

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> <b>Feb. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Luke Dalton; Sister Paula Penny; Blanche Taplin</b>
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<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Feb. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>David &amp; Alice Kennedy &amp; Gerald &amp; Mary McCarthy; Wayne Bugden; Jim Shea</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Feb. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Charlie &amp; Bride Power; Susan Gorman; Tom Reardon</b>
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<b>Thursday</b> <b>Feb. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Baby Morgan Pendergast; Frank Pendergast Jr.; James Pendergast Sr.</b>
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<b>Friday</b> <b>Feb. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Alice Jackman; Pete &amp; Nell Power; Mary Conway Stations of the Cross</b>
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<b>Saturday</b> <b>March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance Patrick Ezekiel; Joseph Fitzpatrick; Frank Taylor; Muriel Ryan</b>
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<b>Sunday</b> <b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>
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**Collection for Week of Feb.16<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Offertory – 115 Envelopes-----	\$1,335.61
Ash Wednesday-----	22.00

**Thank - You for Your Financial Support**

**Parish Mission – Mary Queen of Peace**

A Parish mission will be taking place at Mary Queen of Peace Church, Torbay Road, from **Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**. Father Robb McDougal from St. Boniface, Manitoba, will conduct the mission. The main sessions will take place every evening from **Sunday to Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Mass with a homily given by Father McDougal will be celebrated in the morning from Sunday to Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to come and share in this Lenten experience of prayer, reflection and music.

**Thank-You**

Parish leaders and parishioners are very grateful to all who worked on the catering for the “Screamers 11” film crew and our Valentine’s Dinner & Music. A wonderful time was had by all. **The proceeds from both events were \$3,103.03.** Thank you to all who came out and gave of their time and talents.

**Liturgical Ministers**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Colin Taylor &amp; Ros Hurley</b>
		<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Jody Whelan; Fred Carroll; Raymond Whelan; Irene Delahunty</b>
		<b>Presentation of Gifts:</b>	<b>Lydia Brazil Family</b>
		<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Bill Hammond; George Hickey; George Jackman; Keith Pitts</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Sharon Hammond &amp; Valerie Gorman</b>
		<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Patricia King; Sister Phyllis; Pat Murphy; Shirley Murphy</b>
		<b>Children’s Liturgy:</b>	<b>Susan Boone</b>
		<b>Presentation of Gifts:</b>	<b>Bev &amp; Sid Rees</b>
		<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Ray Kennedy; Alex Newell; Charlie O’Brien; Ray Whalen</b>

**Dates to Remember, 2008**

**Please schedule the following events into your calendar :**

**March 8<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick’s Day Stew Supper & Pub Night**  
**March 9<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick’s Day Concert**  
**March 10<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick’s Day Card Game**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup> Sacrament of Confirmation**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands**

**Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus: October 23-November 06, 2008:** pilgrimage to the Holy Lands for 15 days at a cost of **\$3,150 Canadian**. Including air fair Toronto-Tel Aviv and return with 1<sup>st</sup> class Hotel Accommodations. For further information you may contact **Fr. Dave Butler at (437-6628)**.

**Knights of Columbus State Lottery Tickets**

Once again this year St. Michael’s Parish and the Knights of Columbus will combine efforts in the sale of the Knights of Columbus State Lottery. We are asking members of the Parish and members of the Knights to purchase one or more of these tickets and/or take one or more to sell to friends and relatives. The cost of the tickets is \$40.00 and there are a number of prizes to be won including the \$50,000.00 first prize. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available with tickets after Mass each week. Thank you for your past support.

### Lenten Folders

The Lenten Self- Denial folders for adults and young people are at the back of the church.

### Caring By Sharing

St. Michael's Parish has designated the First Sunday of each month for a collection of fresh vegetables for the Caring By Sharing. Thank you for your generous support of our food sharing efforts. God Bless each one.

### Flowers for Easter

This is the time of year to submit your name for the Easter Season for flowers in memory of your loved ones. You may submit your donation to the office or put it in the collection with the names of those you wish to pray for at the Easter liturgies. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

### Parish Penance Celebration

**On Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.** we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will listen to the message of Sacred Scripture, acknowledge our sins and avail of the Sacrament individually, if you wish to do so. Please make a special effort to attend. There will be a number of visiting priests attending our Parish for this Penance Celebration.

### Ministry List

The Ministry List is now available at the back of the Church. Please ensure that you pick up your scheduled Ministry list and if you are unable to assist on the day that you are scheduled, please have someone to fill in for you.

### Mass of Chrism

**On Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.,** The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. The Archbishop will bless the oils to be used in all parishes for the year. The Mass of Chrism is a special celebration and all parishioners are invited to attend. Our Parish is looking for three volunteers to receive the Holy Oils from the Archbishop. **If you wish to volunteer you may talk to Fr. Jim (488-2525) or Rosanne Grant at (488-2190).**

**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 fulfils 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.



## *St. Michael's Parish*

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### **Third Sunday of Lent**

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

### **Water in the Desert**

#### **Exodus 17:3-7**

**“The people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses.”**

In the desert of our lives there are plenty of complaints. Bills are too high. Friends are too few. Health is too frail. Faith is too weak. In the desert of our lives there is plenty of blame. Our leaders are unconcerned. Children are too demanding. Society is sinful. Life is not fair. In the desert, the people of Israel grumble against Moses. They have too little water; and they are blaming Moses. Moses blames God, and asks for some divine intervention. God promises Moses, “I will stand in front of you on the rock.” Moses strikes that rock, and water gushes forth.

Life brings its share of struggle. We some times rebel against God even while we stand in the very place where God has invited us to be. We forget that God has given us life, has entered into covenant with us, and stands ever before us. So we complain. We may not realize that we are standing right at the water for which we thirst.

The discomforts of your life will not be hard to name. Have you brought some of them on yourself: Has God placed some of them in your path: Do you trust that God stands with you, water at the ready: From where will that water come?

**First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7**

**Give us water to drink.**

**Second Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8**

**God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**

**Gospel: John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39, 40-42**

**The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.**

**SANCTURAY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF SUSAN GORMAN**