

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday Oct. 21st	7:00 p.m.	Susan Gorman; Muriel Ryan; Shirley Jackman (Rescheduled from Oct. 14th)
Wednesday Oct. 22nd	9:30 a.m.	Jeff Crosby; Stan Carroll; Alice Carroll (Rescheduled from Oct. 15th)
Thursday Oct. 23rd	7:00 p.m.	Veronica Dwyer; Francis Hedderson; Dora Dunn (Rescheduled from Oct. 16th)
Friday Oct. 24th	9:00 a.m.	Margaret Quinlan; Matt George; John Meadus; Shirley Jackman
Saturday Oct. 25th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Eveleigh, Hammond & Stone Families & Herb Laurie; Mary & Steve Hawco; Margaret Kent; William Graves; Jim & Judy Whelan; Charles Bown Jr.; Special Intention Margaret, John & Agatha Flynn; Theresa & John Hammond; Margaret & Jeanie Stanford & Frank Maddigan; Albert, Margaret & Nicky Ash/Jack & Shirley Snow
Sunday Oct. 26th	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Collection for Week of Oct. 11th & Oct. 12th, 2008

Offertory -113 Envelopes-----	\$1,688.12
Evangelization of Nations – 2 Envelopes-----	20.00
Dues – 5 Envelopes-----	45.00
Initial Offering – 1 Envelope-----	10.00
Students to the Priesthood -1 Envelope-----	5.00
Proceeds from Card Game for month of Sept.-----	517.00

Thank –You for Your Financial Support

Memorial Candlelight Service – November 2nd, 2008: On Sunday, November 2nd, 2008

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday Oct. 25th	5:00 p.m.	Readers: Patrick Craig & Cathy Tulk
		Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Spracklin; Tasha Brazil; Rosemary O'Keefe; Betty Quigley
		Presentation of Gifts: Mary Power & George Jackman
		Ushers: George Hickey; George Jackman; Keith Pitts
Sunday Oct. 26th	10:30 a.m.	Readers: Christine Quinlan & Geraldine Fitzgerald
		Eucharistic Ministers: Sister Phyllis Corbett; Patricia King; Keith Kent; Riv Fitzgerald
		Presentation of Gifts: Valerie Gorman Family
		Children's Liturgy: Karen Seward
		Ushers: Ray Kennedy; Charlie O'Brien; 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 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**.

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.

The Marriage Enrichment Course (7 wks.): The marriage course is designed for *married couples* who want to enrich their marital relationship. Topics include: recognizing each others needs, communicating effectively, resolving conflict, forgiveness, parents and in-laws, good sex, and more. Each evening includes a candlelit dessert, a video talk and an opportunity to discuss topics together as a **COUPLE**. **Facilitators: Claude and Grace Pike. Begins: Tuesday, Oct. 21st. Prepayment by October 14th. To Register call Sister Loretta Walsh at 579-0168.**

P.P.P. Power Of Positive Parenting (4 wks): Based on John Gray's video series: Topics include: why positive parenting works, 5 skills to create cooperative, confident, and compassionate children, boys are from Mars, girls are from Venus, and how to put positive parenting into practice. **Target group: SINGLE MOM'S! Facilitator: Helen MacKinnon. Begins, Thursday, Nov 6th, @ 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. To register call Sr. Helen Walsh at 579-0168.**

Energy – Based Stress Reduction (4 wks): You will learn to use you body's energies to lift your energy level and keep yourself healthy with a 5 minute daily routine. Begins on **Monday, Nov. 3rd, @ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** Facilitator: Margie Mulcahy. To register call Sr. Loretta Walsh 579-0168.

Makeyouthink 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 helps provide foundations to help youth make good 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 **Nov. 2 - Dec. 7 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** To register call Linda Maher at 726-3660, Grace Pike 368-9336 or Michelle Walsh 368-1509.

Net Team Coming Back To Our Archdiocese: It's a Retreat! It's a Sleepover! St. Paul's Parish on Newfoundland Drive will be the site for an overnight **NET RETREAT** for **Gr. 9 - 12** students on **Fri. Nov. 21- Sat. 22/08.** NET (National Evangelization Team) is a group of dynamic, funny, lively young people who devote their time to traveling around the country giving retreats and rallies for young people. Using drama, music, laughter, prayer and their own witness of faith, they help young people understand what it means to be charitable towards others, while exploring and deepening their faith. Stay tuned for RETREAT registration information and other great NET activities for Gr. 4-6 and Gr. 7-8 students and their families being planned during the week of Nov. 17-23/08.



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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19^h, 2008

Church and State: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

“I call you by your name; I surname you, though you do not know me.”

The separation of church and state can lead to the assumption that God works in the church but never in the state. We expect government to act honorably, but our cynicism removes surprise when civic leaders fail. Isaiah tells of a case where the wall between “church” and “state” completely collapsed. Israel, plundered by enemies, had survived in exile. Now, almost unexpectedly, the king of the conquering nation, Cyrus, let the exiles go home. Amazingly, Cyrus, a foreigner, is called “God’s anointed.” In Isaiah’s view, God had given Cyrus sufficient forces and strength of character to play a pivotal role in the divine plan. Even though Cyrus never knew Israel’s God, God used Cyrus for Israel’s benefit.

God can still use the state to advance the plan of salvation. As God’s influence prompted Cyrus to perform a magnificent good, the influence of the faithful can prompt the state to bring justice to the oppressed.

Do you know who your legislators are? Do you let them know your opinions? With their help you can feed the hungry, release those unjustly deprived of liberty, and protect human life. Under the direction of God’s Spirit you can witness the cooperation of church and state.

First Reading: Isaiah 45. 1, 4-6

I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus, to subdue nations before him.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab

We remember your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope.

Gospel: Matthew 22. 15-21

Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANN REID