

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Aug. 18	7:00 p.m.	Helen Dwyer; Mary Lahey; Blair Dalton; Vincent & Marion Sweeney
Thursday, Aug. 20	7:00 p.m.	Elsie Maddigan; Stephen Power; Gerald Ford
Friday, Aug. 21	9:00 a.m.	John & Ellen & Deceased; Pauline Peckham; Bride Fitzgerald
Saturday, Aug. 22	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
Saturday, Aug. 22	5:00 p.m.	Dora Dunn; Edward Hammond; Fred Watson, Doherty & McCarthy Families; Dora Dunn; Billy Dohey; Granville O'Brien & Moll Jackman; Matthew George
Sunday, Aug. 23	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

WITH PRAYERFUL THANKS: To the whole Archdiocese for their support and affirmation on the occasion of my Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ held on June 24th at the Basilica. Special thanks to Archbishop Currie for accepting me as a candidate for the priesthood and for presiding my ordination and for supporting me along my journey of discernment. I extend thanks to all the priests of the Archdiocese for warmly welcoming me into the Presbyterate. I would like to thank all those who contributed to making my ordination celebration a holy and saintly experience. In addition, I would like to thank Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish for hosting my Mass of Thanksgiving. Once again, for all the generosity, whether it is monetary or other, thank you, thank you, thank you. God bless - - - Father Philip Melvin.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

AUGUST 9, 2009

Offertory (110 Envelopes)	\$1,335.42
Dues (2 Envelopes)	10.00
Repairs & Maintenance (1 Envelope).....	10.00
Cemetery – Lance Cove.....	383.08

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, AUG. 22 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, AUG. 23 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Des McCarthy Teresita McCarthy	Patricia King Sharon Hammond
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Pat Craig Jody Whelan Cecilia Kent Pat Murphy	Sister Phyllis Connie Cole Sarah Burt Rosanne Grant
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Mary Power & George Jackman	Valerie Gorman Family
USHERS:	Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey	Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY: If you will be attending Memorial University this year, come visit your Roman Catholic Chaplains – Noreen Yetman and Anne Walsh in the Chaplaincy Office at the Student Counseling Centre. We offer: Opportunities to grow in and explore your faith; Retreats and Discussion Groups; Participation in a community of faith on campus; Opportunities for service and other events, programs and opportunities. Drop in and talk with us! Look for our posters around the campus!

175TH ANNIVERSARY: This year marks the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the first four Presentation Sisters in Newfoundland. We invite parishioners throughout the Diocese, former students, our families, employees, former members and friends to join with us as we celebrate in gratitude for their generosity and commitment. We conclude this Jubilee Year with a Diocesan Celebration on **Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 pm** in the **Basilica of St. John the Baptist**. Mass will be presided by Archbishop Martin Currie followed by a reception for all in the Lantern on Barnes Road.

CALL TO SERVICE: “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you have no life in you” Are you being chosen to give life to His people as a priest, or in the consecrated life? Contact the vocations office: stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

HOLY SHOW CONCERT – AUGUST 25, 2009 – 7 P.M. We are delighted and privileged to have the “Holy Show” come to our community. Performers are 14 priests from our Archdiocese with Archbishop Martin Currie as Emcee. This show has received rave reviews and has been sold out wherever they have performed. For only \$20, it will be money well spent! It is a one-time opportunity for our community. Come and join us for a fun-filled evening of entertainment. **Reserved seating is available.** For tickets contact: Ros Hurley at 488-3809 and Ursula Lahey at 488-3015.

GRAVEYARD REGULATIONS: St. Michael’s Parishioners are reminded that in our R.C. graveyards, **no stone of any kind is permitted** on the gravesites. Any stone or rock that has already been put on the graves **must be removed** by the families concerned. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated. We congratulate and thank the graveyard workers and all community members for the fantastic job they have done in helping to keep our gravesites in such wonderful condition.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: The Knights of Columbus of NL wishes to advise all recent high school graduates of scholarships that are available for students from the Knights of Columbus. There are five K of C State Scholarships at a value of \$1,000 each. There are also four K of C Jubilee Scholarships at a value of \$500 each.

The Knights of Columbus State Scholarships are open to children of members and deceased members of the Knights of Columbus in Newfoundland and Labrador. The member must be in good standing. The deceased member must have been in good standing at the time of his death. The K of C Jubilee Scholarships are open to all students who recently graduated from the Newfoundland and Labrador Senior High School Program. Regulations and applications for these scholarships are available online at www.envision.ca/webs/kofcnl.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN’S DOUBLE HOME LOTTERY: **Deadline for Tickets is August 21, 2009.** Time is rapidly running out. **\$100.00 per ticket. Two** draws—**Two Grand Prize Homes (\$1 million value).** Each ticket is eligible for **BOTH** draws. Telephone: (709) 738-3253 or Toll Free: 1-866-995-3253 or on the Web at www.doublehomelottery.com. Look for the coloured brochure at the back of the Church. Tickets are also available at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center – Basilica Museum Entrance, 7 Days a week. **DEADLINE AUGUST 30, 2009.**



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

God’s wisdom is personified as a wealthy woman, who has built a grand house and spread a magnificent feast inside. She sends out her “maidens” to invite the people in, and she herself goes to the heights and calls out to the whole city. She calls those who are “simple” to come and taste her food and drink her wine. To share in this banquet is to “advance in the way of understanding”.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

Understand what the will of the Lord is.

The Ephesians are warned not to rest on their laurels – they have faith, but they need to live that faith worthily. They must continually “try to understand what the will of the Lord”. They are to pass their days not in drunkenness, but in joyful gatherings in which they sing of God’s goodness. In community, they will find what they need to nourish their faith and make it grow.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

Jesus does not back down. Instead, he insistently repeats the words flesh and blood, eating and drinking leads to spiritual results. The one who eats this bread has “life”, then “eternal life”. They will share in the resurrection on the “last day”. Like wisdom in the first reading today, Jesus issues an invitation to a banquet. We are free to accept or refuse.