used only by those who cannot use the stairs leading to the upper parking lot. We ask that the Fire Lane be free from all traffic especially in the event that we require emergency services such as the fire trucks or the ambulance. As there will be an overflow of traffic during the Christmas season, we ask that you please do not block Fire Lanes. Thank-You for your co-operation.

**Adult Choir Practice:** On Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. This will be the one and only practice for Christmas.

**Have you known anyone who has died by suicide?** There will be a Memorial Service held at St. John's Chapel (attached to the School of Social Work), Memorial University at **3:00 pm on Sunday, December 14, 2008** to remember family, friends, neighbours, co-workers and loved ones who have died by suicide. Please feel free to e-mail a picture of the person you wish to remember to [cooke@mun.ca](mailto:cooke@mun.ca) so that we may put in a slideshow presentation or you may bring along a framed picture to the service. If you are unable to attend this service I invite you to light a candle at 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> to remember your loved one with us together in hope, faith and community. This service is sponsored by MUN Chaplaincy. For further information, please contact: Kim Kelly at 737-2607, 782-3759, [kakelly@mun.ca](mailto:kakelly@mun.ca) Tina Davies at 726-4223, [tinatruman@nl.rogers.com](mailto:tinatruman@nl.rogers.com) Rob Cooke at 737-2550, [cooke@mun.ca](mailto:cooke@mun.ca) Parking is available in Area 22.

**A Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated at **7:00 p.m. on January 6, 2009 at St. Pius X Church** to commemorate the **Closing of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of St. Patrick's Mercy Home**. A reception will immediately follow in the Parish Hall. **All are welcome.**

**The Lantern:** You are invited to COME JOIN US at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 9:00 for "A Celebration of Light" as we celebrate "sacred moments of grace" of our unfolding story in the amazing Universe! **ALL ARE WELCOME. Sponsored by:** The Presentation Sisters Virginia Water Retreat Team. Please bring along a non-perishable food item, to be donated to The Gathering Place.

**Mercy Associates:** The next meeting of the **Original Group** of the Mercy Associates will take place on **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at the Sister's Residence.

The next meeting of the **New Group** of the Mercy Associates will take place on **Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at the Sister's Residence.

**"Quote": To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.**



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### Third Sunday of Advent December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008



*This week we light the Third Candle: (The Candle of Joy):*

The Third candle indicates that the only lasting Joy to be found in life on earth is through Christ. All other joy is fleeting and does not last.

Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

**First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11**

**I will greatly rejoice in the Lord.**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24**

**May your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28**

**Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me.**

<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE:</b>	<b>IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRANK PENDERGAST JR. &amp; SR.</b>
<b>BULLETIN:</b>	<b>IN LOVING MEMORY OF SUSAN GORMAN</b>