

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 28	7:00 p.m.	Dan, Vera & Colleen Dwyer; Maureen Simon; Neil Maloney & Deceased Family
Wednesday, April 29	9.30 a.m.	Peter Nolan Sr. & Jr.; Carl Nolan; John & Annie Byrne; Sandra Byrne
Thursday, April 30	7:00 p.m.	Cyril Jackman; Wanda Cummings; Kevin Dobbin
Friday, May 1	9:00 a.m.	Marg Ashford; Mary (Finn) Ryan; Emma Boone
Saturday, May 2	4:00 p.m.	St. Michael's Graduation Ceremonies Ecumenical Service
Saturday, May 2	7:30 p.m.	Frank Pendergast Sr. & Jr.; Arthur & Gwen Grant; Laura & Bernard Murphy; Vince & Frances Carbage; Michael & Margaret McLean; Kevin Dobbin; James, Anne & Tom Roberts
Sunday, May 3	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

VISITATION OF SICK AND SHUT INS: Father Jim and Sister Phyllis will be visiting the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish on **Friday, May 1, 2009**. Please prepare for their visit. If you are not going to be home on that day, please notify the Parish office at 488-2525, as this will give them extra time to spend with others who are in need.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

APRIL 19, 2009

Offertory	\$1,414.00
Dues	55.00
Easter Collection	82.00
Lenten Folders - Children.....	2.00
Lenten Folders - Adult	165.00
Holy Thursday.....	22.00
Good Friday.....	37.00
Stations of the Cross	32.00
Donation in Memory of Evelyn Mansfield	25.00
Donation in Memory of Edward Nolan	25.00
Donation in Memory of Elsie Maddigan.....	25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

YOUTH ESSAY OR VIDEO ON LIFE CONTEST 2009: **Attention: NL Youth 13 – 18 years old:** Create a pro-life video or write a pro-life essay on abortion, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research for your chance to win \$200, \$100, or \$50 in the 2009 Essay or Video on Life Contest brought to you by the Right to Life Association. **Entries are due by June 19th.** For details visit www.tinyurl.com/prolifecontest or call 579-1500.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: To help meet our pastoral needs, we must reach out to our Catholic community and ask for your generous financial support. Please make a gift in support of the Archbishop's Appeal by using the gift card and envelope provided to you at today's mass and return them next week.

APRIL IS CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. Remember: If you are exposed to second hand smoke on a regular basis, you may be at risk for developing all kinds of cancer. It is important to have a yearly physical. It could save your life. It is also suggested that females have regular Pap tests.

OLD TIME MOTHER'S DAY KITCHEN PARTY - DINNER CONCERT with **Beacon Point & guests. Sunday, May 10, 2009**, at St. Michael's Hall. Tickets - **\$22 single**. Call Marilyn Pynn at 488-3020, Kelly Whelan at 488-2866, or Joan Whelan at 488-2182. **Deadline** for tickets is **April 30, 2009**.

25TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE PRIESTHOOD: On April 25, 2009, Father Patrick Power will celebrate his 25th anniversary in the priesthood. Help to celebrate this special event on Friday, May 1, 2009 with Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Witless Bay at 7:30 p.m. and a social to follow at the Kinsmen Centre, Witless Bay. Music by Ronnie & Johnny.

MERCY ASSOCIATES: The next meeting of the **New Group** of the Mercy Associates will be held on **Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 7:45 p.m.** at the Sister's Residence.

MEDJUGORJE & TRIP TO DUBROVNIK: October 16-26, \$2150; **GREECE & TURKEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL:** October 29-November 8, \$2750. Fees for both pilgrimages include airfare from Mton/Hfx/Fton, accommodations, 2 meals/day, local guide. For more information contact Marie Desjardins at 207-868-5027 or bubblepink49@hotmail.com.

ST. PETER'S PARISH, 110 Ashford Dr, Mt. Pearl, is having a **ROCK & ROLL DANCE-MUSIC** from the 60's Era, **Friday, May 1, 2009** in the Parish Centre. Cost--\$10 per person, BYOB. 9:00 PM -1:00 AM. Taped music by: Peter Furlong. Come along and dance the night away at this fundraiser. Tickets are now available and can be purchased from Peter Furlong @ 364-3844 or at the Parish Office @ 364-8606.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 2 7:30 p.m.	Readers:	Pat Craig and Jody Whelan
	Eucharistic Ministers:	Jasmine Brazil, Mary Power, Brenda Sweeney, Lydia Brazil
	Presentation of Gifts:	Lia Fitzgerald, Linda Fitzgerald-Kent
	Ushers:	Leo Byrne, Brian Tulk, Chris Murphy, Fred Carroll
Sunday, May 3 10:30 a.m.	Readers	Ros Hurley, Ros Fitzgerald
	Eucharistic Ministers:	Bev Rees, Riv Fitzgerald, Sister Phyllis, Connie Cole
	Presentation of Gifts:	Valerie Gorman Family
	Children's Liturgy	Patricia King
	Ushers:	Ray Kennedy, Alex Newell, Ray Whalen, Charlie O'Brien
	Children's Liturgy	Patricia King

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Brother Jim McSheffrey Diocesan Council of St. John's will hold its annual general meeting 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2009, at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, St. John's. Parish contacts and other interested persons are cordially invited to attend. A light lunch will be provided at no cost. Come and bring a friend. For more information about the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, please visit our website at www.devp.org.

HOLY SHOW CONCERTS: The dates and places for "The Holy Show" are as follows:

- June 10 Marystown Arena (In aid of several Burin Peninsula Parishes)
- June 15 Holy Heart of Mary Auditorium (In aid of St. Paul's, St. Patrick's and Holy Rosary Parishes)
- Aug. 25 Bell Island Arena (In aid of St. Michael's Parish)**
- Sept. 9 Southern Shore Arena (In aid of Holy Family & Our Lady Star of the Sea Parishes)
- Nov. 12 Holy Heart of Mary Auditorium (In aid of St. Bonaventure's College & St. Patrick's Mercy Home)

Information for Bell Island Show will be updated in our bulletin for the sale of tickets.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PATRICK & ROSALIE FITZGERALD & DECEASED FAMILY



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 2009

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.

Today's reading is drawn from Peter's address to the people after the healing of a crippled beggar at the temple. In Christ's name, the man was healed, and now Peter explains who Jesus is: the Messiah, chosen by God, but handed over and crucified by those he came to save.

SECOND READING: 1 John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world.

This reading begins with an awareness of sin. Jesus, the one who was handed over, is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world." In Jesus Christ, there is the possibility of a new beginning, freedom from the burden of our past sins, the same freedom to which Peter called the people.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day.

This reading reminds us that we need to be fed from both tables in the liturgy—the Word and the Eucharist. Without the word of God, received in the Liturgy of the Word, our sharing in the Paschal Mystery is incomplete. We, too, need our minds "opened ... to understand the Scriptures" if we are to participate in the life of the risen Christ.