

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Jan. 5th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Bill & Dawn Cahill & Loretta Quirke Dwyer; James Quinlan; Maud & Henry McCarthy; Enas Bickford; Gary R. Murphy; Michael & Margaret McLean; Pete & Nell Power; Vince, Mae & Janet Murphy; Susan Gorman; Joseph Fitzpatrick
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Saturday Jan. 12th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Joseph Fitzpatrick; Susan Gorman; Arthur & Gwen Grant; Dan, Vera & Colleen Dwyer; Cyril Jackman; Kenneth Lahey; Philip Delaney; Mary Conway; Don McGrath; Ed Byrne
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Sunday Jan. 13th	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish
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Collection for Week of Dec. 22nd – Dec. 25th, 2007

Offertory – 125 Envelopes-----	\$1,407.68
Christmas – 120 Envelopes-----	3,379.50
Dues – 9 Envelopes-----	111.00
Advent – 11 Children's Folders-----	37.00
Advent – 26 Adult Folders-----	430.00
Heating – 1 Envelope-----	5.00
Renovation to Furnace Fund – 4 Envelopes-----	730.00
Donation in Memory of Susan Gorman-----	50.00
Donation in Memory of Lloyd & John Pitts-----	25.00
Christmas Flowers In Memory of Janet, Mae & Vincent Murphy; Glen Newell-----	45.00

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Collection for Week of Dec. 29th, 2007 & Jan. 1st, 2008

Offertory – 85 Envelopes-----	\$1,025.60
Christmas – 3 Envelopes-----	20.00
Dues – 31 Envelopes-----	3,268.00
Initial – 28 Envelopes-----	195.00
New Years – 68 Envelopes-----	1,042.50
Advent – 4 Folders-----	57.15
Flowers in Memory of Judy & Jim Whelan-----	10.00

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Jan. 12th	5:00 p.m.	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:	Ros Hurley & Colin Taylor Rosemary O'Keefe; Tom Spracklin; Betty Quigley; Tasha Brazil
		Presentation of Gifts: Ushers:	George Jackman & Mary Power Leo Byrne; Fred Carroll; George Hickey; Brian Tulk
Sunday Jan.13th	10:30 a.m.	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:	Jean Williams & Patricia King Geraldine Fitzgerald; Bev Rees; Christine Quinlan; Joey Somerton
		Children's Liturgy: Presentation of Gifts: Ushers:	Karen Seward Val Gorman Family Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; Sidney Rees; Ray Whalen

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 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mercy Associates for the **New Group** will take place at the Sister's Residence on **Thursday, January 10th, at 7:00 p.m.**

... 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.

Sympathy

Our Parish family extends sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of the late Susan Gorman; Ed Byrne and Joseph Fitzpatrick. 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.

Thank You

To all who prepared for and ministered for all our Christmas Celebrations.
To all those who donated flowers or monetary gifts to help decorate our Parish.
To those who donated food, to help provide Christmas Dinner for the less fortunate in our community.
To all the volunteers who work so hard for our Parish.
To our Parish family for your participation and also for including me in your prayers and with your gifts.
To Fr. Fred Brown; Fr. Francis Roche and Fr. Edward Purcell for your Ministry help.

God Bless You All
Father Jim

New Life in Our Parish

Our Parish welcomes into the Christian Community, Amber-Lee Jean Cahill; Georgia Ann Fowler and Connor Wayne Cyril Yetman who were baptized during the month of December, 2007. You have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. May you always grow as a child of the Light. Congratulations to the parents, may you be faithful to the promise you made in bringing your child up in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

The new Saint Joseph Sunday Missal for 2008 are now available for a cost of \$4.00. If you wish to purchase a Missal, please drop by the Religious Article room or at the Sacristy.

Church Envelopes

If you have not yet picked up your 2008 Church envelopes, they are available at the back of the Church. **For those who do use Church envelopes and would like to do so**, you may contact the Parish office and request them. All receipts are tax deductible. We thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees – January 13th

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees has been promoted by many Episcopal Conferences in the world in communion with the one promoted by the UNO on June 20. “If the dream of a peaceful world is shared by all, if the refugees and migrants’ contribution is properly evaluated, then humanity can become more and more of the universal family and our earth a true common home.” – Pope John Paul 11, 2004 message.

Events in Our Parish

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

Quote: “Ask Jesus for the grace to know Him, for the love to love Him and for the courage to serve Him.” Mother Theresa



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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Jan. 6th, 2008

Today is the traditional day of Epiphany –the “Twelfth Day of Christmas.”

On this day we mark the apex, as it were, of the Christmas season. The season has been moving steadily toward this moment of great revelation and Epiphany. Today we acknowledge and celebrate that the child born in a lowly manger in the darkness of night is revealed as the manifestation of God (the literal meaning of Epiphany). Throughout the liturgies of the season, Christ has been revealed in many ways: as Lord; King; the one in whom God is present and acts. All manifestations of God are “lights” that shine through Christ, illuminating and revealing a deeper understanding of his identity.

The First Reading from Isaiah proclaims that our light has come – it shines upon us a beacon for all nations. **Saint Paul’s letter** to the Ephesians speaks of Christ fathering all as one body to share in the same promise and inheritance of God.

The Gospel according to Matthew recounts the wonderful story of the Magi, who recognize this newborn King and come to worship him. The symbolism cannot be missed: the whole world (represented by the Magi from far-off lands) is called to recognize Christ and honor him as Savior. Remember, the Magi were Gentiles (non Jews) – and yet they are the first to recognize and honor Christ. This illustrates that the manifestation of God through Christ reaches to the ends of the earth.

First Reading: Isaiah 60. 1-6

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Now the mystery has been revealed:

now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12

We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF HEDLEY & ISABELLA BURSEY & FAMILY

BULLETIN: IN MEMORY OF THOMAS & JOSEPH TREMBLETT & FAMILY