

**MASS INTENTIONS**



<b>Monday March 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mary Farhat; Marie Gosse; Danny Jackman</b>
<b>Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Veronica Dwyer; Dan, Vera &amp; Colleen Dwyer; Michael &amp; Margaret McLean; Tom W. Brazil Confirmation Classes with Fr. Jim</b>
<b>Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Thomas Rees; Peter &amp; Nell Power; Thomas Cole</b>
<b>Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>James P. Delahunty; Reg Durdle; Peter Kent Reflections on Your Church Life with Fr. Jim</b>
<b>Friday March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>The Way of The Cross James Hickey; Shirley Jackman; Peter Warren</b>
<b>Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance Dora Dunn; David, Helen &amp; Regina Whalen; Margaret, John &amp; Agatha Flynn; Horace Gendreau; Bob Quigley; Peter &amp; Bridget Cantwell; Edward Hammond</b>
<b>Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:30a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** There will be a meeting of the Immaculate Conception Knight of Columbus, **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.** St. Michael's Hall. All members are pleased asked to attend.

**St. Patrick's Day Concert:** Come and bring your friends on **Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Michael's Hall for our St. Patrick's Day Concert. Admission for the concert is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.

<b>Collection for Week of March 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>119 Envelopes</b>	<b>\$1,355.50</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>3 Envelopes</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Initial</b>	<b>2 Envelope</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>7 Envelopes</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers in Memory</b>		<b>205.00</b>
<b>Lent</b>	<b>1 Folder</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Thank you for your Financial Collection</b>		

**Thank You:** St. Michael's Parish family would like to thank Mr. Bob Hammond for his kind donation of a pick up load of Salt & Sand that we use for Ice control.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**



<b>Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Readers: Harriett Taylor &amp; Cathy Tulk</b>		<b>Readers: Ros Fitzgerald &amp; Ros Hurley</b>	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Clarke; Rosemary O'Keefe; Loretta Byrne; Pat Murphy</b>		<b>Eucharistic Ministers: Joey Somerton; John Kent; Bev Rees; Riv Fitzgerald</b>	
<b>Presentation of Gifts: Lisa Fitzgerald &amp; Linda Kent-Fitzgerald</b>		<b>Presentation of Gifts: Diane Durdle Family</b>	
		<b>Children's Liturgy: Diane Delaney</b>	
<b>Ushers: George Jackman; Keith Pitts; Pat Murphy; George Hickey</b>		<b>Ushers: Ray Kennedy; Alex Newell; Ray Whalen; Charlie O'Brien</b>	

**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.

**Lenten Folders:** Parishioners are encouraged to take a Lenten Folder and contribute to the many needs of our Parish. Lent is a time of self sacrifice and perhaps your giving can be a sign of your faithful concern to the financial needs of your Parish.

**Advance Notice Music – Rehearsal:** There will be a Music-Choir rehearsal practice on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** This is to practice for the Easter Triduum service. **“All are welcome.”**

**Development & Peace Collection:** On the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**, a collection is taken up for developing countries. Christians are urged to share their goods with others and thus express in a concrete way their desire to come closer to God and God's children as a result of their Lenten efforts. The offering should reflect the money saved through penitential fasting and set aside for God's people.

**Celebrating Bartlett 2009** - has been selected by **Frommers** as one of the top 10 anniversary events in the world for 2009. **Frommer's** is a travel guidebook series and one of the bestselling travel guides in America. Frommer's includes over *350 guidebooks across 14 series*, as well as other media including the award winning **Frommers.com** website which covers over 3,500 destinations. Read More: <http://www.frommers.com/articles/5828.html>

**Archbishops Dinner & Auction:** the beginning of the Annual Archbishops Appeal Campaign - **April 24, 2009**. It will be held in the Main Dinning 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. Those attending the dinner will receive a receipt of \$100.00 for tax purposes. For tickets please contact the Parish office at **488-2525**.

**Garden Party Photographs:** The annual Parish Garden Party was in many parishes throughout the province one of the most important days of the year and for the parish the major fundraising event. We would invite anyone that has any photos of Garden Parties to loan them to us. We want to be able to document the history of the garden party and its important place in the life of the parish. If you have any photo's of the "Garden Party" please send them to Larry Dohey, Archives of the R.C. Archdiocese, P.O. Box 1363, St. John's, NL A1C 5M3 or call 709-726-3660 or [lidohey@nf.aibn.com](mailto:lidohey@nf.aibn.com)

**The Boys & Girls Club:** The Boys & Girls Club will be having their Annual Easter Turkey Bingo on **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:15** with an Early Bird Game being played at 8:00pm. The cost of the cards is cheaper than a regular bingo night and there will be more games played. The prizes will be Turkey, Hams, and some cash games. If anyone is interested in donating to this fundraiser contact Joe at the Boys and Girls Club. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**Did you know?.....** That the Archdiocese of St. John's Youth Ministry Office gathers resources and organizes events & training for young people and serves as a resource for all parishes?

**Family Life Bureau: P.P.P. Power of Positive Parenting** (4 wks):Facilitator: Helen MacKinnon, M.Ed. (Counselling Psy), CCC. Begins, **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 9:30 p.m.** To register for this group: Please call Sr. Loretta Walsh at 579-0168. Individual, couple, and family counselling available upon request.

**Senior's Lenten Reflection:** "Target Group: Retirees. Thursday, **April 2, 2009, 1:00 pm-4:00p.m.** Cost: \$5.00 - FACILITATOR: Anne Walsh, Archdiocesan Director for Adult Faith Formation. To register: call Sr. Loretta Walsh at #579-0168.

**Right To Life -Essay or Video on Life Contest 2009:** 1st place: \$200, 2nd place \$100, 3rd place \$50. Teens in the province are invited to write a pro-life essay or create a pro-life video about abortion, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research and submit it to the Right to Life Association by June 19th for a chance to win cash! For details search for the "Essay or Video on Life Contest 2009" group on Facebook, email [nlfriendsforlife@nl.rogers.com](mailto:nlfriendsforlife@nl.rogers.com), or call 709-579-1500.



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*Third Sunday of Lent*

*March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

**Reflection:**

**First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17**

**The law was given through Moses.**

The reading from Exodus gives us God's wisdom, handed down to the chosen people in the Decalogue, the Ten Commandments. God's commandments are all about relationship: our relationship with God; our relationship with others. God is a "jealous God" (Exodus 20:5), who wants our love exclusively; we are not to divide our allegiance between God and others 'gods', idols we make for ourselves. Likewise, our relationship with others must be honest, straight forward, and respectful.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18, 22-25**

**We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to some, but to those who are the called, the wisdom of God.**

In the reading from Corinthians, Paul tells us that what seems like foolishness-Christ crucified--is "the power of God" and the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24). Only through grace can we understand this; for only "those who are called: will be able to see in the cross the paradoxical wisdom and strength of God.

**Gospel: John 2: 13-25**

**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**

In the Gospel, we move closer to Easter: "the Passover of the Jews was near" (John 2"13). Jesus sees the temple filled with merchants, where rubrics have taken over the true worship of God. He drives the merchants out of the temple, then he sits down to teach them instead. The real temple, he tells them, is his body-the Word made flesh. The ending of the reading is telling; Jesus "did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well". Jesus knows that before long, he will be crucified by the hatred of human beings; he also knows that he will be raised up again by the love of God.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL & MARGARET MCLEAN**