

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday Oct. 28th	7:00 p.m.	Gus Stoyles; Shirley Jackman; Ann Reid
Wednesday Oct. 29th	9:30 a.m.	Mary Dwyer Bezelgia; Margaret Reid; Dorothy Butler
Thursday Oct. 30th	7:00 p.m.	Glenn Newell; Mary Kearney; Norman & Mary Luffman
Friday Oct. 31st	9:00 a.m.	Frank Pendergast Jr.; Tom Brazil & Dec. Family Members; In Thanksgiving
Saturday Nov. 1st	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Vince, Mae & Janet Murphy; William Ford; James Hunt; Michael, Margaret & Jack McLean; Edward Hammond; Margaret Rough; Dorothy Butler; William & Agnes Dunn; Patrick Littlejohn; Edward Lahey
Sunday Nov. 2nd	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish Candlelight Memorial Service

Collection for Week of Oct. 18th & Oct. 19th, 2008

Offertory -114 Envelopes-----	\$1,245.25
Evangelization of Nations – 12 Envelopes-----	93.25
Dues – 2 Envelopes-----	105.00
World Mission Sunday – 1 Envelope-----	10.00

Thank –You for Your Financial Support

Memorial Candlelight Service – November 2nd, 2008: On **Sunday, November 2nd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** St. Michael's Parish will be holding a Memorial Mass to celebrate the Feast of All Souls. We invite all parishioners and friends to join us for this special liturgy as we remember our beloved dead who have passed away this past year, and to join in the Mass to light a candle in their memory. There are letters for the family member at the back of the church and they are asked to please call the parish office in the coming weeks to let us know who will be lighting the candle in memory of their loved one. If you know of anyone who does not attend church on a regular basis, please take their letter and distribute it to the family. Thank – You.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: **Friday Nov. 14th, 2008** at St. Michael's Hall. All members are pleased asked to attend this very important meeting.

Attention - Children's Liturgy Leaders: Please see the poster at the main entrance of the church for an **upcoming workshop** at the Archdiocese of St. John's.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday Nov. 1st	5:00 p.m.	Readers:	John Kent & Harriet Taylor
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Art Whelan; Mary Power; Ros Hurley; Fred Carroll
		Presentation of Gifts:	Irene & Kevin Delahunty
		Ushers:	Leo Byrne; Fred Carroll; George Hickey; Brian Tulk
Sunday Nov. 2nd	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	Valerie Gorman & Christine Tulk
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Tasha Brazil; Raymond Whelan; Shirley Murphy; Pat Murphy
		Presentation of Gifts:	Clara Hammond & Riv Fitzgerald
		Children's Liturgy:	Beverly Rees
		Ushers:	Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; Ray Whalen

St. Michael's Fall Fair: Our Parish Fall Fair is being held on **Wednesday, November 5th**. Tickets will be going on sale at the cost of **\$8.00 each** for **Hot Turkey or Hot Roast Beef Dinners: Take-Out begins from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with Eat-In beginning from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** If you are planning to make a donation of Baked Goods, Knitted Goods or Crafts etc., now is the time to prepare. We have a lot of gifted individuals in the community who can help make this fall fair a great success. Thank you for your support and get your tickets early.

MARRIAGE*6 months notice required***PREPARATION PROGRAM – Must be completed before the wedding takes place.**

Program dates for the remainder of 2008: **October 24th and 25th and Nov. 14th & 15th**
Program dates for 2009: January 16th and 17th; Feb. 20th & 21st; March 20th & 21st; April 3rd & 4th; May 8th & 9th; June 12th & 13th. For further information you may contact the Pastoral Centre at (709) 726-3660 or Family Life Bureau at **579-0168**.


Snow Clearing Tender: 2008 – 2009: This is the time of the year when we prepare for the upcoming winter. We invite contractors to submit the type of equipment they use for snow removal and the expenses incurred for its hire. We will review the costs of the equipment per hour as well as the snow removal contract for the total winter season. The contract will include the clearing of snow around all church/hall property as well as the priests' residence. For further discussion, please call the office. All interested persons are asked to have their prices or contract **submitted by Friday, November 14th**.

Bell Island Breast Cancer Silent Auction: The Bell Island Breast Cancer Group is sponsoring a live and silent auction at **St. Augustine's School from 2:00 -5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26th**.

Sympathy: Our Parish family extends sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the late Margaret Reid, Patrick Littlejohn and James Power. 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.

The Provincial Pastoral/Spiritual Care Week: October 20-26th, 2008.

Theme: Pastoral Care – Listening Presence: Throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, hundreds of well-trained and gifted pastoral caregivers of all faiths minister around-the-clock in communities, religious congregations, and highly-specialized setting, including hospitals, nursing homes/long term care families, correctional services, mental health services, as well as during times of major disasters. They bring spiritual healing resources to the religious and spiritual care of thousands of people in our province.

To the Musicians:  Thank you to all those who signed up for the Ministries on Saturdays and Sundays. **We are still looking for volunteers with a musical background:** especially those who play the flute, violin, accordion, trumpet or drums. You are being called upon to give of your time and talent. Please call the Parish office at 488-2525 and let Fr. Jim know which instrument you can play and that you are interested in giving the use of your talent **once per month** at our Saturday or Sunday Liturgy. Let's give it a try and ring out the talent that you are so blessed with.

Dear Friends in Christ,
During the month of May I asked parishioners throughout the Archdiocese to support our Annual Archdiocesan Appeal for funds to help us better serve God's people. The funds realized are being used to enable us to provide chaplaincy services in our hospitals and other institutions and counseling services to the needy.

I take this opportunity to say "thanks" and to express my appreciation to all who helped in the organization of this project. My thanks to pastors and parish representatives who promoted the campaign and helped at the local level.

Finally, to each and every one of you for your financial support I say "thanks", your generosity makes us partners in caring for God's people. **As of October 16th, 2008 a total of \$94,148.00** has been received. If anyone has not made a contribution and would like to do so, you may send your donation through your parish or directly to the Archdiocese.

Thank you once again, I remain.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Martin W. Currie, D.D.
Archbishop of St. John's



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26th, 2008

The Commandments of Justice: Exodus 22:20 -26

"You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt."

How does your church community help the poor? Do you have collections for the needy? Do you distribute food through a pantry? Do you help people find jobs? Do you offer job training?

Does your church perform acts of justice that try to change the condition of the poor? Do you advocate for improved legislation? Do you call attention to the ways that the wealth of the few impairs the resources of the many? Do you educate people about means of reducing poverty?

The book of Exodus includes many of the laws that God asked the Israelites to observe. The most famous are the Ten Commandments. But in addition to them, hundreds of other commandments found their way into the legislative books of God's people.

Some commandments pertained to the poor: Do not hinder travelers. Protect the widow and orphan. Do not take advantage of people needing loans. All these rules helped Israel live out the big picture of the Ten Commandments in the everyday situations that constitute the moral life.

The reduction of poverty will take many efforts. It will mean living every day mindful of the needs of the poor, and it will also mean working for justice for the oppressed.

First Reading: Exodus 22: 21-27

If you abuse any widow or orphan, my wrath will burn you.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

You turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son.

Gospel: Matthew 22. 34-40

You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as yourself.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN LOVING MEMORY OF JAMES HUNT