

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – Friday June 1 – 5, 2009		No Daily Masses This Week. Please pray for the priests who are on retreat this week.
Saturday, June 6	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
Saturday, June 6	5:00 p.m.	Vince, Mae & Janet Murphy; Frank Pendergast, Sr. & Jr.; James & Gertrude Quinlan; Thomas Gear & McCarthy Family; Robert Quigley; Patrick Hammond; Catherine Bowdring
Sunday, June 7	10:30 a.m.	Parishoners Living and Deceased St. Michael’s Parish

BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR: This two-hour seminar describes the grieving process and presents information on things individuals and families can do to help themselves and others during the time of grief and the resources available for those who are grieving. Presenter: Dr. Rick Singleton, Director of Pastoral Care and Ethics with Eastern Health. Time: 7-9 pm on Monday, June 8, 2009, at the Health Science Centre in Room 2J-680-19. Stay on the main corridor through the main entrance. No registration is necessary. For more information you can call 777-6959.

DEAF AWARENESS MONTH (MAY): The Inter-Church Team have been searching for an individual to take a leadership role in this important ministry—a person of faith and conviction, a committed Christian with a love for God’s word and a willingness to share that with others, a person with the time and energy to devote to this work. A theological background would be an asset and fluency in, or willingness to learn, American Sign Language is a must. If you feel this is where God is calling you to serve, please contact the Anglican Church office at 576-6697.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

MAY 24, 2009	
Offertory (116 Envelopes)	\$1,386.50
Dues (2 Envelopes)	25.00
Archbishop’s Appeal (1 Envelope)	20.00
Papal Charities (1 Envelope)	3.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT	

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF ARTHUR, DOUG, CYRIL & LENA JACKMAN

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, JUNE 6--5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JUNE 7--10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Rosemary O’Keefe Jasmine Brazil	Jean Williams, Ros Fitzgerald
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Loretta Byrne, Pat Murphy Brenda Sweeney, Lydia Brazil	Teresita McCarthy Des McCarthy Geraldine Fitzgerald Vanita Bartlett
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Shirley Murphy, Carol Clarke	Diana Durdle Family
USHERS:	George Jackman, Keith Pitts Jason Hickey, George Hickey	Tom Cole, Ray Whalen Kevin Delahunty
CHILDREN’S LITURGY:	Patricia King	

MONSIGNOR WALSH’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: Monsignor Denis Walsh was ordained to the priesthood on June 13, 1959. At the 4:45 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 13, 2009, St. Paul’s Parish on Newfoundland Drive will join with him in celebrating this very special occasion. The celebration will continue on Sunday, June 14, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, followed that afternoon by a reception at Bally Haly Golf and Curling Club, Logy Bay Road, from 3 - 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

ST. MICHAEL’S PARISH ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE: The date for the Annual Dinner Theatre is **July 18, 2009**. Come and have a “**Shockin’ Good Time**” featuring **The Wabana Drama Players** plus a **3-course meal with a complimentary glass of wine** followed by a **dance**. Cost is **\$25 per person**. For tickets contact Rosanne Grant at 488-2190, Christine Quinlan at 488-3342, Ursula Lahey at 488-3015, or the Parish Office at 488-2525.

ST. MICHAEL’S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE & SILENT AUCTION: Will be held at **St. Michael’s Parish Hall** on **Friday, June 5, 2009**, starting at **6:00 p.m.** with viewing of auction items. **Featuring:** Junior & Senior Load ‘n Go Players Student Musical Performers. **Tickets:** \$15 Single or \$25 double. Bar and Auction Bids – Cash only. Phone St. Michaels at 488-2828 ASAP to book a table.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: There will be a meeting and election of officers of the Knights of Columbus Conception Council 1930 on June 12, 2009, at 7:30. All members are requested to attend. Conception Council members are also asked to think and pray about elections to Council Executive.

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.

OBERRAMMERGAU 2010: The Residents of Oberammergau have performed the Passion Play since 1634. The tragic and deeply moving chronicle depicts the passion of Christ at the time of the Crucifixion. This event takes place only every ten years.

During 2010, the citizens of Oberammergau will once again depict this historic event. CWT/Harvey's Travel, in conjunction with Trafalgar Tours, will offer a European departure for this event. Father David Butler will host the May 16, 2010, departure. Father Butler is the Parish Priest in Torbay, NL and is a seasoned traveler. Father Butler is a very valued client of Carlson Wagonlit/Harvey's Travel and looks forward to escorting this once in a lifetime journey. Please contact Sandra Parsons or Helen Harris for additional information. We can be reached at 709-726-2900, toll free 1-800-563-3443.

Email addresses are: sparsons@carlsonwagonlit.ca and hharris@carlsonwagonlit.ca

SACRED HEART MONTH: June is Sacred Heart Month. Please be faithful to the Sacred Heart Devotions.

VISITATION OF SICK AND SHUT INS: Sister Phyllis will be visiting the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish on **Friday, June 5, 2009**. Please prepare for her visit. If you are not going to be home on that day, please notify the Parish office at 488-2525, as this will give her extra time to spend with others who are in need.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: CALL TO VOCATIONS: "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth." Are you inclined to let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in the Risen Lord . . . perhaps as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact the vocations office: stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

OPERATION SUNSHINE: **Thank You** from all the clients and volunteers to all the people who gave items to the flea market on May 21, 2009 and who supported the cause at The Boys and Girls Club. It was a great success.

LOCAL CEMETERY MASS TIMES:

The Front	July 19, 2009	2:30 p.m.
Lance Cove	August 9, 2009	2:30 p.m.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY—MAY 31, 2009

The Original Day of Pentecost was the day the Church was born. Each Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the Birthday of the Church. As the Apostles, together with devout Christians and Jews from every nation, gathered to be open to the coming of the Holy Spirit, great things happened to them, individually and as a Church Community. They were changed from being a defeated, cowardly, pessimistic little band to becoming a rejoicing, optimistic and brave army of followers of the Risen Christ.

They were so convinced about their faith they donated all available time, property and energy to shout aloud the Good News. Because of their "togetherness in the Spirit," the Church grew strong and fast. That same Spirit is hovering over St. Michael's Faith Community today. Jesus has promised: "I will give you the Holy Spirit, who will be with you until the end of time."

Today we need to pause as a parish and ask ourselves: "Am I devoted to the works of the Spirit? Or is my lifestyle crowded with the busy agendas of other people?" Our Parish has almost 2,000 people. Today, we give thanks that approximately 400 people are faithful to their Sunday Obligation. What signal are we sending out to younger generations when we live as if every activity is more important than the Sunday Assembly?

In most Parishes, about 10% of the people are continually and actively engaged in the planning, preparing and celebrations of the Church. We need the Spirit to bump our faithful members from 83 to 200. We need our faithful servants to continue in thanking God for all we have and to keep encouraging middle-age and youth to feel they are a needed part of our ministry of service.

We may feel that we are just an insignificant grain of sand or clod of clay. That is exactly how the cowards of Pentecost Sunday felt. But a grain of sand and precious clods of clay join together to make a beautiful brick! Many beautiful bricks come together to make a glorious Church.

As we gear up for the precious hours of Summer Leisure, let us join together to send out these "Spirit-filled" signs, signals and vibrations! Be ambassadors for Christ! Do your best to make your Sunday (weekend) worship the first and most important item on your weekly agenda! Make a special effort to make visitors and youth completely at home in your Parish Church.

ON THIS PENTECOST: HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY SUMMER!