

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 2	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Jan. 2	5:00 pm	James Quinlan & Deceased Family; Henry & Maude McCarthy; Eneas Bickford; David & Helen Whalen & Deceased Family; Emma Noseworthy & Bobby Power; Patrick Hammond; Edward Dwyer (Finny)
Sunday, Jan. 3	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 25, 2009: "He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, contact the vocations office: Fr. Courtney 726-3660, stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: In lieu of Father Beresford's time away, Father Morrissey will be performing New Year's mass, as well as the Saturday, January 2nd and Sunday, January 3rd mass.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS: Christmas and its octave centre on the great truth of the Incarnation: God loves us and sent his Son to be one of us that we might believe and love and have eternal life. The eternal Son of God, our brother, crucified, risen, seated at the right hand of the Father, sending his Spirit to us, and loving among us – this is the Lord we celebrate at Christmas.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
DECEMBER 20TH, 2009**

Offertory (91 Envelopes)	\$1672.50
Advent (5 Folders).....	\$120.00
Advent Children (1 Folder).....	\$2.00
Christmas (3 Envelopes).....	\$85.00
In memory of Michael, Margaret & Jack McLean	\$50.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	CHRISTMAS EVE 8:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS EVE 11:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Colin Taylor Amanda Curnew	Christine Quinlan Sister Phyllis	Geraldine Fitzgerald Rosanne Grant
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Tom Spracklin Rosemary O'Keefe	Des McCarthy Brenda Sweeney	Sister Phyllis Patricia King
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Diana Durdle Family	Mary Power George Jackman	Valerie Gorman Family
USHERS:	Leo Byrne Brian Tulk Chris Murphy Fred Carroll	Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien	Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey

	NEW YEAR'S EVE THURS., DEC 31ST, 5.00 P.M.	NEW YEAR'S DAY FRI., JAN.1ST, 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Rosemary O'Keefe Jasmine Brazil	Valerie Gorman Sharon Hammond
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Art Whelan Fred Carroll	Connie Cole Riv Fitzgerald
PRES. OF GIFTS:	Irene & Kevin Delahunty	Diana Durdle Family
USHERS:	George Jackman Keith Pitts Pat Murphy George Hickey	Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen

	SATURDAY, JAN. 2 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JAN.3 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Christine Tulk Pat Craig	Patricia King Geraldine Fitzgerald
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Jasmine Brazil Karen Seward	John Kent Rosanne Grant
PRES. OF GIFTS:	Lisa & Linda Fitzgerald	Valerie Gorman Family
USHERS:	Leo Byrne Brian Tulk Chris Murphy Fred Carroll	Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:		Diane Delaney

CABOT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Now accepting applications from interested partner families for a four-home build to take place in Pleasantville in 2010. If your family meets the financial requirements, is willing to contribute 500 hours of sweat equity, has the ability to pay an interest-free mortgage, does not currently own or have previously owned a home, and have a need, you are invited to submit the enclosed application to Cabot Habitat for Humanity by February 12, 2009. Eligibility criteria and applications available at www.cabothabitat.ca or by calling 737-5743.

“TREE OF JOY” ~ ST. PATRICK’S MERCY HOME AUXILIARY: Invites you to celebrate a resident, friend or loved one by having their names Hand-painted on a Christmas Ornament to be placed on the Christmas Tree of Joy~ For details, see the Receptionist, or tel: 726-2687 or obtain an Order Form at the Reception Area on the Ground Floor at St. Patrick’s Mercy Home.

EPIC: A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY: Join us Monday, Jan. 4th at 8pm (after 7:30 Mass) in the Library at St. Pius X Church, for Part II of this DVD series on the 2000-year history of the Catholic Church. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver highly recommends this multi-media series, saying it "fills an urgent need for adult Catholics to recover their history as a believing community, debunk false criticisms of the Church, and understand the Christian underpinnings of the modern world." Each weekly session lasts approximately one hour. Presenter: Eric Alcock.

BEREAVEMENT TEAMS: Our bereavement teams are vital to our Parish. They help families at one of their most difficult times to become involved in planning the liturgies for their loved ones. There is a need to increase the number of teams in our Parish. Please give some serious consideration and call the Parish office 488-2525.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS: If you or a family member is affected by someone else’s drinking, maybe Al-Anon Family Groups can help. Please call 722-2666.

THE LANTERN: Early January classes beginning! Visit www.thelantern.nf.net or call 753-8760 for more details.

- Twelve-Step Spirituality ~ A Spiritual Journey -12 week program with Agnes Hutchings, PBVM. Thursday mornings beginning January 7th.
- Enriching our Relationships –11 week program with Agnes Hutchings, PBVM. Monday mornings beginning January 11th.
- New 8-week sets of T’ai Chi Chih Joy thru Movement, a Moving Meditation with Sheila Leonard, PBVM. Beginning the week of January 11th plus the last weekend.
- Various Focusing Sessions with Donna Burt, including Walking the Labyrinth for the New Year on the 19th, plus Biospiritual Focusing, Bioenergetics Exercises.



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27TH, 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

Those who respect the Lord, honour their parents.

Honour and respect are proposed by Sirach as the proper and holy manner of caring for one’s parents. The person who lives in this manner is blessed with the ear of God in prayer. Care for an aging parent is an act of kindness that is blessed with the mercy of God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 12-21

Family life in the Lord.

The letter to the Colossians speak to the blessings and manner of life that mark the community of faith. Since God has chosen us as his own, our lives should mirror the compassion, kindness, and patience of God. As we live in love and in gratitude seeking to do everything in the name of Jesus, all of our relationships will be marked by the mutual care of self-emptying love.

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers.

Luke portrays a very difficult conversation between Jesus and Mary. Jesus remained behind in the temple to be about his Father’s business while Mary was filled with anxious concern about her Son’s safety and well being. Jesus and Mary were both seeking to be faithful to the call God entrusted to them. Their difficult conversation centered on those fundamental calls and resolved itself in the harmony and peace of life in Nazareth.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Evelyn Mansfield