

MASS INTENTIONS

There will be no Mass during the Week from Monday, Feb. 16th – 20th, 2009

Saturday Feb. 21st	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Dora Dunn; Ann Reid; Pete & Nell Power; Catherine & Joan Doyle; Darlene (Curnew) Boudreau; Marie Gosse; Mary Farhat; Robert Kavanagh; Peter Conway
Sunday Feb. 22nd	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Collection for Week of February 7th & 8th, 2009

Offertory – 117 Envelopes-----	\$1,586.38
Dues – 5 Envelopes-----	145.00
Card Game Proceeds for Jan. 2009-----	361.00
Donation in Memory of Susie Gorman-----	60.00

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday Feb. 21st	5:00 p.m.	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:	Rosemary O’Keefe & Ashley Curnew Jasmine Brazil; Pat Craig; Brenda Sweeney; Lydia Brazil
		Presentation of Gifts: Ushers:	Betty & Kevin Quigley Joe Bartlett; John Galway; George Hickey; Fred Carroll
Sunday Feb. 22nd	10:30 a.m.	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:	Sister Phyllis & Christine Quinlan Bev. Rees; John Kent; Joey Somerton; Patricia King
		Presentation of Gifts: Children’s Liturgy: Ushers:	Diane Durdle Family Diane Delaney Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; Ray Whalen

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser 2009: The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets at the cost of \$40.00 each. Prizes are as follows: 1st \$50,000.00, 2nd \$15,000.00, and 3rd \$5,000.00. The draw takes place May 16th, 2009. You can purchase as a group or individually. Knights of Columbus members will be at the back of the Church after each Mass with tickets.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Knights of Columbus Immaculate Conception at St. Michael’s Hall on **Friday, Feb.20th, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** All members are asked to please try to attend.

Mercy Associates: The **Original Group** of the Mercy Associates will hold their meeting on **Wednesday, Feb. 18th, at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting will take place at the Sister’s Residence.

St. Patrick’s Day Booklet Fundraiser Invitation: If you would like to volunteer on this great Annual fundraiser; if you have some time to spare and can help; **you are invited** to call the Parish office at **488-2525** to leave your name and telephone contact number.

Countdown for Lent: The season of lent begins on **February 25th with the liturgy of Ash Wednesday.** If you have palm at home from last year, please return them to the church in the next few weeks so that they can be burned and used in the Ash Wednesday liturgy. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are **14 and older**; the law of fasting binds those from **18 to 59 years of age.** Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter

New Ministry Schedules: The new Ministry list for the months from **March to June, 2009** will soon be completed. All parishioners who share in the various ministries of our Parish such as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Presentation of the Gifts are asked to notify the Parish office or Rosanne Grant if you are not going to be available during these times.

Pilgrimage: The Philomena Chafe Memorial Pilgrimage of Newfoundland to St. Anne de Beaupre with visits also to St. Joseph's Oratory and Cape de la Madeline is as follows: **Group 1: June 9 -16th, 2009: Group 2: August 18th - 25th, 2009.** For more information, call Joanne Chafe at **(709)579–7924.**

Atlantic Catechetical Conference: **Time – May 22nd – 24th, 2009** at St. Peter’s Conference Centre, Mount Pearl, NL. Hosted by: The Archdiocese of St. John’s, in NL. Early bird registration fee before March 22nd, 2009, is \$150.00. For further information, please contact Noreen Yetman, Chairperson of the organizing Committee at (709) 726-3660; Fax (709) 726-8021 or via email at nyetman@nf.aibn.com.

Operation Sunshine Literacy Program: Will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on **Sat. Feb. 21st, 2009** at the Wabana Boys & Girls Club at **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Breakfast includes: Pancakes; Syrup; Eggs; Tea; Toast; Coffee; Tea or Juice for the cost of **\$5.00.**

Touch of Class: Supporting Adult Disabilities will be having a Chile & Roll take-out or Eat-In on **Friday, Feb. 20th for a cost of \$6.00.** If you wish to place an order please call Pauline, Sonya or Miriam at **488-2999.**

Family Life Bureau: “Counseling Services”- individual, couple, and family counseling is available at the Family Life Bureau upon request. One call to **579-0168** brings help.”

AL-ANON ALATEEN: Are you or a family member bothered by someone else’s drinking? If so, maybe Al-Anon & Alateen family groups can help. For further information please call **722-2666.**

Dates to Remember, 2009

Please schedule the following events into your Calendar:

March 11th St. Patrick's Day Card Game
March 14th St. Patrick's Day Stew Supper & Pub Night
March 15th St. Patrick's Day Concert

Holy Week:

Holy Thursday - April 9th Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday - April 9th Evening Prayer 11:30 p.m.
Good Friday - April 10th Passion and Death of Our Lord at 3:00 p.m.
Good Friday - April 10th Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday - April 11th Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday - April 12th Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Annual Dinner Theatre July 18th, 2009

Cemetery Mass Schedule – 2009

St. Michael's Cemetery, The Front: July 19th at 2:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cemetery, Lance Cove: August 9th at 2:30 p.m.

