

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 19	7:00 p.m.	Esther Burke, Patrick Byrne, Stan Carroll
Wednesday, May 20	9.30 a.m.	Carl Nolan; Norman & Mary Luffman Paul Murphy, Peter Shea
Thursday, May 21	7:00 p.m.	Bill Clarke, Thomas Cole Margaret, John, and Agatha Flynn
Friday, May 22	9:00 a.m.	Leonard Quinlan, Gus Stoyles Ted and Terry Butler
Saturday, May 23	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
Saturday, May 23	5:00 p.m.	Wm., Bridget & Gerald Dyer; Catherine McCarthy & Marge Sweeney; Anthony Wiseman; William & Sarah Curnew; Molly & William Stone; Wm. & Ellen Jackman; Mary & Peter Conway
Sunday, May 24	10:30 a.m.	Parishoners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

MERCY ASSOCIATES: The next meeting of the **Original Group** of the Mercy Associates will be held on **Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.** at Sister's residence.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

MAY 10, 2009

Offertory (118 Envelopes)	\$1,416.50
Dues (2 Envelopes)	25.00
Archbishop's Appeal (3 Envelopes)	30.00
Good Friday (1 Envelope)	10.00
Holy Thursday (1 Envelope)	10.00
Easter (1 Envelope)	10.00
Lenten Folders (1 Children's)	5.00
Hymn Book in Memory of Kevin Kent	20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, MAY 23--5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, MAY 24--10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Colin Taylor Amanda Curnew	Valerie Gorman Isabel Shulko
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Raymond Whalan, Helen Pitts Cecilia Kent, Tasha Brazil	Keith Kent, Joey Somerton John Kent, Bev Rees
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Betty & Kevin Quigley	Tom Cole Family
USHERS:	Leo Byrne, Brian Tulk Chris Murphy, Fred Carroll	Tom Cole, Ray Whalen Kevin Delahunty
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Ros Hurley	

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION: The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be conferred at the **Saturday, May 30, 2009**, celebration of Mass at **5:00 p.m.**

CONFIRMATION BANNERS: On **Sunday, May 24, at 2:30 p.m.**, we will be meeting in one of the rooms at the Parish Hall to create individual banners to be displayed in Church for Confirmation Day. Remember to pick up your kits from Marg Skehan's store as soon as you can. They cost \$5.00 each.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION: Those making their First Communion will be honoured at the same time as the Confirmation candidates on **May 30, 2009** at the **5:00 p.m.** mass.

SUMMER GRANT: The Parish has received confirmation of a Government Grant for one student. Interested students should forward their applications to the Parish Office. Deadline for applications is **May 30, 2009**.

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. Contact Linda Maher, Catholic Youth Office, 726-3660; www.youthcentre@nf.aibn.com. May the Spirit of the Risen Lord move you to attend!

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION: We are seeking to fill the position of Administrative Assistant presently available at the Parish Office. Interested persons should contact the Parish Office to obtain a detailed job description and forward their resumes to the Parish address no later than May 30, 2009.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY VOCATIONS SUPPORT GROUP: Is God calling you to be a priest? There will be a meeting for men age 18 and older interested in exploring a priestly vocation on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center located next to the Basilica. If you are interested in attending, plan to attend, or would like more information please contact Fr. Steve Courtney at stjohnsvocations@gmail.com or call (709)461-3043; (709) 726-9924.

CALL FOR VOCATIONS: “God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.” Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact the vocations office: stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

PARISH CONDOLENCES: We wish to extend deepest sympathy to the Archbishop, priests, family and friends of Father Edward J. Purcell who passed away recently. We are happy that some many of Father Purcell’s past parishioners could attend the wake and funeral service.

CEMETERY MASS TIMES: The dates for the Cemetery Masses for the Greater Metropolitan St. John’s Area as provided by the Archdiocese are as follows:

Kilbride	July 7, 2009	7 p.m.	Belvedere	July 21, 2009	7 p.m.
Mt. Carmel	July 14, 2009	7 p.m.	Holy Sepulchre	July 28, 2009	7 p.m.

PRAYERS FOR SUCCESS IN FINAL EXAMINATIONS:

We wish good luck to all of our students in both elementary and high school as they prepare for their final examinations. Be assured of our prayers for your success.

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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR:

DATE: Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27, 2009

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

NAME OF SCHOOL: St. Augustine’s Elementary School

PLEASE NOTE: Children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2010 in order to register. Your child’s MCP card must be presented at the time of registration.



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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-5 p.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

The Jewish Christians are “astounded” to see the Holy Spirit’s gifts poured out on Gentiles. Peter realizes that “God shows no partiality” - that the message of Jesus is meant to cross all human boundaries. He permits these new believers to be baptized. In the Church of Jesus Christ, there can be no outsiders.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-10

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Because God is love, we must love one another. In fact, it is *only* in loving one another that we can come to know God, for “whoever is without love does not know God.” God’s love came first. If we realize this, then God’s love will overflow to those around us. In a sense, we love each other with God’s love.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

On the eve of his Passion and death, Jesus invites his disciples into a relationship of self-giving love. The love that will unite us with Jesus is the same love that unites Jesus with the Father. It is not a love tinged with fear, the love of a servant for a master. Rather, it is the mutual love of friends: “I no longer call you slaves,” but friends. Jesus holds nothing back. When Jesus says to “love one another,” he invites us to imitate this radical, self-giving love.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: SPECIAL INTENTION