

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 5	7:00 p.m.	William Dohey, Elsie Maddigan, Maureen Simon
Wednesday, May 6	9.30 a.m.	Ed Nolan, Lester Yetman, Gerard Gendreau, Judy Whelan
Thursday, May 7	7:00 p.m.	Marg Ashford; Catherine Bowdring; Vincent & Marion Sweeney; Cyril Jackman; Wanda Cummings; Kevin Dobbin
Friday, May 8	9:00 a.m.	Wayne Bugden, Esther Burke, Patrick Byrne
Saturday, May 9	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Saturday, May 9	5:00 p.m.	Nauce & Elizabeth Basha; Evelyn Mansfield; Lane & Hammond Families; Fred French & Deceased Family; Dave & Ray McLean; Deceased members of McLean & Bartlett families; Mary & Steve Hawco
Sunday, May 10	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

APRIL 26, 2009

Offertory (124 Envelopes)	\$1,281.50
Dues (40 Envelopes)	487.00
Easter Collection (1 Envelope)	10.00
Lenten Folders (3 Adult)	88.00
Archbishop's Appeal (16 Envelopes)	395.00
Donation in Memory of Evelyn Mansfield	5.00
Donation in Memory of Edward Nolan	5.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 9 7:30 p.m.	Readers:	Cathy Tulk & Harriet Taylor
	Eucharistic Ministers:	Karen Seward, Tom Spracklin Art Whelan, Pat Craig
	Presentation of Gifts:	Lydia Brazil Family
	Ushers:	Joe Bartlett, John Galway George Hickey, Fred Carroll
Sunday, May 10 10:30 a.m.	Readers	Sid Rees, Christine Quinlan
	Eucharistic Ministers:	Sarah Burt, Geraldine Fitzgerald Des McCarthy, Teresita McCarthy
	Presentation of Gifts:	Diana Durdle Family
	Children's Liturgy	Karen Seward
	Ushers:	Tom Cole, Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen

DAILY ROSARY: During the month of May, we will recite the rosary 20 minutes prior to the start of daily masses. Please make a special effort to attend to honour Our Lady during this month.

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: To commemorate the **Battle of the Atlantic**, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 18, will be holding a memorial service **at the Seamen's Memorial, Lance Cove Beach, on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 3 p.m.** All are invited to attend.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRIES: Did you know that you can pursue a Catholic Certificate Program of Youth Ministry Studies? St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S., offers this in-class program over a three year period. This year's courses run from May 25-30. For more information please contact Linda Maher, Catholic Youth Office, telephone (709)726-3660.

TAIZE PRAYER: Monday, May 11th 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Taize prayer is an ecumenical prayer which uses repetitive sung antiphons and quiet reflection.

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. May the Spirit of the Risen Lord move you to attend!

MAY 10TH - 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: ARCHBISHOP CURRIE'S MESSAGE EXTRACT: May 3, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, has been designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In Baptism, through the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and through our continual nourishment in the Eucharist, all are called to oneness in Christ, to discipleship and to service. This is our common vocation. Within this common vocation, each of us discovers God's clear and particular call. God speaks to each heart, inviting us to make a faith response in which our gifts, talents and skills meet the needs and hungers of the world. This is our particular vocation.

As an Archdiocesan family, we must nurture the seeds of all vocations in our young people, as well as in those who are not so young, but are discerning God's purpose and plan for them. In order for the Kingdom to continue to be built in the Archdiocese of St. John's, we need men to seriously consider a life of service in the ordained priesthood, and we need to encourage not only these men, but also their parents and caregivers, to raise with them the choice of the priesthood as a healthy and life-giving path on which to walk through life. We need men and women who will look at the alienation that characterizes so many lives today, and make the courageous and counter-cultural choice to live and minister as part of a religious community. We need married couples who realize that their love and commitment is the clearest image that we have among us of God's love for our Church, and who live out that love and commitment in inspiring and hopeful ways. We need men and women whose living of the single life inspires us to dedication, self-giving and service.

And may God, the One who gives us life, continue to bless us in raising up among us strong women and men of faith and hope as signs of God's fidelity and presence.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

MAY 3, 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Acts 4:7-12

There is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

After the healing of the crippled beggar at the temple's beautiful gate, Peter and John are brought before the very people who condemned Jesus. When Jesus was arrested, Peter fled, denying that he knew Jesus. Now Peter speaks fearlessly. The Resurrection changes everything. Peter is "filled with the Holy Spirit," filled with a wisdom that is not his own.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2

We will see God as he is.

Today's reading all comes down to love. We know God loves us, because God calls us his children. That is *all* we know. That is enough.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Jesus, the good shepherd, cares for his own. He is not a hireling who runs away at the first sign of danger; rather, "I know mine and mine know me." This is a mutual relationship, a relationship of love. In the midst of this discourse comes a prediction of Jesus' approaching Passion and Resurrection: "I lay down my life in order to take it up again."

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN LOVING MEMORY OF ART KITCHEN