

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday, April 5</b>	<b>2:00 pm.</b>	<b>Funeral for the late Margaret Brown</b>
<b>Saturday, April 10</b>	<b>4:00 pm.</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Saturday, April 10</b>	<b>5:00 pm.</b>	<b>Fred Watson, Doherty &amp; McCarthy Families; Dawn Cahill &amp; Loretta Quirke Dwyer; Jessie Rees; Charles &amp; Margaret McCarthy &amp; Special Intention; Bobby Power &amp; Emma Noseworthy; Peter, Francis &amp; Shirley Jackman; John &amp; Marie Hunt &amp; Deceased Family; Steve &amp; Mary Hawco</b>
<b>Sunday, April 11</b>	<b>10:30 am.</b>	<b>Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4:** “The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact Fr. Steve Courtney 726-3660, or [stjohnsvocations@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsvocations@gmail.com).

**EASTER GREETINGS!** We have just celebrated the saving mysteries of the Lord’s Supper, Cross & Passion and the Resurrection. Thanks to all who planned, decorated and served to make our celebrations reverent and moving. We take this opportunity to wish you, your families and visitors every joy and blessing for the Easter Season!

*Father Jim & Your Parish Leadership Team*

**SLEEP OUT 120:** In St. John’s alone, there are approximately 1,200 individuals who classified as homeless and 10,000 adults and children at risk of becoming homeless. This campaign is done by youth for youth helping to raise awareness and funds for youth homelessness. During the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup>, 10 participants will be living on the streets as homeless people, collecting funds for Choices for Youth, an organization that helps provide basic needs for homeless youth. To donate, visit <http://www.choicesforyouth.ca/donate.html> or contact Blair at [blair@hotmail.com](mailto:blair@hotmail.com).

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION – MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

<b>Offertory (105 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>\$1147.75</b>
<b>Dues (34 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>\$461.00</b>
<b>Easter (1 Envelope)</b> .....	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Lenten (7 Folders)</b> .....	<b>\$195.50</b>
<b>Good Friday (1 Envelope)</b> .....	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Flower Donations</b> .....	<b>\$569.00</b>
<b>In memory of Theresa Lahey</b> .....	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!</b>	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 10 5.00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 11 10:30 A.M.</b>
<b>READERS:</b>	<b>Harriett Taylor Amanda Curnew</b>	<b>Rosanne Grant Sharon Hammond</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	<b>Ros Hurley Irene Delahunty</b>	<b>Christine Quinlan Sister Phyllis</b>
<b>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</b>	<b>Valerie Gorman Family</b>	<b>Mary Power George Jackman</b>
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey</b>	<b>Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O’Brien</b>
<b>CHILDREN’S LITURGY:</b>		<b>Amanda Pendergast</b>

**DEEPEST SYMPATHIES:** To all the family and friends of Maria Dwyer, Leo Kennedy, Arthur French, Margaret Brown and Gertrude Delaney. Our prayers are with you.

**HOME RELIGION PROGRAM:** We had another very productive meeting with parents and children on Sunday, March 21. We thank them for their attendance and congratulate the children on the wonderful work they have demonstrated in their scrapbooks. We ask God’s blessing on parents’ efforts to provide a solid foundation for their children’s faith formation. Thank you to Father Beresford, Sister Phyllis, Patricia King, Bev. Rees, Shirley Murphy and Diana Durdle for their continued support.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.** A Meeting of **ALL First Confession Candidates** (Year 3 candidates and the special Wednesday night group) at the Parish Hall. This will be an immediate preparation and rehearsal for reception of the Sacrament of First Penance for these two groups.

**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** Next Meeting of all Parents and Children at the Parish Hall.

**Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7 p.m.** **Celebration of First Penance** at St. Michael’s Church for **Year 3** candidates and the **special Wednesday night** groups. Certificates will be awarded.

**Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** Mass of Confirmation & reception of First Eucharist with Archbishop Martin Currie. First Year candidates will be presented with certificates for Year 1 of the Program.

**THE ARCHBISHOPS DINNER & AUCTION:** Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at R. Gushue Hall, MUN. Tickets are \$150.00 each with a \$100.00 tax receipt issued. We are seeking donations for the live and silent auction. All donations are greatly appreciated! Please contact your parish office or Anne Marie or Linda at 726-3660.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Pro-Life NL will be holding the provincial March for Life on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 on Confederation Hill. Gather in the east parking lot of Confederation Building and march to the main door. This is in solidarity with other provincial and national Marches for Life marking the 41<sup>st</sup> year of abortion in Canada and mourning with the families of the 3,000,000+ babies killed. Contact Patrick at 726-5012 or [prolifennl@gmail.com](mailto:prolifennl@gmail.com).

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** There will be services at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist and St. Francis of Assisi in Outer Cove on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. All are welcome!

**PHILOMENA CHAFE MEMORIAL PILGRIMAGES TO STE ANNE DE BEAUPRE:** With visits also to St. Joseph's Oratory and Cap de la Madeleine. Group 1: June 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Group 2: August 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> (20th Memorial Pilgrimage). Please contact: Joanne Chafe 579-7924. Also, in memory of Philomena Chafe, organized by her son Frank Chafe; visits to Cape de la Madeleine and St. Joseph's Oratory; from St. John's to and from Montreal via Air Canada, August 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact 364-4944 or 579-6130.

**TOP TEN QUESTIONS CATHOLICS ARE ASKED:** This is a 10-session multi-media program based on the popular apologetics pamphlet from Our Sunday Visitor. The sessions will take place on Monday evenings beginning 8:00pm., April 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Pius X Church library (after 7:30 Mass). The focus of the sessions is to discuss what it means to be Catholic and to learn to present the Catholic faith to those who might have questions. Facilitator is Catholic convert/ former Protestant pastor, Eric Alcock.

**APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>-SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB (6 WEEKS):** "The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully" by Joan Chittister. "In a world that glorifies youth and degrades old age, the words of Joan Chittister about aging are a precious gift". The Gift of Years looks at the many dimensions of aging, the purposes and concerns, struggles and surprises, the potential and joys. Facilitator: Sr. Mae Kierans, C.S.J. (Clinical Psychologist). Begins: Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am.- noon. The Gift of Years Book is available for purchase at the Archdiocesan Office from 9:00am.- noon or 1:00pm.-4:30pm. Space is limited to 15. To register, call Sr. Loretta Walsh or Helen MacKinnon at 579-0168.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:** April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. All members are asked to please attend.



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### ***THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER SUNDAY***

***APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2010***

#### ***REFLECTION:***

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10: 34a, 36-43++

*We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.*

Peter's testimony underscores the power of the Holy Spirit at work in Jesus' earthly ministry and to God's power in raising Jesus from the dead. Peter and other chosen disciples were blessed with encounters with the risen Christ that became the basis for their witness to the gift of salvation that will come, not to a select few, but to all who will believe in him.

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3: 1-4

*Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.*

Paul admonishes the Colossians to celebrate and honor the gift of new life in Christ by turning their gaze from the things of earth to those of heaven. We attend to Christ who sits in glory at God's right hand, for he is our life and will share his glory with us.

**GOSPEL:** John 20:1-18++

*According to the scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.*

As Peter and the loved disciples peer into the empty tomb, the sparse evidence of folded burial clothes leads the beloved to resurrection faith. Peering into a space that others perceive to be empty and void of meaning or possibility, the beloved perceives new life. As believers, Christians continually peer into places that appear empty and void of life and possibility; yet, the Holy Spirit's prompting enables faithful disciples to discern even in the sparsest of evidence wellsprings of hope for new life.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Darlene (Curnew) Boudreau