

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Tuesday, Dec. 8</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Richard, Veronica &amp; Sister Paschal Dwyer; Evelyn Mansfield; John, Helen, Tom &amp; Dan Brazil</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 9</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Glen Newell; Mary Lahey; Special Intention</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec. 10</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Roxy Childs; Philip &amp; Mary Delaney; Christopher &amp; Jane Murphy &amp; Deceased Family</b>
<b>Friday, Dec. 11</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Myles Somerton; Jim Fleming; William Murphy</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 12</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 12</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Esther Burke; Patrick &amp; Joey Normore; Margaret, James &amp; Anne Roberts; Loretta Power; Joseph Butler, Ann Marie Metcalfe; Charles McCarthy; Thomas Gear &amp; Nell &amp; Arthur Clarke</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 13</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT -- DECEMBER 6, 2009:** Are you seeking “knowledge and full insight to help you determine” your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Contact the vocations office: Fr. Steve Courtney 726-3660, stjohns vocations@gmail.com

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?** It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s first coming among us: It is a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During this time, each Sunday’s gospel has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION-NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

<b>Offertory (104 Envelopes) .....</b>	<b>\$1083.50</b>
<b>Dues (39 Envelopes) .....</b>	<b>\$537.00</b>
<b>Donation flowers in memory of Gordon Stoyles Sr. ....</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>In memory of Kevin Stone and Peter Kent .....</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Fall Fair Additional .....</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!</b>	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<b>SATURDAY, DEC. 12 5.00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, DEC.13 10:30 A.M.</b>
<b>READERS:</b>	<b>Jody Whelan Cathy Tulk</b>	<b>Rosanne Grant Valerie Gorman</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	<b>Jody Whelan Tasha Brazil</b>	<b>Geraldine Fitzgerald Vanita Bartlett</b>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</b>	<b>Bob Seward Family</b>	<b>Bev &amp; Sid Rees</b>
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey</b>	<b>Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O’Brien</b>
<b>CHILDREN’S LITURGY:</b>		<b>Diane Delaney</b>

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH:** We would like to welcome into our Parish Quinton Alex Wambugu, Nevaeh Marie Mitchell and Tyson Jason James Hibbs-Tobin who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish. We wish them and their families many joys and God’s blessings and offer them our continued support.

**MUSIC AND SONGS TO RIGHT THE WRONGS: Sunday Dec.6<sup>th</sup>** from 2:30 – 3:30, The Mercy Ecology and Justice Youth Choir join together with St Teresa's Choir and the St Bon's Band Quintet to perform in concert at St Teresa's Church. No charge for the concerts but a collection held - all proceeds will go to provide educational scholarships for African girls in Muhuru Bay, Kenya, who have never had an opportunity to attend secondary schools.

**39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KIWANIS SANTA CLAUS PARADE:** Will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**, leaving the Wabana Complex at 1:30pm and ending at the Wabana Boys and Girls Club. Candy will be given out at 2pm at the regular stops. Non-perishable food (canned or packaged items) will be collected along the route for our local Foodbank. To make the event successful, community participation is encouraged!

**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.

**MERCY ASSOCIATES:** There will be a meeting of the New group of Mercy Associates on Thursday, Dec, 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Sister’s Residence.

**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.

**JESSE TREE:** You will notice the tree at the front of the Church. This is to remind us of the needs of the Foodbank. Each ticket represents a different item needed. Please support by picking a ticket and returning the following week with the needed item. Your support is much appreciated!

**THE 7TH ANNUAL NATIVITY EXHIBIT:** Presented by The Basilica Cathedral Museum, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – **Away in a Manger, Nativities from Around the World.** Experience Christmas at the Basilica Museum with 142 nativities from 32 countries! Visit our Christmas tree and leave a present for a child this Christmas. Exhibit Hours: Tuesday to Sunday 1 - 4pm & Wednesday Evening 7- 9pm. Available for groups by appointment. For more information please call 726-3660.

**FLOWERS IN MEMORY:** Donations for Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones will now be accepted. You may place the offering in an envelope with the name of your loved one and we will purchase the flowers for you. Thank you for your kindness.

**JUNIOR CHOIR PRACTICE** for our Christmas Eve Mass will be held on Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Church at 7:00pm. Please come with your friends and help make this celebration a truly joyful gathering.

**HOME RELIGION PROGRAM INFORMATION:** The first meeting of the parents involved in the Home Religion Program was held at the Parish Hall on November 29, 2009. We wish to thank the many parents and guardians who attended this very informative meeting, as well as Ms. Noreen Yetman, Director of Catechetics from our Archdiocese, who spoke to the group. We also extend a very warm welcome to the young people who will be participating. This is a Community effort; and as we promised them at their baptism, we now assure them of our continued support. We would also like to inform the parents that Year 1 is a critical foundation year (regardless of age) for anyone who has not been part of the Home Religion Program to date. The Registration Fee is \$10 per child. The program books are on loan to the families involved and should be returned to the Parish as soon as the children have completed the program for the year. If you discover that you have forgotten to do that, please return them as we are currently short of books.



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### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

#### ***REFLECTION:***

#### **FIRST READING: Baruch 5: 1-9**

*God will show your splendour.*

The prophet Baruch summons Jerusalem to adorn itself in celebratory splendor, for God has assembled the whole community of Israel, restoring its integrity. God's glory will be made manifest in its people, for God himself will accompany his people as light, mercy, and integrity.

#### **SECOND READING: Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11**

*In the day of Christ, may you be pure and blameless.*

Paul expresses his faith that God's good work begun among the Philippians will be brought to successful completion. To that end he prays that growth in love will enable them to know what is true and good and so come to glorify God in Christ Jesus.

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 3: 1-6**

*All flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

Luke recalls for us the particular historical moment in which the word of God impelled John to come forth from the desert to preach a baptism of repentance. God calls each of us to repentance and to ministry within the concrete particular events of life and not in an abstract way that is unrelated to human history. What event has God been using to call us forth?