

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday Oct. 7th	7:00 p.m.	Dan, Vera, Colleen & Colin Dwyer; Catherine Doyle; Esther Burke
Wednesday Oct. 8th	9:30 a.m.	Richard, Veronica & Sister Paschal Dwyer; Peter Warren Catherine Bowdring
Thursday Oct. 9th	7:00 p.m.	Mary Delaney; Patrick Byrne; Jim & Judy Whalen; James Hickey
Friday Oct. 10th	9:00 a.m.	Patrick W. Murphy; James Pendergast Sr.; Wayne Bugden
Saturday Oct. 11th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Marie & Bill Butler, Alice & William Fitzpatrick; Arthur & Gwen Grant; Darlene (Curnew) Boudreau; Phonse, Jenny & Gary Sweeney & Mark Nolan; Mary & Steve Hawco; Mary Conway; Margaret Kent; Glenn Newell; Joseph Fitzpatrick; Amelia Hammond; Vincent McGrath, Patricia McGrath (Noffell) & Anastisa & Thomas Cole
Sunday Oct. 12th	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Collection for Week of Sept. 27th & Sept. 28th, 2008

Offertory -117 Envelopes-----	\$1,446.71
Dues – 34 Envelopes-----	369.00
Repairs & Maintenance – 1 Envelope-----	100.00
Needs of the Church – 13 Envelopes-----	193.00
Students to the Priesthood -1 Envelope-----	5.75
Donation in Memory of Richard O'Brien-----	100.00
Donation in Memory of The Cahill Family & Loretta Quirke Dwyer-----	100.00
Donation in Memory of Lloyd & John Pitts-----	50.00

Thank –You for Your Financial Support

Third Quarter Report

January 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008

Income: Envelope Direct Giving \$64, 691.77

Indirect: (Catering, Fundraising, Rent) \$67,460.52

Total Income: \$132,152.29

Total Expenses: Church/ Hall/Rectory \$132,683.11

Excess Expenses/Revenue: {- \$580.82}

Note: While we did well on your generosity and support we are just barely breaking even. Some parishes are receiving one hour's wages in each Sunday envelope. Can we decide to do that for the next 3 months when expenses will be high and fund raising events will be at a minimum.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday Oct. 11th	5:00 p.m.	Readers:	Christine Tulk & Jasmine Brazil
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Karen Seward; Lydia Brazil; Art Whelen; Brenda Sweeney
		Presentation of Gifts:	Shirley Murphy & Carol Clarke
		Ushers:	George Hickey; George Jackman; Keith Pitts
Sunday Oct. 12th	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	Jean William & Patricia King
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Bev Rees; John Kent; Joey Somerton; Rosanne Grant
		Presentation of Gifts:	Irene & Kevin Delahunty
		Children's Liturgy:	Diane Delaney
		Ushers:	Ray Kennedy; Charlie O'Brien; Ray Whalen

Help Wanted: All baptized Catholics living a Christian lifestyle can answer the call to ministries that reflect their gifts and charisms. It is our hope that all parishioners will accept their call from God to share their time, talents, and treasures with the Christian community and serve the Body of Christ. If you would like to share in any of the ministries of your parish please **fill out the form** at the back of the church; **contact the parish office** or **e-mail** the parish at stmichaelsparish@nf.sympatico.ca. You are invited to consider in becoming involved in your various parish ministries and take the opportunity to enrich your own spiritual life in return.

MATT MAHER CONCERT IN ST. JOHN'S! The amazing Praise and Worship songwriter and artist, Matt Maher who hails from St. John's will be holding a one-time concert at Mary Queen of Peace Church, Torbay Rd., Wed., Oct. 8. Tickets: \$10.00 adults; \$5.00 students/seniors. This is a concert not to be missed. Tickets available (from Parish Contact Person or) at the Pastoral Centre, 726-3660.

October: Month of the Rosary: During the month of October, we will pray the **Rosary 15 minutes before weekday Mass.**

St. Michael's Fall Fair: Our Parish is preparing for the Fall Fair being held on November 5th. 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.

Mercy Associates Meeting: The next meeting of the **New Group** of the Mercy Associates will be held on Thursday, **October 9th, at 7:45 p.m.** at the Sister's Residence.

Concert of Hope: The Eating Disorder Foundation of NL, will be holding a “Concert of Hope” to raise much needed funds to help the foundation to continue and improve its support programs. This will be held at the Arts & Culture Centre, St. John’s with entertainment to be provided by the Masterless Men and Shanneyganok on **Wednesday, October 15th, at 8:00 p.m.** Tickets on sale at the Box Office at the Arts & Culture Centre.

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**.

Eucharistic Devotions: The following is a list of Expositions, Adorations, Benedictions, and Holy Hours in the greater St. John's area. You are invited to come and spend time with Our Lord at:

St. Francis of Assisi: Monday to Friday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

St. Pius X: Monday 1:00 pm - start of 7:00 pm Mass

St. Patrick's: Tuesday 9:00 am - start of 7:30 pm Mass

Basilica: Wednesday following the 9:30 am Mass for one hour

Corpus Christi: Thursday following the 9:30 am Mass for one hour

Holy Rosary/Roncalli: (alternating weekly): Friday following the 9:30 am Mass for one hr

St. Teresa's: Friday 1:00 pm to start of 7:00 pm Mass.

St. Teresa's: 1st Friday of the month 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Mass and for one hour following Mass. The faithful are encouraged to check with the Parishes for information or changes.

World Mission Sunday – October 19th: On Mission Sunday, all Catholics are asked to share in the Church’s Mission of spreading the Word of God. Through the generous giving of Catholics, to this National Collection, the Church will be able to become more involved in missionary work.

Pro-Live Day of Reflection and Banquet: Provincial, national and global pro-life leaders will be coming together at St. John’s City Hall on Saturday, October 25th, for a powerful Day of Reflection and Banquet. Speakers include Jim Hughes, President of the Campaign Life Coalition of Canada, Dr. Clem Persaud, a well respected microbiologist, and Dr. Delores Doherty the Vice-President of LifeCanada. The cost will be \$25.00 for either the Day or Reflection or Banquet and \$40.00 for both. For further information call **579-1500**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. JIM: A Very Happy Birthday to our Parish Priest **Fr. James A. Beresford** who celebrates his birthday on **Saturday, October 4th**. All your family, friends and parishioners send you their warmest birthday greetings.



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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5th, 2008

God's Vineyard: Isaiah 5: 1-7

“The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.”

We hate to hear that we have failed. But it is better to face failure than to ignore it. If we have sinned, it is better to confess to God than to pretend that we are righteous. Isaiah's parable of the vineyard is a story of failure. It is hard to hear. He tells of a friend who planted a vineyard, tended the ground, cleared the stones, and built a watchtower for its protection. The friend did all the things you should do if you want a successful crop. But the vineyard did not cooperate. The vineyard produced wild grapes, not good ones.

So Isaiah's friend tore up the vines, broke down the protective wall and reduced the field to grazing. The vine grower who loved the field so much gave up on it.

Isaiah tells this sad story about ancient Israel. God had nourished the chosen people like a vine grower, but they did not produce the desired fruit. They rebelled against the God who loved them. The vineyard of God was trampled by enemies who took over the land.

Our sins cause pain to ourselves as well as to others. When we fail, God can use our misfortune to turn our hearts back to the divine command.

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9

Keep on doing these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

The landowner will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF CYRIL JACKMAN