

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Feb. 2nd	5:00 p.m.	Pete & Nell Power; John & Margaret Murphy & Dec. Families; Vince, Mae & Janet Murphy; Dan, Vera, Colleen Colin Dwyer; Dec. Members of Eveleigh, Hammond & Stone Families & Herb Laurie; Blanche Taplin; Bride & Charlie Power

Sunday	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased
Feb. 3rd		St. Michael's Parish

Collection for Week of Jan. 26th & Jan. 27th, 2008

Offertory – 112 Envelopes-----	\$1,063.80
Advent Folder-----	6.20
Dues – 1 Envelope-----	3.00
New Year's – 1 Envelope-----	10.00
Initial – 3 Envelopes-----	13.00
Donation in Memory of Blanche Taplin-----	25.00
Donation in Memory of Aiden & Madonna Power-----	100.00
Furnace Renovation Fund-----	200.00

Thank - You for Your Financial Support

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Readers:	Christine Tulk & Jasmine Brazil
Feb. 2nd		Eucharistic Ministers:	Karen Seward; Brenda Sweeney; Cecilia Kent; Carol Clarke
		Presentation of Gifts:	Irene & Kevin Delahunty
		Ushers:	Bill Hammond; George Hickey; George Jackman; Keith Pitts
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	Sidney Rees & Rosanne Grant
Feb. 3rd		Eucharistic Ministers:	Riv Fitzgerald; Teresita McCarthy; Des McCarthy; Keith Kent
		Children's Liturgy:	Patricia King
		Presentation of Gifts:	Susan Boone Family
		Ushers:	Ray Kennedy; Alex Newell; Charlie O'Brien; Ray Whalen

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF REGINA WHALEN & MARG ASH

New Life in Our Parish

Our Parish welcomes into the Christian Community, **Sara Ann Tulk** who was baptized during the month of January, 2008. You have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. May you always grow as a child of the Light.

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.** Call the Parish office to request your 2008 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.

... Did You Know? ...

That if you attend weekend Mass at a church other than your own Parish and use your Parish envelope for your weekly offering, that offering will be returned to your own Parish.

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**.

Al-Anon and Alateen

“Are you or a family member affected by someone else's drinking? If so, you might like to attend our 25th Al-Anon Convention (with AA participation) on February 8th & 9th at Holiday Inn, St. John's. For further information please call our Office at 722-2666.

49th International Eucharistic Congress Collection

On the weekend of **February 2-3, 2008** our Parish will taking up a collection for the International Eucharistic Congress, taking place in Quebec City June 15-22, 2008. The theme “The Eucharist, gift of God for the life of the world” is expected to draw pilgrims from all over the world. We are all encouraged to pray for the success of the Congress, and to deepen our sense of the importance of the Eucharist in our life of faith. **Please give your support. Envelopes are available at all entrances of the Church.**

Family Life Bureau

“Counseling Services”- individual, couple, and family counseling is available at the Family Life Bureau. One call to 579-0168 brings help.”

Dates to Remember, 2008

Please schedule the following events into your calendar :

March 8th St. Patrick's Day Stew Supper & Pub Night

March 9th St. Patrick's Day Concert

March 10th St. Patrick's Day Card Game

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.



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Countdown for Lent

Ash Wednesday is coming! Lent begins on February 6. Lent is a time of penance and repentance, almsgiving and prayer for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. 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 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 later (1935) influenced by important contributions 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".

Valentine's Eve Candle Light Dinner Concert

Beacon Point will be hosting a **Hot Turkey Dinner & Show at St. Michael's Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 13th, 2008.** Show starts at 7:30 and tickets are \$20.00 Single. These tickets are on sale at Marilyn's Personal Touch Unisex; Black & White Lounge; or by calling Terry/Kelly at 488-2866; Billy/Marilee 488-3486 or Joan Whelan at 488-2182. Recording Artist Country group of the year nominees 2007 with special guest: Terry Skehans & Clayton Kennedy. Door Prizes to be won.

Events in Our Parish

Monday and Wednesday nights at St. Michael's Hall-----**Card Game at 8:30 p.m.**

Reflection: Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jan. 27th, 2008

REFLECTION:

In these last two weeks before the beginning Lent, Matthew will establish the heart of Jesus' mission and will describe, in no uncertain terms, the demands for discipleship.

Matthew quotes Isaiah as he refers to Jesus' mission as bringing light to those who wait in darkness. This mission begins with Jesus preaching that the kingdom of God is at hand.

In the First Reading from Isaiah God redeems Israel after being attacked by Assyria.

Coupled with the Gospel reading from the evangelist Matthew, it foreshadows God's redemption in Christ.

The Second Reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians includes a plea for unity within the Church of Corinth. Fractions had broken out in the community, and Paul reminds them of the unity they in fact share through their Baptism in Christ.

First Reading: Isaiah 9.1-14

In Galilee of the nations, the people have seen a great light.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 10-13, 17-18

I appeal to you that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you.

Gospel: Matthew 4. 12-23

Jesus made his home in Capernaum so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.

Visitation of the Sick & Shut Ins

Sister Phyllis Corbett will be visiting the Sick and Shut Ins of our Parish on **Friday, February 1st, 2008.** Please prepare for Sister's visit and if you are not going to be home, please call the office to let us know. This will give Sister Phyllis extra time to spend with the Sick and Shut Ins. If you know of anyone who is Sick or Shut In and would like to have Sister Phyllis visit, please call the office at 488-2525.