

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday, May 11</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Geraldine Nolan, Mary Lahey Esther Burke, Wayne Bugden</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Dan, Vera &amp; Colleen Dwyer; Brendan Pearl; Stephen Pearl; Annabel Kavanagh; Patrick Byrne</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 13</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Ed Nolan; Lester Yetman; Gerard Gendreau; George and Irene Hutchings</b>
<b>Thursday, May 14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Donald, Carrie, Byron &amp; Brenda Lewis and Lillian &amp; Barbara Spracklin; Kevin Kent; Isabel Rees; Thomas Rees; Louis Everding</b>
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Frank Pendergast Sr. &amp; Jr.; Dan Reynish; Joyce Babb; Sr. Adrienne Keough; Joshua Blackwood; Emma Boone; Dora Dunn</b>
<b>Sunday, May 17</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishoners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

**HAPPY 99<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY:** Our Parish community would like to congratulate Mrs. Mary (Mollie) Delahunty on her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Let us join as Parish in celebrating her life and wishing her continued health and God's blessings.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**MAY 3, 2009**

<b>Offertory (96 Envelopes) .....</b>	<b>\$1,084.50</b>
<b>Dues (4 Envelopes) .....</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Archbishop's Appeal (13 Envelopes) .....</b>	<b>245.00</b>
<b>Memorial Gift in Memory of Isabel Rees .....</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Memorial Gift in Memory of Kevin Kent .....</b>	<b>25.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<b>SATURDAY, MAY 16--5.00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, MAY 17--10:30 A.M.</b>
<b>READERS:</b>	<b>John Kent Kelsey Delaney</b>	<b>Sister Phyllis Geraldine Fitzgerald</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	<b>Fred Carroll, Ros Hurley Irene Delahunty Jody Whalen</b>	<b>Rosanne Grant, Vanita Bartlett Christine Quinlan, Shirley Murphy</b>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</b>	<b>Bob Seward Family</b>	<b>Bev and Sid Rees</b>
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>George Jackman, Keith Pitts Pat Murphy, George Hickey</b>	<b>Ray Kennedy, Alex Newell Ray Whalen, Charlie O'Brien</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	<b>Bev Rees</b>	

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** We are moving towards the end of the preparation classes for confirmation. We encourage families strongly to share in the Sunday Eucharistic celebrations on a regular basis to ensure a solid foundation for building on their spiritual development. The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be conferred at the **Saturday, May 30, 2009**, celebration of Mass.

**NEWFOUNDLAND CATHOLIC RENEWAL HEALING CONFERENCE:** Annual summer conference at Holy Heart of Mary Auditorium, July 3-5, 2009, "Keep Your Eyes on Jesus." The main conference speaker will be Catholic evangelist from England, Charles Whitehead and Fr. Mark Cherry from Nova Scotia. For more information or to register, call Sherree White at 643-3506 or see available brochures at the back of the church. Information is also located on our website: [www.NewfoundlandCatholicRenewal.com](http://www.NewfoundlandCatholicRenewal.com).

**NEVER TOO LATE TO QUIT SMOKING:** Are you ready to reduce or quit smoking? Are you thinking about it? For information and a "Coping Kit" (with tips on dealing with cravings) phone Ed Wade at 753-3434 or Paula Lancaster at 737-2333. Ask about a "Smoke Free Presentation" for individuals, small or large groups. (A project of the Seniors Resource Centre of NL)

**VOCATION CALL:** "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Contact the vocations office: [stjohnsvocations@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsvocations@gmail.com).

**YOUTH MINISTRY: Steubenville Atlantic - Holy Hour and Information Session:** Youth and adults interested in STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC, please join us at the Basilica Marian Chapel on Tuesday, May 19, from 7 - 8 p.m. for a time of Music, Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After the Holy Hour you are invited to stay for snacks...a time to socialize and hear some great information about **STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC 2009!** Contact Linda Maher, Catholic Youth Office, 726-3660; [www.youthcentre@nf.aibn.com](mailto:www.youthcentre@nf.aibn.com). May the Spirit of the Risen Lord move you to attend!

**MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> - RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY:** Jesus shows us that our relationship with God is determined by our relationships with one another. This demands that Christians be attuned to all things that would diminish life at any of its stages. From the womb to tomb, from birth to death, and at every stage between, we are called to treat all of life with dignity, respect, honour and reverence.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** The Right to Life Association will hold the March for Life on Thursday, May 14th, 12:30 p.m. on Confederation Hill. Gather in the East parking lot. This is in solidarity with the National March for Life in Ottawa which marks the sad 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of legal abortion in Canada. Call 579-1500 for further details.

**WHAT DO FOSTER PARENTS DO?** . . . love and nurture children and provide a safe home environment and support to children who are temporarily unable to live with their biological parents. The children of our province are our greatest assets. What can you do to help? Call the Newfoundland and Labrador Foster Families Association at 754-0213 or 877-754-0218 (toll free), or your local Child, Youth and Family Services Office. You can also check out our website at [www.niffa.com](http://www.niffa.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:** The regular meeting of Conception Council Knights of Columbus will take place on Friday, May 22, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

**PILGRIMAGE TO STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE:** Philomena Chafe Memorial Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne De Beaupre, with visits also to St. Joseph's Oratory and Cap de la Madeleine. Group 2: August 18-25, 2009. Contact Joanne Chafe at (709) 579-7924.

**MERCY ASSOCIATES:** The next meeting of the **New Group** of the Mercy Associates will be held on **Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.** at Sister's residence.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
VERONICA ANDREWS, IRENE & RITA MCCARTHY



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### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 10, 2009**

#### **REFLECTION:**

**FIRST READING: Acts 9:26-31**

*Barnabas described for them how on the road Saul had seen the Lord.*

We have a glimpse of how the early Church handled a difficult challenge. Saul of Tarsus, one of their persecutors, has become a believer. When he tries to join them, he meets with a very human reaction: fear and disbelief. But then, Barnabas "took charge of him" . . . telling them of Saul's miraculous conversion. They have great faith in the power of the Holy Spirit, who can turn enemies into friends. No wonder the Church is united and at peace.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24**

*This is his commandment: we should believe in Jesus and love one another.*

The reading reflects a salutary skepticism about talk: "let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." If we love God, we will keep his commandments—to believe in Jesus and "love one another just as he commanded us." And if we keep his commandments, the Holy Spirit will dwell in us. It is that simple.

**GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

*Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

What does it mean to "remain" in Jesus? The metaphor of the vine and the branches helps us to understand. The branches are absolutely dependent on the vine: if they are cut away, they wither at once. But the vine needs the branches as well, for the branches can bear fruit.

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!**