

MASS INTENTIONS

There will be no Mass during the Week from Monday, Feb. 2nd – Friday, Feb. 6th, 2009

Saturday Feb. 7th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Bobby Power & Tom Kelly; Steve Delaney; James Power; Theresa (Boland) Curnin; Betty O’Neil; Steve Delaney; Philip & Mary Delaney; Carol Ann Hearn
Sunday Feb. 8th	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael’s Parish

Collection for Week of January 24th, & Jan. 25th, 2009

Offertory – 106 Envelopes-----	\$1,095.50
Dues – 36 Envelopes-----	349.00
Initial Offering – 1 Envelope-----	3.00

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday Feb. 7th	5:00 p.m.	Readers:	Colin Taylor & Kelsey Delaney
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Tasha Brazil; Raymond Whelan; Cecilia Kent; Betty Quigley
		Presentation of Gifts:	Bob Seward Family
		Ushers:	George Jackman, Keith Pitts; Pat Murphy; George Hickey
Sunday Feb. 8th	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	Jean Williams & Ros Fitzgerald
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Sarah Burt; Connie Cole; Sister Phyllis; Rosanne Grant
		Presentation of Gifts:	Valerie Gorman Family
		Children’s Liturgy:	Teresita McCarthy
		Ushers:	Ray Kennedy; Alex Newell; Ray Whalen; Charlie O’Brien

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.

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, which will bring down the cost for each individual, or you may purchase an individual ticket.

2009 Atlantic Catechetical Conference: You are invited to the 2009 Atlantic Catechetical Conference ..Salt of the Earth...Light of the World. 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. After March 22nd, 2009, the registration fee will be \$190.00. If you require 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. Presenters: Father Bill Brennan and Anne Walsh.

MARRIAGE*6 months notice required***PREPARATION PROGRAM – Must be completed before the wedding takes place.**

Program dates for 2009: Feb. 20th & 21st; March 20th & 21st; April 3rd & 4th; May 8th & 9th; June 12th & 13th. For further information you may contact the Pastoral Centre at **(709) 726-3660** or Family Life Bureau at **579-0168**.

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.”

Tax Receipts for 2008: Copies of the tax receipts for the year **2008** are available at the back of the Church. **Thank you for your generous offering.**

. 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**
- July 18th Annual Dinner Theatre**

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.**

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree: There will be a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus exemplification hosted by the Archbishop Howley Assembly on Sunday, February 8th, 2009. The exemplification will be held at the Knights of Columbus building on St. Clare Ave. Any 3rd Degree member wishing to advance to the 4th Degree is asked to contact his Grand Knight or the Faithful Navigator of his closest Assembly as soon as possible. **Deadline for application is February 2nd, 2009.**

Grief Recovery Outreach Program (10 wks) Are you experiencing pain from loss? This program provides an emotionally safe and supportive environment to assist individuals to complete their relationship to the pain, loneliness and isolation caused by significant loss.
Facilitator: Margie Mulcahy, M.A., CHTP, n.d. Thursday, Feb. 5th @ 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Energy-Based Stress Reduction (4wks) – Tuesday Feb. 10th @ 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

How to Drug Proof Your Kids (6wks) This program is a community-based program that concentrates on the important **role of parent/caregiver** in reducing the risk of harmful drug use by their child. The program equips parents/caregivers with tools and strategies to assist children in making right choices if and when they encounter an illegal drug-use environment.
Facilitators: Linda Maher, Youth Director and Ron Fitzpatrick, Turnings. Begins, Wednesday, Feb. 18th, @ 7 - 9:00 p.m. To register for any of the above groups please call Sr. Loretta Walsh @ **579-0168**.

Lantern Reminder: Re Social Justice Series – Session #3 “The Many Faces of Social Justice,” Monday, February 2, 7:00-8:30, with a presentation by Amnesty International. This series is dedicated to the memory of Marie Ryan, pbvm. 1926-2006, tireless advocate for justice. Please contact the Lantern 753-8760 or information @ thelantern.nf.net

Toll Free Support Line for Immigrants: The Association for New Canadians (<http://www.anc-nf.cc/>) is a non-profit, community based organization dedicated to the provision of settlement and integration services for immigrants and refugees. The *Community and Settlement Information Support Line for Immigrants* was launched in January, 2009 and an operator will take calls during normal business hours (9 am – 4:30 pm) and also respond to requests via e-mail at ancinformation@nfld.net or by phone, toll free at **1-877-666-9650**.

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.

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.
On Feb. 21st, Christians from all across Canada will gather where it all began (mile one) for what may be the largest prayer & worship strike our nation has ever had. Over this full day event we will lift a CRY for revival; purity to be restored in Canada & the younger generation, for national & local leaders & for God’s dream for Canada to break forth like never before. Find out all you need @ www.thecry.ca or call 613-422-4279.



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*Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time
February 1st, 2009*

Reflection:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet.

Moses was the connection between God and his people; he is pictured as being in direct communication with the Lord. This reading promises that another person will arise who will know and speak God's message, just as Moses did.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

The unmarried are concerned about the affairs of the Lord.

In our society where most adults are married, we can nearly assign a second place to the single. St Paul says here that the single state has just as much to offer to living a Christian life, and in some ways has advantages over the married state in serving the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

They were all amazed. A new teaching - with authority.

This reading from the first chapter of Mark's gospel shows that one of the first things which struck people about Christ was the authority with which he acted.

Visitation of the Sick & Shut Ins: Sister Phyllis Corbett will be visiting the Sick and Shut Ins of our Parish on **Friday, February 6th, 2009**. Please prepare for Sister's visit and if you are not going to be home on that day, please call the office at 488-2525.

World Day of Consecrated Life, February 2nd: The purpose of the day is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” – John Paul II, 1997 message.