

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b> <b>Sister Paula Penny; Frank Pendergast Sr. &amp; Jr.; Martin Cahill; Larry Dunn; Thomas W. Brazil; Michael &amp; Margaret Brazil; Mary Conway; Fred Watson, Patrick &amp; Minnie Doherty, McCarthy &amp; Monghan Families; Edward Hammond</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>March 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>For Parishioners Living and Deceased</b> <b>St. Michael's Parish</b>

<b>Monday</b> <b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dan, Vera, Colleen &amp; Colin Dwyer; Ed, Evelyn, Lar, Lisa and Melissa Hurley; Gordon Power; (Rescheduled March 13<sup>th</sup>; Dominic Slade; Blanch Taplin; Michael Fitzpatrick)</b>
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<b>Tuesday</b> <b>March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>(Rescheduled March 14<sup>th</sup>; Michael &amp; Margaret McLean; James Pendergast Sr.; Thomas Reardon; George Miehm; Chrism Mass Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b> <b>March 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Patrick Power; Pete &amp; Nell Power; William Fitzgerald</b>
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<b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00 p.m.</b>       <b>11:30 pm.</b>	<b>Rose Marie Murphy; Ann &amp; Hugh Nolan; Mike O'Reilly; Bridget Galway; Dominic Slade; Michael Fitzpatrick; Blanch Taplin; Michael &amp; Margaret McLean; James Pendergast Sr.; Thomas Reardon; George Miehm</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>
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<b>Good Friday</b> <b>March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>7.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Memorial of the Lord's Supper</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
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<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dave, Helen &amp; Regina Whalen; Marg Ash; Gertrude George; Horace Gendreau; Frankie Maddigan; Thomas &amp; Gerald Coombs; Marge Sweeney; Jack &amp; Veronica Andrews &amp; Rita McCarthy; Frank Pendergast Sr. &amp; Jr.; Judy &amp; Jim Whelan</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>For Parishioners Living and Deceased</b> <b>St. Michael's Parish</b>

**Collection for Week of March 8<sup>th</sup> & March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Offertory – 94 Envelopes-----	\$1,029.78
Dues – 4 Envelopes-----	75.00
Lenten Folder – 1 Adult-----	21.00
Development & Peace -17 Envelopes-----	180.00
Easter -1 Envelope-----	20.00
Donation in Memory of Pat Byrne-----	25.00
Donations for Easter Flowers -----	180.00

**Thank – You for Your Financial Support**

**St. Patrick's Weekend:** To all who helped coordinate and support our annual St. Patrick's Day celebrations; the businesses who sponsored ads in our concert booklet; the many participants of the concert; the organizers and supporters of the Stew Supper; card game supporters and their organizers ; to those who gave donations for the Stew Supper and to all others who are behind the scenes who do the great tasks with little recognition and to all the patrons of all the events;: **We Say Thank You.** Our events were a great success.

The following is a list of net proceeds for the weekend with booklet income to be updated.

<b>Stew Supper</b>	<b>\$784.50</b>
<b>Concert</b>	<b>493.24</b>
<b>Card Game</b>	<b>375.00</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Booklet (to date)</b>	<b><u>190.00</u></b>
<b>Total Proceed</b>	<b>\$1,842.74</b>

**Thank you once again to all the patrons**

**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.

**Annual Good Friday Pro-Life Vigi:** The Annual Good Friday Pro-Life Vigil will be held in the St. John's Health Science Centre parking lot on **March 21, 2008 from 9:30 – 10:30am.** This Easter let all children, born and pre-born, celebrate the joy of life. For information, call the Right to Life Association at **579-1500.**

**Mercy Associates:** The next meeting of the **Original Group** of Mercy Associates will take place on **Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sister's Residence.**

**Sympathy:** Our Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of the late Catherine Doyle. May the Lord comfort you in your grief and grant eternal peace to our beloved.

**Lenten Folders:** The Lenten Self- Denial folders are at the back of the church.

**Knights of Columbus Ticket Sweep:** Have you purchased a ticket to support our Annual Ticket Sweep? Have you helped sell a ticket to a family member or to a friend at work? Please join in the task and help the cause. Tickets cost \$40.00 each and we need the support of all members of the community as well as the Knights of Columbus. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available after Mass each week with tickets. Thank –you for your support.

**Ministries for Holy Triduum:** A complete list of those who participate in the many ministries for the Holy Triduum are listed on a special insert in this week’s bulletin. Please ensure that you are faithful to your ministry for the time you are scheduled.

**Good Friday Collection:** There will be a special collection on **March 21<sup>st</sup>** for the Holy Land in support of Future priests, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of the Holy Sites. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus. Thank you for your support.

**Easter Brunch With Archbishop Currie:** Come and meet Archbishop Currie during this Easter Break event! Open to youth in Jr. High and High School. Great event for Sr. Confirmation groups too. Youth are asked to invite your grandparents and treat them to a nice brunch! Door Prize! Event will be held at Knights of Columbus, St. Clare Ave. on **Tues., Mar. 25th at 10:00 a.m.** Cost \$5.00 per person. Reserved seating only. **Deadline Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** or Call Linda, Catholic Youth Office, **726-3660** to book your seats.

**Touch of Class Memorial Plates:** *Touch of Class* is selling Memorial Plates engraved with the name of a loved one. These plates are mounted on our beautiful MEMORY TREE (painted by artist Bill Whalen) in the *Touch of Class* foyer. **Plates are \$50.00 each.** Please contact **488-2999** to purchase or drop by to view.

**Paschal Fast:** The Paschal fast should be observed everywhere on **Good Friday** and continued, where possible, on Holy Saturday. This means no eating of meat and no eating between meals. Those **14** and over are bound to abstain from meat while those **18 to 59** years of age are bound by the laws of fasting. In this way the people of God will receive the joys of the Lord’s resurrection with uplifted and responsive hearts.

**St. Bonaventure’s College:** During Easter students and staff from St. Bon’s will be going on a pilgrimage to the Lourdes Shrine in France, 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. If anyone would like to offer their intentions at the Mass in Lourdes for the sick, the deceased or for any intention you have, please drop off your intention by **Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dates to Remember, 2008**

**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.**



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**Palm Sunday – Passion of the Lord  
March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**The Mystery of Suffering:**

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

**“I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.”**

The speaker of today’s first reading is a victim. He speaks, but people beat him, pull out the hairs of his beard, slap him, and spit on him. Why? He suffers all this because he has spoken God’s word. Every morning God speaks to him and enables him to speak to others. This word gets him into trouble.

But the speaker does not quit. Nor does he curse God who has given him pointed words. He remains firm, committed to the word God gives him, even in the face of resistance. Although Isaiah wrote about the difficulties faced by faithful Israel in the midst of enemies, Christians read through these lines and see the image of Jesus. He received God’s word, spoke it with eloquence, and suffered at the hands of his enemies.

Do your words ever get you into trouble? Does it happen even when you say the right thing? If so, you stand in a long line of those who suffer because they are servants of God.

As the image on the crucifix, the victim on the cross hangs in full view within our churches. Christians can face the agony of suffering as it befell Jesus and as it comes to us, because we know there is something more.

**Procession with Palms:**

**Gospel:** **Matthew 21.1-11**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**First Reading:** **(Isaiah 50:4-7)**

**I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.**

**The Lord helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced.**

**Second Reading:** **(Philippians 2.6-11)**

**Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.**

**Gospel:** **(Matthew 26.14 - 27.66)**

**The Passion of Jesus Christ, the Lord**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:                      SPECIAL INTENTION FOR EASTER**