

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday March 2nd	7:00 p.m.	Joyce Babb; Patrick Byrne; Reg Durdle
Tuesday March 3rd	9:30 a.m.	Mary Cobb; Marg Crane; Marie Gosse
Wednesday March 4th	9:30 a.m.	Theresa Curwin; Mary Delaney; Steve & Ann McLean
Thursday March 5th	7:00 p.m.	Fred Watson/Pat & Minnie Doherty/Doris & Agnes McCarthy & Dec. Family Members; Marion Rees; Clarissa Healey
Friday March 6th	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	The Way of The Cross Mary Farhat; Tom & Walter Tremblett; Frank Murphy
Saturday March 7th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Donald/Carrie/Byron & Brenda Lewis; Patrick Ezekiel; Margaret, John & Agatha Flynn; Matthew George; Margaret & Clune Snow; Marion & Vincent Sweeney; Herbert, Catherine, Rita & Irene McCarthy; Thomas & Gerald Coombs & Marge Sweeney; Veronica Andrews
Sunday March 8th	10:30 a.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Collection for Week of February 21st & 22nd, 2009

Offertory – 121 Envelopes -----	\$1,424.00
Dues – 38 Envelopes -----	380.00
Initial Offering – 1 Envelope -----	3.00

Thank –You for Your Financial Support

Visitation of Sick and Shut Ins: Fr. Jim and Sister Phyllis will be visiting the Sick and Shut Inns of the Parish on **Friday, March 6th, 2009**. Please prepare for their visit. If you are not going to be home on that day, please call the Parish office at 488-2525 to let Fr. Jim and Sister Phyllis know, as this will give them extra time to spend with others who are in need.

World Day of Prayer March 6th: The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. Each year it recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. This day of prayer is sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world. It is celebrated in approximately 165 countries. This day can be an opportunity for moving toward a more important role for prayer in the life of our Christian community. It is fitting to have such a day of prayer in Lent, when we are called to more fervent prayer for others.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday March 7th	5:00 p.m.	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:	Teresita McCarthy & Des McCarthy Mary Power; Fred Carroll; Helen Pitts; Jody Whelan Irene & Kevin Delahunty Leo Byrne; Brian Tulk; Chris Murphy; Fred Carroll
		Presentation of Gifts: Ushers:	
Sunday March 8th	10:30 a.m.	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers:	Valerie Gorman & Rosanne Grant Geraldine Fitzgerald; Betty Quigley; Shirley Murphy; Vanita Bartlett Tom Cole Family Beverly Rees Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; Ray Whalen
		Presentation of Gifts: Children's Liturgy: Ushers:	

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: 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."

Daylight Saving Time: Don't forget to put your clocks ahead next Sunday morning, **March 7th at 2:00 am.**

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.

Flowers For Easter: This is the time of year when we place our order for the supply of flowers for the Easter season. If you wish to donate to the purchase of these flowers in loving memory of your loved ones, please submit your donation to the office or in an envelope in the Church collection with the names of those you wish to pray for at the Easter liturgies. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Patrick's Day Stew Supper: Mark your calendar for March 14th, Irish Stew Supper at **St. Michael's Hall**. Come and bring your friends and support the cause. Tickets are on sale now for a cost of only \$5.00. **Take out from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Eat In is from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** You may contact Rosanne Grant at 488-2190, Christine Quinlan at 488-3342 or call the Parish office at 488-2525.

New Ministry List: The New Ministry list is now available at the back of the church. If you are not available to fulfill a weekend ministries, please find a substitute. Please do not leave this to the last minute because it is difficult to get someone to replace you a few minutes before Mass.

St. Patrick's Mercy Home: Sincere Thank You from St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation for your support of the 50th Anniversary Appeal Campaign for the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home. Your generosity helped make the Appeal a success.



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First Sunday of Lent *March 1st, 2009*

Reflection:

The First Reading introduces the theme of covenant. In it we are told of the first in a series of patriarchal covenants which serve as a preparation for the covenant at Sinai. That in turn prepared the way for the new covenant God formed with humanity in Christ.

In the Gospel we hear of Jesus' victorious struggle against evil. Mark makes no reference to the fast of Jesus. In this first struggle Jesus is not God-forsaken as he will be at his last (15:34).

Like Noah, the Christian is saved by passage through water - the waters of baptism- (Second Reading). It is through our baptism that we enter into the new covenant relationship with God and that Christ's victory over sin and death is communicated to us.

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

The waters of the flood prefigured the baptism which now saves you.

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the angels waited on him.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF DONALD, CARRIE , BYRON & BRENDA LEWIS