

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**There will be no Mass during this Week on Monday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

<b>Saturday Jan 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance Dan, Vera &amp; Colleen Dwyer; Phonse, Jenny &amp; Gary Sweeney; Mark Nolan &amp; Theresa Wiseman; Arthur &amp; Gwen Grant; Tom W. Brazil; Thomas Rees; Granville S. Hunt; Dora Dunn; Ann Reid; Mary Cobb; Anthony Wiseman; Peter Conway</b>
<b>Sunday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

**Collection for the Week of December 24<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

<b>Sunday Collection – 113 Envelopes -----</b>	<b>\$1, 258.18</b>
<b>Christmas Collection – 127 Envelopes-----</b>	<b>3.663.00</b>
<b>Archbishop's Annual Campaign – 1 Envelope-----</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Dues – 37 Envelopes-----</b>	<b>1,511.00</b>
<b>Needs of the Canadian Church – 1 Envelope-----</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Children's Advent Folders – 8 Folders-----</b>	<b>30.20</b>
<b>Adult Advent Folders – 23 Folders-----</b>	<b>575.00</b>
<b>Heating – 1 Envelope-----</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Donation in Memory of Thomas Rees -----</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Donation in Memory of Susan Gorman-----</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Donation in Memory of Peter Conway-----</b>	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Flower Donations in Memory of-----</b>	<b>80.00</b>
<b>John &amp; Mary Miller; Jim &amp; Judy Whalen; The Beresford Family</b>	

**Thank –You for Your Financial Support**

**Visitation of the Sick & Shut Ins:** Sister Phyllis Corbett will be visiting the Sick and Shut Ins of our Parish on **Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 to let us know. This will give Sister Phyllis extra time to spend with the Sick and Shut Ins.

**New Life in Our Parish:** Our Parish welcomes into the Christian Community, Taylor Bree Rees who became a member of God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism during the month of December. You have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. May you always grow as a child of the Light.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN LOVING MEMORY CYRIL JACKMAN**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Saturday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Des McCarthy &amp; Teresita McCarthy Pat Murphy; Brenda Sweeney; Lydia Brazil; Carol Clarke</b>
		<b>Presentation of Gifts: Ushers:</b>	<b>Bob Seward Family Joe Bartlett; John Galway; George Hickey; Fred Carroll</b>
<b>Sunday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Ros Hurley; Sister Phyllis Joey Somerton; Geraldine Fitzgerald; Sarah Burt; Riv Fitzgerald</b>
		<b>Presentation of Gifts: Children's Liturgy: Ushers:</b>	<b>Valerie Gorman Family Diane Delaney Ray Kennedy; Alex Newell; Ray Whalen; Charlie O'Brien</b>

**Dates to Remember, 2009**

**Please schedule the following events into your Calendar:**

- March 11<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Card Game**
- March 14<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Stew Supper & Pub Night**
- March 15<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Concert**
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Theatre**

**Cemetery Mass Schedule – 2009**

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

**Events in the Parish**

Monday and Wednesday nights at St. Michael's Hall -----Card Game at 8:30 p.m.

**Flowers In Memory:** Sincere thanks to all who donated flowers in memory of your loved ones for our Church for the Christmas season. A list of the names of the deceased are recorded at the main entrance of the Church and on our Parish Webpage. May all those whom we remember enjoy the Peace of God's Kingdom of Glory.

**A Mass of Thanksgiving:** will be celebrated at **7:00 pm. on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at St. Pius X Church to commemorate the Closing of the 50th Anniversary Year of St. Patrick's Mercy Home. A reception will immediately follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**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.

**Church Envelopes:** The 2009 Church envelopes have been prepared and are available at the back of the Church. **For those who do not use Church envelopes and would like to do so,** you may contact the Parish office at 488-2525. Parishioners are reminded that Charitable Donations are tax deductible and if you are contributing on a regular basis you are encouraged to use church envelopes. Then we can issue an official receipt to you for tax purposes. We thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

**2009 Atlantic Catechetical Conference:** You are invited to the 2009 Atlantic Catechetical Conference ..Salt of the Earth...Light of the World. Time – May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, is \$150.00. After March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto: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:** January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>; Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>; March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>; April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>; May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>; June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. For further information you may contact the Pastoral Centre at (709) 726-3660 or Family Life Bureau at **579-0168**.

**Advent Folders:** Parishioners are asked to return their advent folders to the parish during the coming weeks. Thank you to all who supported the parish through this kind offering.

**Prayer for Our Parish:** O God, you have made us the church of your Son. Make our Parish a family of one heart and mind in love with you. Grant that our common life and witness may be an example to all about us. Guide our Pastor and all who assist in the many ministries in our Parish. Listen to the prayers of St. Michael, our patron, and keep us secure in your love. Teach us to reach out to other parishes less fortunate. Grant us a love for the church, for our Holy Father, for our bishop, and all those who serve. Help us to be the bread of joy and peace within the human family. Bring us all together to life eternal. Amen.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** There will be a Meeting of the Immaculate Conception Knight of Columbus on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at St. Michael's Parish Hall. All members are pleased asked to attend.

**Quote:** Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet especially your family. Be holy – let us pray." Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." **Mother Theresa**



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### *Solemnity of The Epiphany of Our Lord January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

Today, the Solemnity of Epiphany, foretells the light that shone on the stable in Bethlehem on Christmas night. In pointing to the light the prophet is pointing to Christ. As it shone for the shepherd seeking the newborn Messiah, so this light shines today on the path of the Magi, come from the East to adore him who was born King of the Jews.

The Magi represent the peoples of the whole earth who, in the light of the Lord's birth, set out on the way leading to Jesus. When they reached Bethlehem, the Magi adored the divine Child and offered him symbolic gifts.

In the Second reading from the Letter of the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul comments with deep wonder on the mystery celebrated in today's solemnity: The mystery of Christ, which was not made know to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus though the Gospel.

"We have seen his star in the East, and have come to adore the Lord". What amazes us each time when we listen to these words of the Magi is that they prostrated themselves before a simple baby in his mother's arms, not in the setting of a royal place but, on the contrary, in the poverty of a stable in Bethlehem. The example of the Magi of that time is also an invitation to the Magi of today to open their minds and hearts to Christ and to offer him the gifts of their research. Do not be afraid of Christ's light! His light is the splendour of the truth. Let yourselves be enlighten by him, all people of the earth; let yourselves be enveloped by his love and you will find the way of peace.

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-1, 5-6**

**Now the mystery has been revealed: now the gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.**

**Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12**

**We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.**