Mass Intentions

Tuesday May 20th	**7:00 p.m.**	**Mary Delaney; Georgina Brophy; Robert Connors; Cyril Jackman; Donald Pomeroy**
Wednesday May 21st	**9:30 a. m.**	**David Beresford; Joan Hayes; Jessie Reid; Margaret Squires; Catherine Doyle**
Thursday May 22nd	**7:00 p.m.**	**Leonard Quinlan; Laura Murphy; Alice Jackman; Joseph Fitzpatrick; Wayne Bugden;**
Friday May 23rd	**9:00 a.m.**	**Peter Warren; Patrick Byrne; Louis Konrad; Frank Taylor; John Neary**
Saturday May 24th	**4:00 p.m.** **5:00 p.m.**	**Sacrament of Penance** **James & Maria Kelly; Gregory Gorman; Esther Burke; Elizabeth Gorman; William & Sarah Curnew; Ned, Herb, Louis Laurie & Mary Laurie Cole; Blanche Taplin; Peter Nolan; Catherine Bowdring; Margaret Cahill; Vincent & Patricia McGrath; Anastasia & Thomas Cole**
Sunday May 25th	**10:30 a.m.**	**For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish**

Collection for Week of May 10th & May 11th, 2008

Offertory – 107 Envelopes	$1,137.75
Papal Charities – 1Envelope	5.00
Dues – 3 Envelopes	15.00
Donation	20.00

Thank –You For Your Financial Support

Knight of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their regular monthly meeting **Friday, May 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at** St. Michael's Hall. Election of Officers for the coming year will take place at this meeting and **all members of the Knight's of Columbus** are asked to please attend.

Service of Remembrance

A service of Remembrance is being held for families who have experienced a loss stillbirth, neonatal death, miscarriage or other pregnancy losses. **Sunday, May 25, 2008 at 3:00 P**M at the Tear Drop Monument in the Salvation Army Cemetery on Blackmarsh Rd. For more information **call: 777- 6959.**

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday May 24th	**5:00 p.m.**	**Readers:**	**Cathy Tulk & Pat Craig**
		Eucharistic Ministers:	**Karen Seward; Brenda Sweeney; Cecilia Kent; Carol Clarke**
		Presentation of Gifts:	**Lydia Brazil Family**
		Ushers:	**Leo Byrne; Fred Carroll; George Hickey; Brian Tulk**
Sunday May 25th	**10:30 a.m.**	**Readers:**	**Sister Phyllis & Susan Boone**
		Eucharistic Ministers:	**Patricia King; Rosanne Grant; Pat Murphy; Shirley Murphy**
		Children's Liturgy:	**Diane Delaney**
		Presentation of Gifts:	**Sidney & Beverly Rees**
		Ushers:	**Ray Kennedy; Charlie O'Brien; Ray Whalen; Tom Cole**

Challenging Young Catholics! NET Ministries Youth/Family Retreats:

Jr. High Students Retreat, Tues. May 20-St. Bon's School; **Gr. 4-6 Students & Family Retreat, Wed. May 21-** St. Patrick's Parish Centre; **Sr. High Students Retreat**, **Thurs. May 22-**St. Peter's Parish Centre; **Gr. 4-6 Students & Family Retreat, Mon., May 26**, Sacred Heart Parish, Marystown. Each evening starts at 5:30 p.m. with a Pot Luck Supper. Family and friends are invited to bring a food dish and join in the supper. Retreat Session from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost: $10.00. To register, call Linda Maher, Catholic Youth Office **726-3660.**

Bereavement Seminar

Bereavement Seminar for people who have lost a loved one. This two-hour seminar will be presented by Dr. Rick Singleton, Director of Pastoral Care and Ethics with Eastern Health. The session is from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Monday, May 26. 2008 at the Health Science Centre in room 2J-619. For more information you can call 777-6959.

Student Jobs

St. Michael's Parish received a Student Grant which allows us to hire two students for the summer months for eight weeks. The students must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution on a full time basis in the coming academic year. The Parish is now accepting applications and they must be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office as the Student Jobs will begin June 23, 2008.

Cemetery Cleanup

It is time to start the annual cemetery clean up before the busy summer when many tourists and family members will visit our community. Therefore, we need the help of all parishioners to support the clean up of our cemetery. Please start early and remove the debris especially old fences and concrete that have deteriorated during the past year. Let us be respectful and reverent for all our beloved dead and care for their resting places with love.

Annual Archbishop's Appeal

You have received the financial statement of the Archdiocese of St. John's and a letter from the Archbishop. Please do you best to return your envelope on May 25th and June1st.

Dates to Remember, 2008

July 19th, 2008 Annual Dinner Theatre at St. Michael's Hall

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.**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!!!!

Last week the Spiritual, Material and Financial Report for St. Michael's Parish was made available for you. The Report in Summary is this:

1. We are receiving $1,000.00 per week in the Collection Basket.
2. This is a little over half that we need to keep all expenses paid.
3. As of April 30, 2008 we were operating $4,513.13 in the hole.
4. Some Parishioners are placing the same amount in their envelopes as our Grandparents were twenty years ago. Mary parishioners are not taking or sending back envelopes.
5. We have Emergency Repairs on a leaking Vestry Roof.
6. The New Cemetery needs rows of grave plots to be prepared and serviced by a new road extension.
7. The usual Summer maintenance has to continue at the usual costs.
8. Vandalism Repairs at the Lance Cove Cemetery will be done.
9. We need new people for the Parish Council.
10. We need new members for the Parish Finance Committee.
11. We need eight people for the Bereavement Team.
12. We need new people for Ushers and Collectors.
13. We need new people to help us lead the Religion Program.
14. We need new people for Sacramental Preparation Teams.
15. What more can you do for your parish by using your God-given time, talent and treasure?

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**.

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TRINITY SUNDAY
May 18h, 2008

The Image of God

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

"A God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

Your image of God may change throughout your life. You may for a time think of God as a mighty king to be feared, as gentle Jesus loving you, as an infant who bestows blessings, as a wise father guiding you, or as a tender mother who gathers her children to herself.

God is mysterious. God is all these images and yet beyond our ability to imagine or name. Some people become angry with God when tragedy strikes their lives. They cannot reconcile their image of God with the reality of the world around them. For some it is easier to be angry than to enter the mystery of salvation more deeply, even in their confusion and pain. The friendship between God and Moses is famous. When Moses asked for the divine name, God obliged. That name is so sacred that we usually say "the Lord" instead of speaking God's own name. God's self-description, given to Moses, includes descriptors like merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and rich in kindness and fidelity.

The full revelation of God came through the sending of the Son and the Spirit. Together these three persons unite for creation, redemption, and sanctification. As a Holy Trinity, God's image is made known.

First Reading: Exodus 34.4b-6, 8-9

The Lord, a God merciful and gracious.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel: John 3.16-18

God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN THANKSGIVING