

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday Nov. 18th	7:00 p.m.	Jim & Gertie Quinlan; Thomas Stoyles Sr.; William & Agnes Dunn
Wednesday Nov. 19th	9:00 a.m.	John & Helen Brazil & Dec. Family Members; Patrick Jackman; Patrick Littlejohn; Margaret Reid
Thursday Nov. 20th	7:00 p.m.	Peter & Annabelle Conway & Dec. Family Members; Peter & Agnes Quigley & Dec. Family Members; James Power; Blair Dalton
Friday Nov. 21st	9:00 a.m.	Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary Bob Quigley; Nellie Murphy; Matthew George; Bride Maddox
Saturday Nov. 22nd	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance William Moore; Fred Watson, Patrick & Minnie Doherty & McCarthy Family; Frank Pendergast Sr. & Jr.; John Murrin; Ned Lahey; Mary & Steve Hawco; Edward, Josephine & Brenden Jackman & Dec. Family; Robert & Carol Ann Kennedy; James P. Delahunty
Sunday Nov. 23rd	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Collection for Week of Nov. 8th, 2008 & Nov. 9th 2008

Offertory - 120 Envelopes-----	\$1,360.00
Dues – 4 Envelopes-----	41.50
Heating – 2 Envelopes-----	22.50
Donation for Fall Fair-----	191.00

Thank –You for Your Financial Support

Advance Notice for Stewardship Meeting: The Archdiocesan Stewardship Committee will be meeting **Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 3:00 p.m.** at St. Michael's Hall.

Mercy Associates: The next meeting of the **Original Group** of the Mercy Associates will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 19th, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Sister Residence.

Attention – Leaders in Family Catechesis and Liturgy of the Word with Children: Please see the poster at the main entrance of the church for an **upcoming workshop** at the Archdiocese of St. John's.

Saint Luke's Homes: Presenting their 8th Annual "Old Fashioned Christmas Concert" at the Arts & Culture Centre on **Sunday, November 30th at 7:30 pm.** Cost of tickets are \$17.50 each and can be picked up at the Arts & Culture box office or by calling 729-3900.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday Nov. 22nd	5:00 p.m.	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:	Ashely Curnew & Rosemary O'Keefe Brenda Sweeney; Lydia Brazil; Carol Clarke; Jasmine Brazil
		Presentation of Gifts: Ushers:	Betty & Kevin Quigley Leo Byrne; Brian Tulk; Chris Murphy; Fred Carroll
Sunday Nov. 23rd	10:30 a.m.	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:	Geraldine Fitzgerald & Christine Quinlan Sarah Burt; Connie Cole; Sister Phyllis; Vanita Bartlett
		Presentation of Gifts: Children's Liturgy: Ushers:	Bev & Sid Rees Diane Delaney Ray Kennedy; Alex Newell; Charlie O'Brien; Ray Whalen

2009 – Living with Christ Sunday Missals: The new Sunday missals for 2009 are now available at the Church at a cost of \$5.00 each.

November: Month of Holy Souls: During the month of November, we will place the Book of Remembrance at the entrance of our Church. You are invited to record the name of your loved ones in the book and we will pray for them at our weekly Masses. Please take time to pray for the dead and together remember the wonderful people who have influenced our lives.

Flowers in Memory: Donations for Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones will now be accepted. You may place the offering in an envelope with the name of your loved one and we will purchase the flowers for you. Thank you for your kindness.

Advent Folders: Advent folders are now at the back of the church. **Sunday, November 30th, is the First Sunday of Advent.**

Operation Sunshine: We would like to thank all the people who support our program. Operation Sunshine is selling grey T-shirts with our logo, "Operation Sunshine Literacy Program". Price \$10.00 each, sizes S, M, L and Extra Large. Please contact Joan Whelan at 488-2182, Marg Bickford 488-3150 or drop by the Wabana Boys & Girls Club from Monday through Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Mercy Home 50th: All former staff are invited to attend an Afternoon Tea on **Wednesday, November 19th, 2008 at 2:00-4:00 p.m.** in the St. Patrick's Mercy Home Auditorium.

