

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday June 24th	7:00 p.m.	Margaret Squires; Catherine Doyle; Mary Ann Lewis
Wednesday June 25th	9:30 a.m.	Susan Gorman; Margaret Ash; Thomas Reardon
Thursday June 26th	7:00 p.m.	Brendon Pearle; Mary Delaney; Georgina Brophy
Friday June 27th	9:00 a.m.	William Dyke; Francis Coady; Brendon Pearl (Rescheduled from June 13th)
Saturday June 28th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Charles Bown Sr. & Jr.; Luke Roberts; John Jackman; Laura Murphy; Marjorie Sweeney; Irene McCarthy; Rita McCarthy; Catherine McCarthy
Sunday June 29th	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday June 28th	5:00 p.m.	Readers:	Jasmine Brazil & Christine Tulk
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Karen Seward; Brenda Sweeney; Cecilia Kent; Carol Clarke
		Presentation of Gifts:	Betty & Kevin Quigley
		Ushers:	George Hickey; George Jackman; Keith Pitts
Sunday June 29th	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	Patricia King & Jean Williams
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Riv. Fitzgerald; Teresita McCarthy; Des McCarthy; Keith Kent
		Presentation of Gifts:	Valerie Gorman Family
		Ushers:	Ray Kennedy; Charlie O'Brien; Ray Whalen

Donation in Memory of Charles Bown Sr. & Jr. from East End Boys----- \$50.00

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.**

Happy 44th Anniversary Fr. Jim

Our Parish family would like to wish **Fr. Jim a Happy 44th Anniversary on his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 21st**. May God give you health and peace as you carry out His Mission. You are invited to attend a social downstairs in the hall **after Mass on June 21st** as we celebrate with Fr. Jim on his Anniversary.

Dates to Remember, 2008

July 19th, 2008	Annual Dinner Theatre at St. Michael's Hall
	<u>Cemetery Mass Schedule – 2008</u>
****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.

*******Tuesday, June 24th, ---- Birth of St. John The Baptist.**

Annual Dinner Theatre & Dance

St. Michael's Parish presents "In The Fairies" at their Annual Dinner Theatre to be held on **Saturday, July 19**. Join us for an evening of songs, skits, stories and a delicious meal of Hot Roast Beef or Hot turkey for a cost of **\$25.00 single**. A dance will follow - kick up your heels and you're sure to keep the fairies away! For tickets contact **Rosanne Grant at 488-2190 or Christine Quinlan at 488-3342 or Ursula Lahey at 488-3015 or the Parish Office at 488-2525**.

Cemetery Cleanup

The time to start the annual cemetery clean up is now 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 from the cemetery or put it in the location where the main garbage site is identified (which is at the bottom of the road in the cemetery). Thank –You.** Let us be respectful and reverent for all our beloved dead and care for their resting places with love.

Welcome

Our Parish extends a warm welcome to all those who are visiting the Island and have returned home for their summer holidays. We trust you will enjoy the company of family and friends. For those who are visiting our Parish and wish to make a contribution to our weekly collection, you may use the Donation Envelope which is located on the table at the entrances of our Church. All contributions over \$5.00 will be acknowledged and a receipt will be forwarded to you for tax purposes. We thank you for celebrating Eucharist with us.

Summer Vacation

It is the time of year when teachers, students and support staff take a break from the school and enjoy a well deserved holiday. We wish all members of our school communities an enjoyable summer holiday and please keep safe.

Prayer for Our Parish

O God, you have made us the Church of your Son. Make our Parish a family of one heart and one mind in love towards you. Grant that our common life and witness may be an example to all about us. Guide our pastor and his assistants in their ministry. Listen to the prayers of St. Michael, our patron, and keep us secure in your love. Teach us to reach out to other parishes less fortunate. Give us a great love for all the Church, for our Holy Father, for our Bishop, and all those who serve. Help us to be a haven of joy and peace within the human family. Bring us all together to life eternal. Amen

Steubenville Atlantic 2008 'Witness' Youth Conference:

At this fantastic event, drama, music, worship and great presenters challenge youth to explore and discover what it takes to be a WITNESS for the Lord. A superb weekend of adventure, fun, and an energizing faith experience. Open to youth in Grade 9 and older. Conference held at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish – August 1-3, 2008. Transportation will be by bus and Argentia ferry. Brochures & posters at your parish now! Early registration: \$300.00 by July 4th. Late registration: \$350.00 by July 25th. For more info, contact Linda Maher, Catholic Youth Office 726-3660. Visit the web site: WITNESS2008.CA.

St. Patrick's Mercy Home

St. Patrick's Mercy Home is celebrating 50 years of care and service to the elderly of the province by hosting a Dinner Theatre in support of its residents. Join us with your family, visitors, and friends, on **Wednesday, July 9** at the Masonic Temple, 6 Cathedral Street for Spirit of Newfoundland's *The Big R's Radio Show*. Tickets: \$65 (tax-in). **Call Jim at 726-2687- ext. 229, for tickets or information.**

Hall Rental

Our Parish hall is available for rent and we encourage parishioners to support our Parish. Please maintain your building and support our efforts. For further update on the cost to rent the hall, please call the Parish office at 488-2525; Rosanne Grant at 488-2190 or visit our Parish Webpage www.bellisland.net/rcparish

Church Parking Lot

We have designated two parking spaces for the Physically challenged near the main entrance of the Church. It is kindly appreciated that these two spaces be respected and used only by those who cannot use the stairs leading to the upper parking lot. We ask that the Fire Lane be free from all traffic especially in the event that we require emergency services such as the fire truck or the ambulance. **Please do not park in the fire lane.**

Quote from Mother Teresa: In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.



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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 22nd, 2008**

REFLECTION:

An Everlasting Friendship: Jeremiah 20:10-13

“Praise the Lord, for he has delivered the life of the needy.”

A broken friendship causes deep pain. Close companionship brings joy to life. With a special few friends we share our inmost thoughts. Deep conversations strengthen the bond of love. But when friendship ends, when trust is broken, when shared experiences lie shattered, the pain is immense.

Jeremiah the prophet endured this awful experience. He knew the fear and loneliness of betrayal. His friends did more than break their relationship, they became Jeremiah's aggressive enemies. They looked for opportunities to denounce him. They sought vengeance against him. They whispered in conspiracy together against him.

The prophet overheard the plots, and terror seized his life.

Jeremiah somehow kept his trust in God. He believed that God would overcome these enemies. In desperation, he hoped that the misfortune they wished on him would befall them instead. Jeremiah believed in God's record. In the past, God had rescued the poor from the wicked. He knew that God would now do the same for him.

Human beings fail. Our best efforts may fall short. Our ability to make and sustain friendships may falter. But God's love will never cease. It will provide a sure foundation when the protective walls of friendship crack.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7, 10 -13

The Lord has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-15

The free gift is not like the trespass

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

Do not fear those who kill the body.

