

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 9	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Jan. 9	5:00 pm	Marjorie Sweeney, Thomas & Gerald Coombs; Phonse, Jenny & Gary Sweeney & Mark Nolan; Gary & Patrick Murphy; Vince, Mae & Janet Murphy; Dan, Vera & Colleen Dwyer; Glenn Newell; Elsie (Fifield) Mercer
Sunday, Jan. 10	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

THANK – YOU:

To all those who prepared for and ministered to our Christmas Celebrations.

To all those who donated flowers or monetary gifts to help decorate our Parish Church.

To those who donated food, to help provide Christmas Dinner for the less fortunate in our community.

To all the volunteers who work so hard for our Parish.

To our Parish family for your participation and also for including me in your prayers and with your gifts.

To Father Steve Morrisey for your Ministry help.

God Bless You All

Father Jim

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 27TH, 2009

Offertory (98 Envelopes)	\$1076.05
Dues (37 Envelopes)	\$550.95
Advent (17 Folders).....	\$425.00
Advent Children (5 Folders)	\$14.00
Christmas (123 Envelopes).....	\$4409.50
In memory of Leo and Susan Gorman.....	\$50.00
Flower Donations for: John & Anne Byrne, Sandra Byrne, George & Irene Hutchings, John & Mary Miller	\$90.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, JAN. 9 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JAN.10 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Des McCarthy Teresita McCarthy	Sister Phyllis Christine Quinlan
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Helen Pitts Pat Craig	Joey Somerton Vanita Bartlett
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Bob Seward Family	Bev & Sid Res
USHERS:	Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey	Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:		Patricia King

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM: The next scheduled meeting of parents and children registered in Years 1 to 3 of the Home Religion Program is **January 10th, 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.

VISITATION OF THE SICK & SHUT INS: Since the first Friday of the month falls on New Years Day, Sister Phyllis will be visiting the Sick and Shut-Ins on the following **Friday, Jan. 8th**. If you are not going to be home on that day, please call the office at 488-2525 to let us know. This will give Sister Phyllis extra time to spend with the Sick and Shut Ins.

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.

EPIC: A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY: Join us Monday, Jan. 4th at 8pm (after 7:30 Mass) in the Library at St. Pius X Church, for Part II of this DVD series on the 2000-year history of the Catholic Church. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver highly recommends this multi-media series, saying it "fills an urgent need for adult Catholics to recover their history as a believing community, debunk false criticisms of the Church, and understand the Christian underpinnings of the modern world." Each weekly session lasts approximately one hour. Presenter: Eric Alcock.

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.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS: If you or a family member is affected by someone else's drinking, maybe Al-Anon Family Groups can help. Please call 722-2666.

THE LANTERN: Early January classes beginning! Visit www.thelantern.nf.net or call 753-8760 for more details.

- Twelve-Step Spirituality ~ A Spiritual Journey -12 week program with Agnes Hutchings, PBVM. Thursday mornings beginning January 7th.
- Enriching our Relationships -11 week program with Agnes Hutchings, PBVM. Monday mornings beginning January 11th.
- New 8-week sets of T'ai Chi Chih Joy thru Movement, a Moving Meditation with Sheila Leonard, PBVM. Beginning the week of January 11th plus the last weekend.



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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3RD, 2010

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah proclaims Lord's glory will shine upon Jerusalem and make of God's people a light to the nations. The tribute of nations will be laid at the feet of God's people and all will proclaim the greatness of the Lord. As Christ is made manifest today, we lay the gifts of our lives before him, so that his body, the Church, may be more fully a light to the nations.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3: 2 – 3a, 5 - 6

Now the mystery has been revealed:

now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.

Paul writes of God's revelation to him concerning the gift of salvation to all peoples. The Gentiles have been established as coheirs with the Jews, and share in the blessings of the promise manifest in Christ. The gift of covenantal love revealed in Christ Jesus is offered to all. Jesus enables us to live together in harmony and peace.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 1 – 12

We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.

In their search for the newborn king of the Jews, the Magi are assisted by Herod, who assembles the priests and scribes to unfold the meaning of the scriptures. Bethlehem, the least of the cities of Judah, is the birthplace of the shepherd of God's people, of the one who comes in humility to save the poor of the earth. The Magi lay their precious gifts before God's anointed who has emptied himself for our salvation.