The CRY- St. John's: TheCRY Launch: Friday, Feb. 20th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Opening Service @Basilica of Saint John the Baptist, Saturday, Feb. 21st, 2009 10:00 a.m.
– 10:00 p.m. At St. John's Convention Centre. Find out all you need @ www.thecry.ca or call 613-422-4279.

The Archbishop's Dinner & Auction- the beginning of the *Annual Archbishops Appeal Campaign-April 24, 2009* will be held in the Main Dining Room of the Battery Hotel, Signal Hill Road: **Tickets are \$150.00 per person with tables of eight or ten people.** Perhaps enough individuals in the parish would be able to afford a ticket to make up a table, or join with the neighboring parish to form a table. Those attending the dinner will receive a receipt for \$100.00 for tax purposes. **For tickets please contact Rene Estrada at 726-3660.**

Knights of Columbus Contest for Students: The State Council of the Knights of Columbus for Newfoundland and Labrador will sponsor a 500 word essay contest for **students from Grades 7 to 12. Participants are to write on the following subject:**
The Knights of Columbus are celebrating 100 years of fraternity and service in Newfoundland and Labrador. What impact has the membership of the Knights of Columbus had in the Church and in society at large during those 100 years?
All entries must be received by April 15th and are to be sent to Bernie Flynn, State Warden, 39 Philip Driver, Corner Brook, NL A2H 6B2. An independent panel will judge the essays. **First prize is \$200.00, second is \$100.00 and third is \$50.00. The prize winners will be announced at the Knights of Columbus convention in May.**



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Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
February 15th, 2009

First Reading: *Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46*

As long as they are unclean; they shall live alone outside the camp.

The attitude to leprosy enshrined in the Old Testament is motivated not only by fear of contagion and the protection of society, but also by ancient taboos which saw disease as evidence of the presence of evil. Just as anything connected with death was abhorrent and 'unclean', so leprosy which resembled a living death was viewed as 'unclean'. It could have no part with the God of the living. Therefore the community excluded the leper and encompassed him with restrictive laws, and the priests interpreted that law as part of their office. Leprosy easily becomes a symbol of moral 'uncleanness': through the prophets God demanded cleanness of heart.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10: 23-11.1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Paul has dealt with the vexed problem of meat sold at the market, meat that had previously been dedicated to pagan gods. It was above all a problem of scandal within the community. Christians, says Paul, should not be scrupulous; things created by God are good, but they can be wrongly used if concern for neighbour is disregarded. This is the principle he recommends in these summing-up verses-whatever we do in praise and recognition of God, and that means everything, we should never be a stumbling block to anyone. It is Christ that Paul imitates. Whoever imitates Paul will likewise be following the Lord.

Gospel: *Mark 1.40-45 Jesus touched the man with leprosy and he was cured.*

This scene is the climax of the miraculous activity of Jesus during the 'day' at Capernaum. Jesus is asked to cure the living death of leprosy; in the Jewish mind this was seen as a confrontation of the power of Jesus with the powers of evil. It was considered that to cure leprosy was nearly as difficult as raising the dead. The leper is recognizing in Jesus a power like that of God himself. This power can not only rescue those under Satan's powerful grasp, but is a source of salvation and life now present in the world. This miracle thus becomes a symbol of his power over the leprosy of sin which makes a man like living death. In being cured of the leprosy (of sin) the man does what the early Christians did-he went off and proclaimed what this Saviour Jesus had done for him.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF DARLENE (CURNOW) BOUDREAU

February 11, 2009

Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to thank each of you for your concern for me during my recent accident and illness.

It was a very close brush with death and I'm sure that the masses and prayers offered for my recovery and well being pierced the heavens and God looked down and touched me with peace and healing.

I have returned to work on a part time basis as I get tired easily and still have a few appointments before I get a clean bill of health.

Once again I thank Jesus and His Blessed Mother for watching over me. I appreciated the prayers, get well cards and gifts of fruit & flowers that I received, they are a sign of your love for me and I will always be grateful.

I promise to remember you in prayer especially during the Sacrifice of the Mass the great prayer that binds heaven and earth together.

May God bless you and please continue to keep me in your prayers so that I may have the strength and wisdom to serve you as Chief Shepherd.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

MOST REVEREND MARTIN W. CURRIE, D.D.

Archbishop of St. John's

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