Dates to Remember:

Christmas Visit of the Sick and Shut In's.....December 5th, 2008
Advent Penance Celebration.....December 14th, @ 4:00 p.m.

Christmas - New Year's Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve..... Wednesday, December 24th @ 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass..... Wednesday, December 24th @ 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day..... Thursday, December 25th @ 10:30 a.m.

Regular Saturday Mass..... Feast of St. John Apostle: December 27th @ 5:00 pm.
Regular Sunday Mass Feast of Holy Family: December 28th @ 10:30 a.m.

New Years Eve..... Wednesday, December 31st @ 5:00 p.m.
New Years Day..... Thursday, January 1st, 2009 @ 10:30 a.m.

The Advent Festival of Carols & Scripture ...The Basilica presents our 12th Annual Celebration! Everybody is invited once again to step back from the consumer hype that marks this season, and enter the riches of Advent. Put aside the pre-Christmas madness for a bit. **Sunday, November 30th at 2:00 pm.** See you there.

St. Pius X "Christmas Bazaar": **Sunday, November 23rd, 2-4:30 pm.** in the Parish Hall (Smithville Crescent). All are welcome.

Family Life Bureau & Adult Faith Formation Office: Retreat For Seniors: Being People of Blessing: Elizabeth and Mary as Companions and Guides on Our Advent Journey. Target Group: Retirees. Facilitator: Anne Walsh, Director of Adult Faith Formation. **Thursday, December 4th, 9:30 - 3:00p.m.** Cost \$15.00 (lunch included). Pre-registration required by November 27th. To Register: **Call Sr. Loretta Walsh at 579-0168**

Knights Of Columbus 100th Anniversary: 2009 marks the **100th Anniversary** of the **Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador.** Dalton Council #1448 was the first Council to be established, followed a day later by Terra Nova Council #1452 in St. John's. In recognition of this historic event, **year long celebrations will begin on Saturday, November 29, 2008** in Harbour Grace. Opening celebrations will include a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Rev. Dr. Whelan in North River at 2 pm., November 29, 2008. A flag raising ceremony will then be held at 3 pm., on the grounds of Dalton Council, Harbour Grace. Archbishop Martin Currie will preside over a celebration of the Eucharist, 5:30 pm., at Immaculate Conception Church, Harbour Grace. A dinner for invited guests will take place at 7:30 pm. Congratulations to the members of the Knights of Columbus and their families as they begin this anniversary year of grace.



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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time **November 16th, 2008**

Stewardship Sunday – November 16th, 2008: As we continue our Stewardship efforts please give prayerful thought to your commitment of time, talent and treasure to the Church and the community.

Reflection: A Woman of Valor: “Let her works praise her in the city gates.”

The role of women continues to evolve in society and in the church. We have become more aware of the gifts women have to offer and the benefits of placing those gifts in service to the community. Women who generously offer their wisdom and talents have made the world a better place to live.

Hundreds of years before the dawn of Christianity, the book of Proverbs praised the gifts of a worthy wife. It is interesting to look at what that long-ago culture valued. The book warns against charm and beauty, for they do not last. Instead, Proverbs praises the wife who brings good to the home, who obtains wool and flax, who spins with proficiency, and who gives to the poor.

That long-ago culture believed that a good wife was one of honorable character, who used her skills for the good of the community, and performed works of charity. Although our culture's image of the working woman has changed in some aspects, these central values are timeless. Women who devote themselves to their work, to their faith, to their households and to those in need, can still rejoice in the praise of the book of Proverbs. The entire community thanks God for their inspiring service and care.

First Reading: Proverbs 31: She works with willing hands.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36; 25:14-30

You have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN LOVING MEMORY OF BLAIR DALTON