

Mass Intentions

Tuesday April 8th	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Mass - Archbishop Martin Currie Presiding David Beresford; Margaret Dunn; Margaret, John & Agatha Flynn; Mary Delaney;
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Wednesday April 9th	9:30 a.m.	Frank Taylor; Catherine Doyle; Darlene (Curnew) Boudreau; Aiden King
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Thursday April 10th	7:00 p.m.	Rosemary Kent; Mary Scott; Edward Costello; Mary Ann Lewis
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Friday April 11th	9:00 a.m.	Jim Pittman; James Shea; Mary (Marg) Butler;
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Saturday April 12th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Grenville Hunt; Mary Conway; Cyril Jackman; Jean Power; James Pendergast Sr.; Patrick Byrne; John, Annie & Sandra Byrne; Margaret Squires; Kevin Byrne; Bob Connors
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Sunday April 13th	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish
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Collection for Week of March 29th & March 30th

Offertory – 118 Envelopes-----	\$1,431.50
Dues – 39 Envelopes-----	396.00
Lenten Folders – 4 Children’s-----	80.00
Easter – 7 Envelopes-----	127.00
Good Friday – 3 Envelopes-----	27.00
Stations of the Cross – 2 Envelopes-----	12.00
Holy Thursday – 2 Envelopes-----	12.00

Thank –You for Your Financial Support

Mercy Associates

The next meeting of the **New Group** of Mercy Associates will take place on **Thursday, April 10th, 2008, 7:45 p.m. at the Sister’s Residence.**

Knights of Columbus Meeting

There will be a Knights of Columbus Meeting for all members on **Friday, April 18th, 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael’s Hall.** All members are please asked to attend this meeting.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday April 12th	5:00 p.m.	Readers: John Kent & Harriett Taylor
		Eucharistic Ministers: Lydia Brazil; Jasmine Brazil; Art Whelan; Helen Pitts
		Presentation of Gifts: George Jackman & Mary Power
		Ushers: Leo Byrne; Fred Carroll; George Hickey Brian Tulk

Sunday April 13th	10:30 a.m.	Readers: Sid Rees & Rosanne Grant
		Eucharistic Ministers: Geraldine Fitzgerald; Bev Rees; Christine Quinlan; Joey Somerton
		Children’s Liturgy: Karen Seward
		Presentation of Gifts: Patricia & Michael King
		Ushers: Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; Sidney Rees; Ray Whalen

PLEASE AND THANK YOU:

1. Please be aware of the importance of the First Visit of His Grace Archbishop Martin W. Currie to our Parish on Tuesday, April 8th. His Grace will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on those who have followed the Born in the Spirit program of preparation. At the same Mass, some of our people will be receiving their First Communion from the Archbishop. While at St. Michael’s Parish the Archbishop is anxious to meet all those who serve on the Parish Pastoral and Finance Council, the Parish ministries and Parish Associations and Committees. Usually this visit is only a two hour visit. The Archbishop is staying overnight and would like to meet as many parishioners as possible.

2. Sincere thanks to all who battled the weather to put in a good Lenten Season. Thanks to Our liturgy leadership people who prepared the Church, the ministries and the many details to make our Holy Week a time of moving and memorable celebrations.

3. Father Jim would like to express sincere thanks to all those who traveled with him in prayer during his brother David’s illness. A special thanks for your Mass Cards, Sympathy Cards and Expressions of sorrow at Dave’s passing on March 16th, 2008. Your support means so much to the family at this time.

Youth Essay on Life Contest 2008

1st prize: \$250, 2nd: \$150, 3rd: \$100. Pro-lifers ages 13-18 are invited to write an essay, up to 1,500 words, on abortion, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research and submit it by May 14. For full contest details contact the Right to Life Association at **709-579-1500** or search for the page “Essay on Life Contest 2008” on Facebook.

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

MARRIAGE INFORMATION: Are you aware that Catholics are obliged to marry in the Catholic Church? If they marry elsewhere without permission, the marriage is not recognized by the church. Permission is available and readily granted provided that both parties are free of impediments and fulfill the church's requirements for marriage. Please speak to your Parish priest for information and to apply for permission. You may also contact the Pastoral Centre at (709) 726-3660.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 13th

On the fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. The Vatican Council documents (Church, Bishops, priesthood, religious life, laity, Church in the modern world) speak of the ways in which God calls us to serve and work for the spread of the kingdom. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, priests, and deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way.

Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people throughout the year. The whole Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. The first step is to live in a full Christian manner. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love and reverence contribute greatly to this work. Spiritually active parishes, where people take a full part, help to promote vocations.

Dates to Remember, 2008

April 8th Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Martin Currie
July 19th Annual Dinner Theatre

Cemetery Mass Schedule – 2008

St. Michael's Cemetery, The Front: July 20th at 2:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cemetery, Lance Cove: August 3rd, at 2:30 p.m.

Cemetery Mass Times 2008

Kilbride	July 2, 2008, Wednesday	7:00p.m.
Mt. Carmel	July 8, 2008, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Belvedere	July 15, 2008, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Holy Sepulchre	July 22, 2008, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Cemetery Mass
Topsail RC Cemetery – July 20, 2008 – Sunday -2:00 p.m.

Sympathy

Our Parish Family extends sympathy & prayers to the families and friends of the late Mary Delaney & Robert (Bob) Connors. We assure the families of our prayers and support during this time of grief. May our loved ones share in the promise of eternal life.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 6th, 2008

The Easter Message

Acts 2:14, 22-33

“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Christian parents have the joy of teaching the faith to their children. When they teach small children, they tell the story in its simplest terms: Jesus came from God. He performed many miracles. His enemies put him to death on a cross. God raised him up again. These are the core elements of the story of Jesus. When parents tell them, they renew their own faith.

On Pentecost Peter found himself in a situation that called for the core message. He stood up in Jerusalem before a group of his peers and preached to the crowds. What could he say? He told the basics. Jesus came with a mission and he rose from the dead.

Some people think that they do not know enough about their faith to teach others. They shy away from volunteering. Yet the core message of our belief is contained in the creed we know so well and recite so regularly.

And if the faith has truly taken firm root in our hearts, we will be unable to keep quiet about its message. We can tell the basics as well as Peter did that day.

Christian parents do this best, but all of us are called in many ways to proclaim the simple message and core belief: Jesus came from God, and He is risen!

First Reading: Acts 2.14, 22b-28

It was impossible for Christ to be held in the power of death.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21

You were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb without defect or blemish.

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

The disciples recognized the Lord when he broke bread with them.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF DARLENE CURNEW BOUDREAU