

MASS INTENTIONS

There will be no Mass during the Week from Monday, Jan. 26th, to Friday, Jan. 30th

Saturday Jan. 31st	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Dan, Vera & Colleen Dwyer; Vince, May & Janet Murphy; John & Margaret Murphy & Dec. Family Members; Ken & Ned Lahey; Jean, Barb & Betty Norcott; Mary Cobb; Gordon Jewer; Peter Kent; Joyce Babb; George Young; Tom Reardon; Charles O'Leary Jr.
Sunday Feb. 1st	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Collection for Week of Jan. 10th & 11th, 2009

Offertory – 100 Envelopes-----	\$1,146.50
Dues – 2 Envelopes-----	30.00
New Years – 1 Envelope-----	5.00
Initial – 1 Envelope-----	5.00
Advent – 1 Folder -----	2.50
Christmas – 1 Envelope-----	15.00
Advent – 1 Adult Folder -----	20.00
Insurance – 1 Envelope-----	5.00

Collection for Week of Jan. 17th & 18th, 2009

Offertory – 110 Envelopes-----	\$1,098.00
Insurance – 1 Envelope-----	20.00
Initial – 2 Envelope-----	7.00
Dues – 1 Envelope-----	5.00
New Year's – 1 Envelope-----	5.00

Than –You for Your Financial Support

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.**

Knights of Columbus Grocery Sweep Winners: Eastern Ticket No. 48758, Josephine Furlong, Mount Pearl ---- Central Ticket No. 5760, Kirk McDonald, Bishop Falls ---- Western---Ticket No. 15012, Beulah Strickland, Stephenville Crossing.

Touch of Class: The Touch of Class is working on a 2009 Bell Island Telephone Book. Anyone interested in placing an Ad for a small fee, please contact Sonya, Marion or Pauline at 488-2999.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday Jan. 31st	5:00 p.m.	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:	John Kent & Harriett Taylor Ros Hurley; Fred Carroll; Helen Pitts; Jody Whelan
		Presentation of Gifts: Ushers:	Lisa Fitzgerald & Linda Fitzgerald Kent Joe Bartlett; John Galway; George Hickey; Fred Carroll
Sunday Feb. 1st	10:30 a.m.	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:	Sharon Hammond & Rosanne Grant Riv Fitzgerald; Joey Somerton; Shirley Murphy; Geraldine Fitzgerald
		Presentation of Gifts: Children's Liturgy: Ushers:	Bev & Sid Rees Patricia King Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; Ray Whalen

Events in the Parish: Mon. and Wed. nights at St. Michael's Hall- -Card Game at 8:30 p.m.

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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT WORKSHOP: The Brother Jim McSheffrey Diocesan Council of St. John's will hold its Share Lent Workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, January 31, 2009, at The Lantern, Barnes Road, St. John's. Parish contacts and other interested persons are cordially invited to attend. Parish contacts are asked to please bring along any signed Fall Action cards. A light lunch will be provided. For information, please call Pat Kennedy at 747-0680. For more information about the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, please visit our website at www.devp.org

Right To Life Association: The Right to Life Association is in need of your financial assistance. The grocery tape program has been discontinued resulting in a significant financial loss to Elizabeth House Centre for Life. Please consider donating your recyclables to Evergreen Recycling to the Right to Life Association. For information please contact Colette at 579-1500 or nffriendsforlife@nl.rogers.com

Ecumenical Evening Prayer – Christian Unity: Sunday, January 25th, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the **Basilica of St. John the Baptist**. The Archdiocese of St. John's will host an Ecumenical Evening Prayer to conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). A social will follow.

Separation and Divorce (8 wks) – Focus on rebuilding and personal growth after a relationship ends. Topics include: grief, anger, self-worth, stress, etc.

Facilitator: Pauline Lake, MSW. Begins: Monday, Jan 26th 7 – 9:30pm.

Boundaries (7 wks) A video series by Dr. Henry Cloud to help you learn “When to Say Yes, When to Say No, to Take Control of Your Life.” A simple concept that can change your life – learning to create healthy boundaries. **Facilitator: Helen MacKinnon, M.Ed.**

(Counselling Psy), CCC. Begins: Tuesday, Jan 27th 7- 9:30pm.

P.P.P. Power of Positive Parenting (4 wks) Target Group: SINGLE MOMS.

Based on John Gray’s video series. Topics include: why positive parenting works, 5 skills to create cooperative, confident, and compassionate children, boys are from Mars, girls are from Venus, and how to put positive parenting into practice. **Facilitator: Helen MacKinnon, M.Ed. (Counselling Psy), CCC. Begins, Thursday, Jan 29th 9:30 – 12:00**

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. Begins: Thursday, Jan 29th 7 – 9:00 pm.

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

Program dates for 2009: 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**.

A CALL TO ACTION from the Religious Social Action Coalition: Over the coming few weeks, Canada will be deciding on a course of economic stimuli. Most attention will be focused on two questions: How much? And how fast? But we also need to ask, “For whom?” While bail-outs are planned for large corporations, little is considered for those at the bottom of the ladder waiting for things to “trickle down”.

Many religious Newfoundlanders will phone, write letters or send emails to Members of Parliament asking them to promote social justice in the Economic Stimulus legislation and let the economic stimulus TRICKLE UP to those least in need.

JOIN US. Sign the letter at the entrance of the church. Phone, email or send a letter to your Member of Parliament. Or send us your name at **directors@candidatesagainstopoverty.ca** and we’ll add it to our letters to the five part leaders.



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Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 25th, 2009

Reflection:

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The people of Nineveh turned from their evil ways.

Jonah learned the folly of fleeing from the Lord, of excusing himself from a teaching mission of Israel’s longstanding enemy, the people of Nineveh. Amazingly, they took his harsh message to heart and repented as well as they knew, with fasting and sackcloth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The present form of this world is passing away.

As converts from a culture that emphasized living for the moment, St. Paul put the human vocation in the context of our eternal destiny. Married couples should share all dimensions of conjugal joys and responsibilities, but within a context of prayer and hope for eternal happiness.

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

The kingdom of God has come: Repent, and believe in the good news.

Jesus challenged his followers to faith in the reign of God now so that they would bear witness to the coming of the Father’s kingdom (the domain in which all creatures will obey). He chose ordinary people to learn from him to achieve this goal.

Welcome Home: Our Parish family would like to welcome **Fr. Stephen Murrin** who will be celebrating this weekend Mass with us. Welcome Fr. Stephen, and we hope you have a wonderful visit home here on Bell Island with family and friends.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In Loving Memory of Arthur Kitchen

BULLETIN: In Loving Memory of James & Julia Butler & Dec. Family Members