

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 23	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Jan. 23	5:00 pm	Fred Watson, Doherty & McCarthy Families; Annabel Kavanagh; Cyril Jackman; Walter Tremblett; Pat McCarthy; Thomas Gear & Special Intention; Linda (Dunne) Pipher
Sunday, Jan. 24	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -- JANUARY 17, 2010: “There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact: Fr. Steve Courtney 726-3660, or stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

ASSOCIATES MEETINGS: The next meeting of the **Original Group** of Mercy Associates will take place on **Wednesday, Jan. 20th at 7pm**, and also for the **New Group** on **Thursday, Jan. 21st at 7pm** at the Sisters Residence.

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS:

Family Catechesis - “A Family Tour of the Basilica Cathedral on Sunday, Jan. 17th, 2:30 – 4:30pm at the Basilica.

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

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
JANUARY 10TH, 2010**

Offertory (86 Envelopes)	\$1003.20
Initial (4 Envelopes)	\$14.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, JAN. 23 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JAN.24 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Harriett Taylor John Kent	Rosanne Grant Sharon Hammond
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Rosemary O’Keefe Jody Whelan	Geraldine Fitzgerald Patricia King
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Tom Cole Family	Shirley Murphy Carol Clarke
USHERS:	Leo Byrne Brian Tulk Chris Murphy Fred Carroll	Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen
CHILDREN’S LITURGY:		Susan Boon

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM: We had a very productive meeting of parents and children on Sunday, January 10. The turnout was fantastic! Parents are to be commended for their efforts and for their dedication to their children’s faith formation. The scrapbooks and banners were wonderful, and we look forward to seeing their continued development. These books are a precious keepsake. We would like to thank you for your dedication and offer our continued support. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to spend some quality time together, and we appreciate your commitment to the program.

The next meeting of parents and children is scheduled for **February 14 at 2 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please bring along the scrapbooks again at that time. The **Themes for Lent** will be distributed then. **Please Note:** For children registered in **Years 2 and 3** of the program, we will be holding **additional focus meetings during Lent** to ensure proper coverage of the materials prior to reception of the sacraments. **We will keep you posted in the Church bulletin.**

We would also like to remind you that attendance at Mass and Children’s Liturgy on Sunday mornings during Mass is crucial for the faith development of your children. The children enjoy it so much, and they learn so much in the process.

Again, we ask God’s blessings on all the parents and children completing the Home Religion Program.

COUNSELLING SERVICES: Individual, couple, and family counselling is available at the Family Life Bureau. One call to 579-0168 brings help.

FAMILY LIFE BUREAU: Winter 2010 classes beginning! The Foundations Program includes: Changes That Heal, Power of Positive Parenting, and DivorceCare. To register for any of the above groups call Sr. Loretta Walsh or Helen MacKinnon at 579-0168 or email: flb@nf.aibn.com. Space is limited. For a listing of all our programs refer to our website: www.stjohnsarchdiocese.ca/flb.

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.

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. 27th, 7:00pm at the Pastoral Centre, Archdiocese of St. John's.

MUN CHAPLAINCY:

Weekly Mass: Held at St. John's Chapel at MUN. **Begins Sunday, Jan. 17th 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.

THE LANTERN: Program offerings at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road starting January 2010: (visit www.thelantern.nf.net or call 753-8760 for more details):

- Twelve-Step Spirituality~A Spiritual Journey -12 week program
- Enriching our Relationships –11 week program with Agnes Hutchings, PBVM
- New 8-week plus weekend sets of T'ai Chi Chih Joy thru Movement
- Various Focusing Sessions with Donna Burt, including Walking the Labyrinth

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 or by calling 737-5743.



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17TH, 2010

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62: 1-5

The bridegroom will rejoice over the bride.

Isaiah has a word from the Lord that he must speak. It is a word of God's delight in his people, and of his desire to take his people to himself as his own special possession. May the message of God's delight in us reach deep into the heart of the Church and each of her members so that we may surrender ourselves into his embrace.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 12: 4-11

One and the same Spirit allots these gifts to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Every spiritual gift is produced in us by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and is given to benefit not only the individual recipient, but the whole community of faith. Gratitude and humble service ought to mark the lives of those who have received gifts from the hand of the Lord.

GOSPEL: John 2: 1-12

Jesus did the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee.

Mary's faith in her Son becomes the occasion of his first sign of God's kingdom. Jesus turns water into wine, the fruit of the vine and work of human hands that brings joy to our hearts. Jesus' ministry begins with an act of joy and delight, a sign of God's desire for our relationship with him.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Carol Ann & Martin Hearn Jr.