

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday Oct. 14th	7:00 p.m.	Susan Gorman; Muriel Ryan; Shirley Jackman
Wednesday Oct. 15th	9:30 a.m.	Jeff Crosby; Stan Carroll; Alice Carroll
Thursday Oct. 16th	7:00 p.m.	Veronica Dwyer; Francis Hedderson; Dora Dunn
Friday Oct. 17th	9:00 a.m.	Philip Delaney; Betty Kavanagh; Peter Nolan Jr.
Saturday Oct. 18th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Ann Reid; Bill Clarke; Peter Lake; Gus Stoyles; William & Diane Ford; William & Kevin Moore; Laura Murphy; Jim & Judy Whalen
Sunday Oct. 19th	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Collection for Week of Oct. 4th & Oct. 5th, 2008

Offertory -126 Envelopes-----	\$1,208.30
Dues – 8 Envelopes-----	100.00
Students to the Priesthood -14 Envelopes-----	115.00
Needs of the Canadian Church -1 Envelope-----	10.00
Donation in Memory of Stoyles & Farrell Families-----	100.00
Donation in Thanksgiving for answered prayers-----	100.00
Donation in Memory of Dora Dunn-----	200.00

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday Oct. 18th	5:00 p.m.	Readers:	Des McCarthy & Teresita McCarthy
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Jasmine Brazil; Carol Clarke; Cecilia Kent; Mary Power
		Presentation of Gifts:	Irene & Kevin Delahunty
		Ushers:	Leo Byrne; Fred Carroll; George Hickey; Brian Tulk
Sunday Oct. 19th	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	Ros Hurley & Sister Phyllis Corbett
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Geraldine Fitzgerald; Sarah Burt; Connie Cole; Shirley Murphy
		Presentation of Gifts:	Mary Power & George Jackman
		Children's Liturgy:	Patricia King
		Ushers:	Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; 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. **Next Sunday, October 19th, will be the sign up Sunday for New Ministries.**

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 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.

Make You Think Character Education Course for Teens: We all encounter tough situations throughout our lifetime that can often lead to feelings of despair. For teens, tough situations often lead to tough choices. This 6-session DVD series of real life youth stories provide foundations to help youth make good choices and decisions. This course is being offered for youth in Gr. 9 - 12 at St. Peter's Parish Centre, Mt. Pearl running for six Sunday evenings Oct. 26 - Nov. 30 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. To register, contact Linda at the Catholic Youth Office 726-3660, Grace Pike 368-9336 or Michelle Walsh 368-1509

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**.

Thanksgiving Day: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Today, or on a suitable weekday during the autumn, it is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.

The Brother Jim McSheffrey Diocesan Council of St. John's will hold its Fall Action Workshop from 9:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, October 25th, 2008** at the Latern, Barnes Road, St. John's. For more information contact Pat Kennedy at 747-0680.

World Food Day – October 16th, 2008: A World Food Day has been promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization since 1981. The Church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world, remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgment of the nations, “—I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink—“(Mt25.35). “People are becoming increasingly aware of the need to unify aims and actions, as is the Church, which shares the hopes and sufferings of humanity. She is anxious to make her contribution to a solution that meets the expectations of each person.” John Paul 11, 2003 Message.

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-Life 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**.

Community Engagement and Change: Do you want to learn about ways to engage and enhance your community? Do you want to play an active role in shaping your community’s future? The Harris Centre of Memorial University invites you to a public event that will explore:

- How youth are becoming engaged in the Bell Island community
- How the people of Fogo Island became engaged with each other to stay in the place they love
- How people of Bell Island are addressing health issues
- Specific tools for encouraging community engagement, including community radio
- Public dialogue relating these presentations to Bell Island

This is a public event and we encourage everyone to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Location: St. Michael’s Parish Hall on Thursday, October 16th, 7:30 p.m.

Presentations Include: Verle Harrop, The Bell Island Health and Wellness Advisory Council, “A Needs Assessment for Community Well-being.” Donna Hardy Cox, Nancy Sullivan, and Michelle Sullivan, Memorial University, “Youth Engagement in Local Social Policy.” Ivan Emke, Grenfell College, Newfoundland and Labrador, “Engaging the Community Through the Air Waves.” Mark Jones, Memorial University, “The Fogo Island Process: a Model for Community Engagement.”



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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12th, 2008

The Banquet of Life: Isaiah 25: 6-10 *“The Lord God will swallow up death forever.”*

Death creeps into our lives almost secretly. We lose members of our families and close friends. We buckle up in the car as an unreflective admission that each trip poses mortal danger. We age and we experience the gradual loss of our abilities.

For those who believe in Christ, death is but a passageway to eternity. The funeral rites of the church help us to ritualize our belief even as we mourn our loss. Isaiah offers images of God’s providence that fit the hope of Christians. He imagines a New Jerusalem, settled on God’s holy mountain. In his vision, God provides a rich banquet – not just minimal food for the hungry, not just basic sustenance, but a rich banquet in which God’s people taste delight.

Isaiah imagines death as a veil that covers everyone, a web woven over all the nations. But in this vision, that veil is fragile, subject to destruction by God’s deliberate might. For Christians, the contrast between death and life in Christ is the contrast between hunger and banquet. Whenever the sadness of death threatens to overtake the people we love or our very lives, our belief in Christ brings all the comfort of rich food and drink.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will make a feast of rich food, and wipe away the tears from all faces.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:10-14, 19-20

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF PHILIP DELANEY