

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Jan. 16	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Jan. 16	5:00 pm	Arthur & Gwen Grant; Theresa Wiseman; Ethel & Henry Sr. Fowler; Granville O'Brien; Thomas & Elizabeth O'Brien; Mary & Edward Costello; Kevin Dobbin
Sunday, Jan. 17	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

**WELCOME: NEW MEMBER OF OUR PARISH:** We would like to welcome into our Parish Sydney Catherine Brazil who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish. We wish her and her family many joys and God's blessings and offer them our continued support.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHIES:** To all the family and friends of Veronica Fitzgerald and Edward Wiseman, our prayers are with you.

**CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The members of Conception Council would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following members of the Order; Congratulations to Brother Stan Hickey who recently received a 50 year Service Certificate from Supreme Council. Stan has been a member of Conception Council since joining the Knights of Columbus and has served the council in various capacities over the years and continues to be an important part of the council. Congratulations are also extended to Brother Gord Metcalfe who recently became an honorary member of the Order!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION - JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2010**

Offertory (99 Envelopes) .....	\$1166.50
Dues (5 Envelopes) .....	\$40.00
Advent Folder.....	\$35.00
Christmas Envelope .....	\$20.00
New Years (88 Envelopes) .....	\$1272.00
Initial (46 Envelopes) .....	\$255.00
Insurance (19 Envelopes) .....	\$105.50
In memory of Lloyd & John Pitts.....	\$30.00
In memory of James & Julia Butler & Mary, Beth & Alice	\$25.00
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!</b>	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	SATURDAY, JAN. 16 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JAN.17 10:30 A.M.
<b>READERS:</b>	Cathy Tulk Jody Whelan	Ros Fitzgerald Valerie Gorman
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	Tom Spracklin Carol Clarke	Bev Rees Geraldine Fitzgerald
<b>PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:</b>	Mary Power & George Jackman	Diane Durdle Family
<b>USHERS:</b>	George Jackman Keith Pitts Pat Murphy George Hickey	Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b>		Teresita McCarthy

**HOME RELIGION PROGRAM:** The next scheduled meeting of parents and children registered in Years 1 to 3 of the Home Religion Program is **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Michael's Parish Hall. By that time, it is expected that families will have completed all the Themes 7-11 for the appropriate year in which your child is registered.

Parents are also requested to bring the scrapbook containing activities completed in relation to the pertinent themes. We look forward to viewing these as they never cease to surprise us.

Please note that January 10 will be the cut-off deadline for new registrations. All children are expected to be registered no later than that date. The registration fee for each child is \$10. The next set of themes will be distributed at the meeting.

Reminder: If any family who has completed the program has not returned the hard cover books that were loaned to them, please do so as we need them for new families entering the program.

**BEREAVEMENT TEAMS:** Our bereavement teams are vital to our Parish. They help families at one of their most difficult times to become involved in planning the liturgies for their loved ones. There is a need to increase the number of teams in our Parish. Please give some serious consideration and call the Parish office 488-2525.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Meeting will be held Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm. All members are asked to please attend.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:** This is open to everyone and is a time for us to come together as the people of the archdiocese to pray for vocations. The next holy hour will be Tuesday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at MQP. All are welcome! Please note incense will be used.

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY VOCATIONS SUPPORT GROUP:** Our next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at MQP. This meeting is open to men 18-55 who are discerning a call to priesthood. For further information contact: Fr. Steve Courtney (709)726-3660, or stjohsvocations@gmail.com.

**“WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 – MADRID, SPAIN”** For all those interested in finding out more about World Youth Day: Pilgrims must be 18yrs as of August 2011 to attend. Information session will be held on Wednesday Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the Pastoral Centre, Archdiocese of St. John’s.

**ADULT - “WE ARE PEOPLE OF MISSION”:** Saturday, Jan.16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 to 12:00 at St.Teresa’s Parish, Mundy Pond. To be a Catholic is to be Christ’s hands and feet for our world. Together, we will explore ways that individuals and communities continue Christ in the world, how we might reach out to a world in need of healing and reconciliation.

**MUN CHAPLAINCY:**

**Taize Meditation** - Facilitated by the Roman Catholic Chaplains: Anne and Noreen. Held Tuesday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00pm at St. John’s Chapel, Memorial University. Soup and Chili to follow.

**Weekly Mass:** Held at St.John’s Chapel at MUN. Begins Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Archbishop Martin Currie will preside at the mass and various priests from the Archdiocese will preside at the subsequent masses. If you know a University student, please pass on this information, however ALL ARE WELCOME. For further information or to register for these events please contact the office at 726-3660 and speak to Noreen, Anne or MaryLou.

**CABOT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Now accepting applications from interested partner families for a four-home build to take place in Pleasantville in 2010. If your family meets the financial requirements, is willing to contribute 500 hours of sweat equity, has the ability to pay an interest-free mortgage, does not currently own or have previously owned a home, and have a need, you are invited to submit the enclosed application to Cabot Habitat for Humanity by February 12, 2009. Eligibility criteria and applications available at [www.cabothabitat.ca](http://www.cabothabitat.ca) or by calling 737-5743.



## ***St. Michael's Parish***

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### ***BAPTISM OF THE LORD***

***JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2010***

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

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7**

***Here is my chosen servant in whom my soul delights.***

The servant of the Lord is God’s covenant with his people. As we celebrate the Lord’s baptism, we remember that as God’s beloved children, we are invited to cooperate with the gift of the Spirit to bring forth justice in our world.

**SECOND READING: Acts 10: 34-38**

***The Lord anointed him with the Holy Spirit.***

Jesus announced God’s word in the power of the Spirit and performed good works as testimony to salvation’s reach. May our fidelity to our Baptism in Christ Jesus witness to the universal scope of God’s benevolence toward all.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3: 15-16, 21-22**

***When Jesus had been baptized and was praying,  
the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him.***

John presents words to the assembled crowd concerning the one who is to come, baptizing in the Holy Spirit, and the Father’s words declaring Jesus to be his beloved Son. Thus Luke reveals the identity and mission of Jesus. As the beloved child of God, Jesus comes to immerse us in the very life of God; he comes to share himself with us and to share with us as God’s beloved children the ministry of leading others to share in God’s own life.

**Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Elizabeth and James Ryan**