

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>Jan. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b> <b>Mary Dorothy Badcock; Wayne Bugden; Patrick, Gen &amp; George Young; John Neary; Fred Stadler; Muriel Ryan; Frank Taylor; Herb Laurie; Alice Jackman; Blanche Taplin; James Pendergast Sr.</b>
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<b>Sunday</b> <b>Jan. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>For Parishioners Living and Deceased</b> <b>St. Michael's Parish</b>
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**Collection for Week of Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Offertory – 102 Envelopes-----	\$1,069.50
Dues – 1 Envelopes-----	40.00
Initial – 4 Envelopes-----	20.00
Children's Advent Folder-----	12.00
New Year's Offering – 4 Envelopes-----	49.00
Christmas – 1 Envelope-----	10.00
Donation in Memory of James Pendergast Sr.-----	25.00

**Thank - You for Your Financial Support**

**Liturgical Ministers**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>Jan. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Rosemary O'Keefe &amp; Ashley Curnew</b>
		<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Jody Whelan; Fred Carroll; Mary Power; Sister Phyllis</b>
		<b>Presentation of Gifts:</b>	<b>Shirley Murphy &amp; Carol Clarke</b>
		<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Leo Byrne; Fred Carroll; George Hickey; Brian Tulk</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Jan. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Valerie Gorman &amp; Sharon Hammond</b>
		<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Rosanne Grant; John Kent; Shirley Murphy; Pat Murphy</b>
		<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	<b>Ros Hurley</b>
		<b>Presentation of Gifts:</b>	<b>Bev &amp; Sidney Rees</b>
		<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; Sidney Rees; Ray Whalen</b>

**Church Envelopes**

Why not use Church Envelopes for your weekly collection for **2008**? **Every dollar you contribute is counted and is tax deductible at the end of the year.** Why not call the Parish office to request a box of envelopes or leave your name and phone number and we will have them ready for you upon your request. We thank you for your continued support.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**

There will be a Knights of Columbus Meeting on **Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Michael's Hall. **All members are asked to please attend.**

**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.**

**Mercy Associates**

A Weekend Conference for Mercy Associates will be held at Littledale on the weekend of **April 25<sup>th</sup>, (Friday Evening) and Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.** Sister Nancy Whitley, a Mercy Sister from the United States, and a Lay Associate from her Mercy Community will be Guest Speakers. All Mercy Associates from Newfoundland and Labrador are invited to attend. Further details will be announced later.

\*\*\*\*\*The next meeting for the **Original Group** of Mercy Associates will take place on **Wednesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Sister's Residence.

**Development and Peace Share Lent Workshop**

The **Brother Jim McSheffrey Diocesan Council** of St. John's will hold its annual Development and Peace Share Lent workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Saturday, January 26, 2008,** at The Lantern, Barnes Road, St. John's. Parish contacts and other interested persons are cordially invited to attend. A light lunch will be provided. Come and bring a friend. For more information, call Pat Kennedy at 747-0608. For more information about the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, please visit our website at [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

**Sunday Best**

The Basilica Library Museum is currently planning an exhibit tentatively titled "Sunday Best" that will showcase clothing and personal items relating to the celebration of the sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage. We are in particular interested in pre Vatican 11 (before 1965) items.

If you have items such as christening gowns, marriage dresses, veils, confirmation badges and arm bands, baptismal candles and other items related to the celebration of these sacraments that you would be interested in displaying in the exhibit by loan or donation, please contact the Basilica Museum, St. John's @709-726-3660 or by contacting [ldohey@nf.aibn.com](mailto:ldohey@nf.aibn.com)

### Family Life Bureau

1. Separation and Divorce: 8 wks –Focus on rebuilding and personal growth.  
Facilitator: Pauline Lake, MSW, Begins **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 -9:30 p.m.**
2. Boundaries: 7 wks – A video series to help you learn about a simple concept that can change your life – **Begins Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Facilitator: Anna Powell, M.Ed., CCC. To register call Sr. Loretta Walsh at **579-0168.**

### 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**  
**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.**

### Countdown for Lent

Ash Wednesday is coming! **Lent begins on February 6.** Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer. The ashes that will be used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches blessed and distributed last Passion Sunday. You are invited to bring the branches taken home last year to the church, so that they may be burned and used in the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

### Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated from Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The 2008 celebration marks one hundred years of organized prayer for Christian unity. The universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, endorsed by the Vatican and the World Council of Churches, has its roots in the pioneering efforts of the Rev. Paul Wattson, SA who established the Church of unity Octave in January 1908 at Graymoor, Garrison New York. The same prayer movement was latter (1935) influenced by important contribution from the Rev. Abbe Paul Couturier of Lyons, France. This centenary year is an opportune time to renew and rededicate our efforts to gather for ecumenical prayer, leading to the fulfillment of Christ's prayer, "that all may be one".

### Sympathy

Our Parish family extends sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the late James Pendergast Sr. and Blance Taplin. 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.

### Al-Anon and Alateen

Are you or a family member bothered by someone else's drinking? If so, maybe Al-Anon and Alateen family groups can help. For further information please call **722- 2666.**



## *St. Michael's Parish*

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### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

### **Reflection:**

Today there is a subtle seasonal shift. After hearing the readings one can still easily envision the Christmas season. And yet, all week long we have been hearing readings that point toward the beginning of Jesus' ministry on earth. The readings fit this as well. Thus, we can look upon today as a transitional Sunday-one that pushes headlong into the new season, but with a film or a residue of the previous season of Christmas.

**The Gospel** continues the theme evident in the readings of the Christmas season: the Epiphany of Christ as the visible vehicle of the invisible God. This is important during this seasonal transition-it provides continuity between the Christmas season and that of Ordinary Time. Today, we hear the account of John the Baptist, identifying Christ as the Lamb of God-another Epiphany-a revelation by John-as to the sort of Messiah Christ will be.

**The First Reading** from Isaiah is taken from the song of the suffering servant (the Lamb of God). It emphasizes God's plan for the servant to be a light that reveals the Lord's salvation.

**The Second Reading** begins the semi continuous proclamation of the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. This reading will be used each Sunday until Lent begins. Today, Paul greets the Church in Corinth and establishes himself as an apostle appointed by God.

### **First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

**I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Gospel: John 1:29-34**

**Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

**IN MEMORY OF ESTHER BURKE**