

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 16	7:00 pm.	Karen Reid; Robert Kennedy; Agatha, Margaret & John Flynn
Wed., March 17	9:30 pm.	Dan, Vera & Colleen Dwyer; Michael & Margaret McLean; Patrick Littlejohn
Thursday, March 18	7:00 pm.	Theresa & John Hammond & Deceased Family; Mr. Jim Edmunds; Robert Healey
Friday, March 19	9:00 am.	Phyllis Ethridge; Danny Jackman; Frances Pitts
Saturday, March 20	4:00 pm.	Confessions
Saturday, March 20	5:00 pm.	Thomas & Elizabeth Stoyles & Deceased Family; Larry & Dora Dunn; Thomas Gear & Special Intention; David & Helen Whalen; Mary Connors; Norman Kennedy; Gregory Maher
Sunday, March 21	10:30 am.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 14: “God is making His appeal through us.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life Contact: Fr. Steve Courtney 726-3660, or stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: This is the time of year when we place our order for the supply of flowers for the Easter season. If you wish to donate to the purchase of these flowers in loving memory of your loved ones, please submit your donation to the office or in an envelope in the Church collection with the names of those you wish to pray for at the Easter liturgies. Thank you for your continued support.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – MARCH 7TH, 2010

Offertory (102 Envelopes)	\$1072.00
Dues (2 Envelopes)	\$30.00
Ash Wednesday (1 Envelope)	\$4.00
Lenten Folder	\$20.00
Flower Donation	\$50.00
In memory of Jimmy Lewis	\$25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, MAR. 20 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, MAR. 21 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Colin Taylor Amanda Curnew	Geraldine Fitzgerald Christine Quinlan
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Tom Spracklin Rosemary O’Keefe	John Kent Patricia King
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Irene & Kevin Delahunty	Stephanie Tobin Family
USHERS:	Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey	Ray Kennedy Alex Newell Ray Whalen Charlie O’Brien
CHILDREN’S LITURGY:		Amanda Pendergast

ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S WEEKEND: March 20th – 22nd. We invite everyone to join in the fun and spirit of these events! Saturday we will have our Irish Stew Supper at \$5.00, either eat-in from 6-7pm, or take-out from 3:30-4:30pm. Sunday our Irish concert at 7pm promises a fun filled, entertaining evening – admission is \$5.00. We are asking for donations of rolls for our stew supper. Please come join the fun and make this a successful Parish event!

THE ARCHBISHOPS DINNER & AUCTION: Held Friday, April 30th 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 the Archdiocese office 726-3660.

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM: We are delighted that so many are attending the Children's Liturgy each Sunday. We look forward to seeing you at the **next meeting of parents and children on March 21 at 2pm**. During lent we will be having special focus sessions for Years 2 and 3 for children only, and parents will be contacted with the dates and times of these meetings.

BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR: For people who have lost a loved one. This two-hour seminar describes the grieving process and presents some information on things individuals and families can do to help themselves and others during the time of grief. Monday, March 22, 7pm – 9pm at the Health Science Centre in room 2J-618-19. No registration is necessary. For more information call 777-6959.

SPRING FORWARD: Please remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour this Saturday, March 14th at midnight.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meeting on Friday, March 19th. All members are asked to attend.

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS:

Adult: Growing in Faith –Saturday, March 20th at 9:30am – 12pm at St. Teresa's Church. It's a morning of learning, growing and teaching, discussion and prayer, sponsored by the Archdiocese of St. John's. Any adult or young adult who is seeking to develop their faith and relationship with God can participate. Suggested donation of \$5.00 to cover costs. What's the topic? Each month, we explore a new topic related to our faith. This month, the topic is: The "Best-Kept Secret:" Catholic Social Teaching.

Youth: Thinkfast - March 19th – 20th at St. Kevin's Parish Hall, Goulds. It's an overnight, fun way of learning more about what we here in Newfoundland can do to become more conscious of the needs of people in developing countries, and do something about them! You fast for 25 hours, only juice and water is allowed (unless there's a health issue involved). Come, take the challenge! Who can come? Youth and Young Adults over the age of 14. Please Register by Wednesday, March 17th. Contact Anne Walsh or Noreen Yetman at 726-3660.

MUN Chaplaincy: Weekly Mass held Sunday Evenings at 6:00 pm. Mass is celebrated at St. John's College Chapel (School of Social Work building). Spread the word to the students in your life who may not be aware of this. All are Welcome!

NEWFOUNDLAND CATHOLIC RENEWAL: Is sponsoring a weekend retreat entitled, "Return to the Father" at St. Catherine's Renewal Centre, Grand-Falls Windsor on April 16th -18th. The facilitator is Gerard MacDonald of P.E.I. For more information and to register call 747-9730.

OBERAMMERGAU 2010 ~ THE PASSION PLAY: 15 day escorted tour May 16th -30th, 2010. Tour highlights: London (2 nights) • Amsterdam • Rhineland • Oberammergau • Innsbruck • Venice • Rome (2 nights) • Florence (Calenzano) • Lake Lucerne (2 nights) • Paris (2 nights). Accommodations and travel included. Price per person is \$4611.00 per person taxes included from St. John's. Hurry there are only a few seats left. For complete details contact Sandra Parsons – sparsons@harveystravel-cwt.com.

FAMILY LIFE BUREAU: Anger Management (6 wks) – Do you have difficulty containing your anger? Learn how to control ANGER instead of letting ANGER control you! To register for the above group: Call Sr. Loretta Walsh or Helen MacKinnon at 579-0168 or email: flb@nf.aibn.com - Space is limited.



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 14TH, 2010

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12

*Having entered the promised land,
the people of God celebrated the Passover.*

As we wander in the desert of Lent, the Church invites us to be strengthened by a vision of future blessing, the fullness of blessing in the kingdom. God will exchange one great gift that sustains us for another that provides everlasting life.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 5: 17-21

Through Christ, God was reconciling us to himself.

Paul encourages members of the Church to be God's ambassadors of reconciliation. The Lord Jesus himself provides the model, for he emptied himself by drawing near to us in compassion, so that we might become like God. In the self-emptying acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we seek to prepare a space within us for both the Lord and those in need to draw near to us.

GOSPEL: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

This brother of yours was dead, and has come to life.

In the parable of the prodigal son, we know only of the decision of the younger son, who accepts the fullness of the father's embrace. The elder "faithful" son, filled with resentment at the father's lavish forgiveness, remains in the field. We are not told whether the father's message of extravagant love for both sons will move him to enter into the celebration of eternal life. In this holy season, whether we are distant or close to home, we are invited to fuller life.

Sanctuary Candle in Memory of Art Cummings